



Forest Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Products and Permits

Stanislaus National Forest



As a part of the Department of Agriculture, the Stanislaus National Forest is home a variety of forest products that responsible visitors can collect. Prized delicacies can be found by knowledgeable mushroom hunters, cones are enjoyed for decoration or their scent, and ferns are commonly used in ornamentation, some medicines, or for eating. Please ensure accurate identification of species before harvest or collection.

Mushrooms

Mushroom gathering occupies a short season at the beginning of the summer. Mushrooms are most prevalent in areas where fire has occurred or in areas where moist conditions prevail, and no direct sunlight occurs.

To ensure mushroom sites recover year after year, proper harvesting techniques are necessary and required for both personal and commercial gathering.

Special terms and conditions apply for mushrooms. When harvesting, mushrooms must be cut (with a knife or scissors), not raked or pulled. Mushroom stems are to be cut at or above ground level. Pick only two-thirds of the mushrooms found.

The rate for mushrooms is \$10 per gallon, with a minimum purchase of \$20 (2 gallons) and a maximum of \$200 (20 gallons) per person, per calendar year.

Each person is limited to collecting 1 gallon per day, 2 gallons per week, and 20 gallons per calendar year.

Mushroom permits are valid March 1 through December 15 in the year they are issued.

Cones

Gather cones FROM THE GROUND ONLY!

Do NOT remove any cones from trees.

The rate for cones is \$1 per bushel, with a minimum purchase of \$20 (20 bushels) and a maximum of \$300 (300 bushels) per person, per calendar year. A bushel is equivalent to 8 gallons (or a small kitchen garbage bag).

Cone permits are valid April 15 through December 15 in the year they are issued.

Ferns

When harvesting ferns make a clean cut and do not pull the roots out.

Take only half the tops per plant or cluster for sustainable harvest.

The rate for ferns is \$1 per pound, with a minimum purchase of \$20 (20 pounds) and a maximum of \$300 (300 pounds) per person, per calendar year.

Fern permits are valid April 15 through December 15 in the year they are issued.

Permit Regulations

Below is an incomplete list of regulations, see your permit for the full list. You are responsible for making sure you abide by all terms.

- You must have your original permit with you when you harvest and transport any forest product, copies are NOT permitted.
- Permits are not transferable to another person or group.
- Make sure to read and know your permit. Each permit has special terms and conditions for the products.
- The permit holder must fill out the "Product Quantity Removal Record" portion of the permit (in ink) prior to transporting any forest products.
- Do not cut or remove forest products where prohibited. "Closed" areas include: active timber sale areas; areas or roads closed by Forest Supervisor's Order; the Experimental Forest; and campgrounds or administrative sites.
- Cutting, gathering, or removal is limited to daylight hours (30 minutes before sunrise and 30 minutes after sunset).
- Vehicle parking is permitted within one vehicle length of Forest Service transportation routes provided that (a) NO resource damage occurs and (b) access is not otherwise prohibited.

Other Forest Product Permits

Personal Use Fuelwood Permits

Fuelwood permits are available for purchase starting April 15 and are valid through December 15. Cutting and gathering is limited to "DEAD and DOWN" wood only, standing trees may not be cut (green or dead). Due to fire danger, woodcutting is only permitted on certain days, see permit for details.

Christmas Tree Permits

Christmas tree permits are \$20 per tree (maximum 2 trees per permit) and are available for purchase on Recreation.gov starting October 10. Cutting season starts the Friday after Thanksgiving and continues through December 31. Harvest limited to specified locations and species, see your permit or a district office for details.

Rock Collecting Permits

Stanislaus National Forest issues permits for the collection of decorative rock. Collection is limited to manual methods and only permitted between April 15 and December 15. Please contact a district office if you have any questions about rock sources or where you are permitted to collect. Permits are unique to each district.

Contact a district office or see our website if you have questions about any forest products.

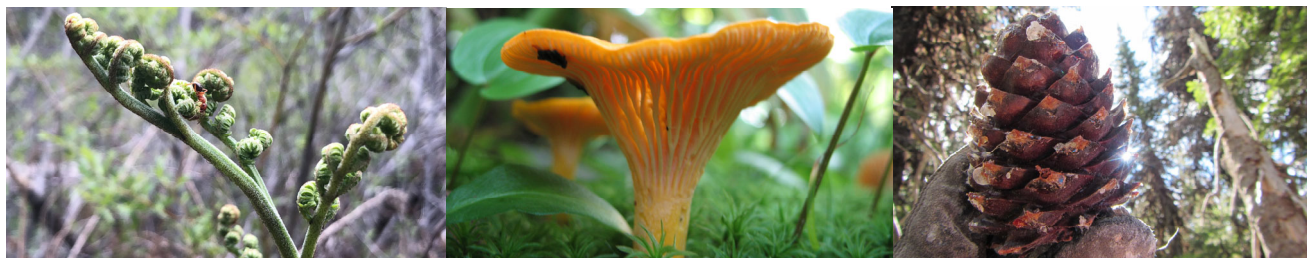
Personal Use

Individuals may collect forest products for personal use, without a permit, if they collect no more than an incidental amount. An incidental amount is defined as no more than what would fit in both hands. Follow all collection rules found on the reverse.

The following forest products may be collected **in incidental amounts** for personal use:

- Mushrooms
- Limb/Boughs
- Cones
- Foliage
- Ferns

Mushrooms collected for personal use must be sliced lengthwise at the time of harvest.



Contact Us:

Most offices are open Monday through Friday, call or visit www.fs.usda.gov/stanislaus for current hours.

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