

## A Few General Rules

- **Commercial harvesting of mushrooms is prohibited** on the Flathead National Forest.
- Personal Use Charge Permits – Required within the 2015 Bear Creek and Trail Creek burned areas on the Spotted Bear Ranger District; and the 2015 Glacier Rim, Sheep and Granite burned areas on the Hungry Horse/Glacier View Ranger District.
- Permits and maps are available at any Flathead National Forest office.
- Personal use permits are not transferable across forest boundaries.
- Get permission first before picking on State or private land.
- Protect future harvests. Reduce impacts to the fungus by not disturbing the ground habitat. No raking, digging, or other ground disturbances are allowed when collecting mushrooms. Cut or break off mushrooms at ground level.
- Road Access—Maps are available at all Flathead National Forest offices that show which roads are open and closed. Please do not block gates with your vehicle.
- Please do your part in taking care of this valuable resource by respecting the land and all forest visitors.
- No collecting and/or transporting mushrooms in Glacier National Park.
- All mushrooms must be sliced lengthwise in half at the time of harvesting. Resale of mushrooms is prohibited.

## Flathead National Forest Contact Information

### Flathead National Forest Supervisor's Office/ Tally Lake Ranger District

650 Wolfpack Way  
Kalispell, Montana 59901  
Phone (406) 758-5204  
[www.fs.usda.gov/flathead/](http://www.fs.usda.gov/flathead/)

### Swan Lake Ranger District

200 Ranger Station Road  
Bigfork, MT 59911  
Phone (406) 837-7500

### Hungry Horse/Glacier View Ranger District

PO Box 190340  
10 Hungry Horse Drive  
Hungry Horse, MT 59919  
Phone (406) 387-3800

### Spotted Bear Ranger District

PO Box 190340  
Hungry Horse, MT 59919  
Phone (406) 758-5376 (May 15 to Nov 15)  
Phone (406) 387-3800 (Nov 16 to May 14)

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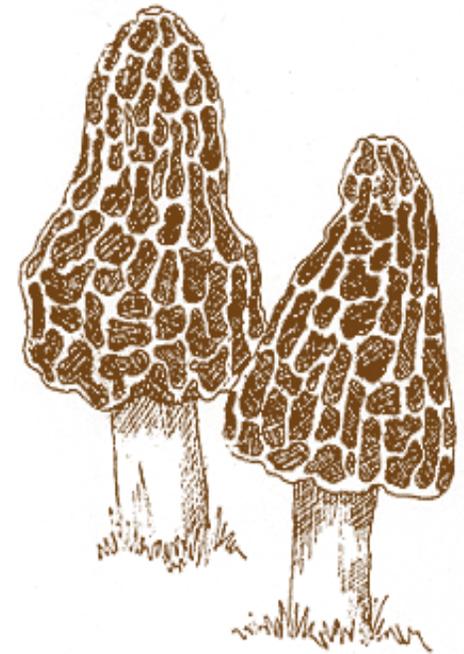


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# Mushroom Guide

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## Permits, Fees, and Requirements

### TYPES OF PERMITS

#### **PERSONAL USE (recreational)**

No permit is required for collecting up to 5 gallons of mushrooms per person, per season; excluding the 2015 Bear Creek, Trail Creek, Glacier Rim, Sheep and Granite burned areas.

1 gallon per day possession limit..

A **FREE-USE PERMIT** is required for each person, 12 years and older, to collect between 5 and 20 gallons of mushrooms per season; **excluding** the 2015 Bear Creek, Trail Creek, Glacier Rim, Sheep and Granite burned areas.  
5 gallons per day possession limit.

A **PERSONAL USE CHARGE PERMIT** is required for each person, 12 years and older, to collect mushrooms within the **2015 Bear Creek and Trail Creek** burned areas on the Spotted Bear Ranger District; and **2015 Glacier Rim, Sheep and Granite** burned areas on the Hungry Horse/Glacier View Ranger District.

#### **Fees for Personal Use Charge Permits:**

- 1.) \$20 for 20 gallons
- 2.) \$40 for 40 gallons
- 3.) \$60 for 60 gallons

Up to 3 permits/person/year - 60 gallon limit

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### CAMPING

A person or group may not occupy a single location for a period longer than 16 consecutive days. A minimum of 7 days is required before that person or group may reoccupy the original camping site. A person or group may not leave equipment/supplies at any location for more than 16 consecutive days.

### **WHILE ENJOYING THE GREAT OUTDOORS, REMEMBER:**

- Pack it in. Pack it out.
- Don't leave cigarette butts on the ground.
- Bury human waste a minimum of 12-18 inches deep and 200 feet away from any water source or open road.
- Remove and properly dispose of pet waste.
- Discharging firearms within campsites is prohibited.
- Never leave your campfire unattended! Campfires may be restricted during periods of high fire danger.
- Do not block gates, roads or interfere with the use of trails.
- Forest roads are frequently busy with other traffic. Please drive defensively.
- Understand the fishing and hunting regulations.

### **KNOW YOUR MUSHROOMS!**

Properly identifying and determining whether a mushroom is edible is your responsibility. ***Many forest mushrooms are poisonous.***

Guidebooks can help you identify mushrooms. Some national forests offer field guides for sale.

Your local library, websites, county extension office and local Mycological Society are good sources of information.

***WHEN IN DOUBT...LEAVE IT IN THE WOODS!***

