

Wild Berries

Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest



There are many different wild berries growing on the Forest. The following list describes those that are commonly picked for eating.

Huckleberries - Both red and blue huckleberries are among the most popular wild fruit on the forest. Various species are found from low wet forests to the alpine slopes of the Cascade Mountains. The berries ripen first at lower elevations. Peak months are August and September. Look for them on relatively open forestland and on cutover timberlands.

Blackberries - Trailing Blackberry (*Rubus ursinus*) is a prized find. The plant produces small berries and is mostly found in open, sunny ground. The Himalayan *Rubus discolor* is an abundant plant introduced from Europe, along with its cousin, the Evergreen Blackberry. They colonize disturbed areas, such as roadsides and has a large seedy fruit. Blackberries begin to fruit in June and continues through September. They are found in wooded areas, but often are found along roads, along streams, railroad tracks, in vacant lots and cutover forests.

Salal Berries - Salal berries are abundant, easy to pick and often ignored. The berries ripen from mid-July through mid-September. Look for them in wooded areas. They are ideal for jellies.

Rules & Regulations

Removal of berries is also prohibited from legislated Wilderness areas, Experimental Forest, Research Natural Areas and/or other areas that are administratively closed.

Incidental Use

Permits are not required in certain situations: forest products may be consumed or used while on the forest without a permit. For example, berries or mushrooms may be eaten in the woods or down wood may be gathered for a campfire (on the forest) without a permit. Except where otherwise noted, it is not legal to remove products collected from the forest without a permit.

Free Use Permit

A person may pick up to five gallons of berries for personal use per household per year with a Free Use permit. These berries may not be sold or bartered. There are no designated seasons for the personal use berry harvest.

Charge Use

There are no Charge Use permits for berry harvest available on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

Do Your Part

If you pack it in, pack it out. Please remove all trash! Do your part and respect the Forest leave it clean.

**Never consume any wild berries you have not positively identified as non-poisonous.*

Forest Offices

For more information about wild berries, check with the local Ranger District to plan your visit.

Mt. Baker Ranger Station

810 State Route 20,
Sedro-Woolley, WA
360-856-5700 Ext. 515

Glacier Public Service Center

Mt. Baker Highway 542,
Glacier, WA
360-599-2714

Darrington Ranger Station

1405 Emens Ave. N.,
Darrington, WA
360-436-1155

Skykomish Ranger Station

74920 NE Stevens Pass
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Skykomish, WA
360-677-2414

Snoqualmie Ranger Station

North Bend Office
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North Bend, WA
425-888-1421

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