



United States Department of Agriculture

MT. BAKER-SNOQUALMIE NATIONAL FOREST

CHRISTMAS TREES 2017

Permits are available to cut Christmas trees on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest from Nov. 13th - Jan. 5th

Cutting areas are located on National Forest lands in the eastern portion of Pierce, Whatcom, Skagit, King, and Snohomish counties. Local maps and information about cutting areas are provided wherever permits are sold.

Permits can be purchased at ranger stations, public service centers, REI's Alderwood Mall store, the Outdoor Recreation Center inside the downtown Seattle REI, and several other locations in Snohomish, Sultan, Gold Bar, Skykomish, and Darrington. Check our website for details: www.fs.usda.gov/mbs/.



Finding the right Christmas tree is the easy part; getting the tree back home can be more difficult. Try dragging your tree behind you on a sled or with ropes.

Each permit costs \$10 and will allow you to cut a tree up to 12 feet. Purchasing two permits for \$20 will allow you to cut a tree up to 20 feet. Permits can only be used for the current tree cutting season and are nonrefundable.

Do you have a fourth-grader enrolled in the Every Kid in a Park program? Then they can receive their free permit after printing off their voucher at www.everykidinapark.gov and exchanging it at your local ranger station! Not signed up yet for this free program? Visit www.everykidinapark.gov to register. NOTE: Vendor locations do not offer permits for the Every Kid in a Park program. These permits can only be redeemed at local ranger stations and public service centers!

Cash, credit cards and checks will be accepted at most Forest Service stations as well as both REI stores. The Skykomish Ranger Station, and the Glacier and Verlot Public Service Centers will only accept cash and checks. Forest Service offices and REI stores are closed Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd. REI stores are also closed the following day, November 24th. Forest Service offices may close early on November 22nd and December 22nd; please call ahead for operating hours.

Plan to purchase a Sno-Park Permit if the trip includes parking in a designated Sno-Park lot. Get a tree early before snow falls as most trees are reached by narrow, unplowed mountain roads. High-clearance vehicles are often required for forest roads along with tire chains and a shovel. Check ranger stations for road and weather information or go to www.fs.usda.gov/goto/mbs/road-trails.

Check the Washington State Parks and Recreation website for information about Sno-Park Permits at <http://www.parks.state.wa.us/130/Winter-recreation>



Fourth Graders are eligible for a free Federal Interagency Pass (America the Beautiful) through the Every Kid in a Park program. These pass holders can also receive a free Christmas tree cutting permit when they present their pass or voucher at any ranger station or public service station.



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CHRISTMAS TREE PERMIT

Nov 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

2016 2017 2018 2019

INSTRUCTIONS
 1. District cutting guidelines must be followed.
 2. Permit must be attached to tree and visible while in transit.
 3. Punch out date and year tree is removed.
 4. Nonrefundable.

Merry Christmas

Valid for
 USDA Forest Service
 For Personal Use Only

Tree Care

Once you've returned home with your tree, leave it outside in a shady area in a bucket of water. The water will keep the tree fresh.

After you bring your tree inside, fill the tree stand with water every day.

Check <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/mbs/passes-permits/forestproducts> for updates!



Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

Rules

Look for posted signs where cutting is prohibited. Maps are available online and where permits are purchased.

Tree cutting is not allowed within developed campgrounds, picnic areas, trailheads, administrative sites, designated wilderness areas, or on state or private owned lands within the national forest.

Tree cutting is not permitted within **150** feet of any stream, lakes, ponds or wetland areas.

When parking at a trailhead, please be aware that a NW Forest Pass or Federal Interagency Pass may be required.

Before cutting your tree, punch out the **month, day and year** on the permit tag. Tags may not be re-used. Attach the tree tag where it is clearly visible on the tree before loading it onto your vehicle.

Each permit is for one Christmas tree. Families can be issued up to five permits.

A single permit is valid for trees up to 12 feet in height. Topping a tree over 12 feet in height is subject to a minimum fine of \$75 (CFR 36 261.10(l)).

Cut trees 12 inches or less above the ground level. Remove snow from base of tree if it is not visible. Cut off limbs remaining on the stump.

SAFETY FIRST!

- Prepare ahead for changing weather and driving conditions.
- Tell someone where you are going and what time you expect to return home.
- Have a full tank of fuel. Carry a shovel, flashlight, tire chains, matches and blankets in your vehicle. Bring along food and warm drinks.
- Wear proper winter clothing and carry extra in case you get wet. Some areas may be open to hunting, so wear brightly colored clothing or hunter's orange.
- Most forest roads are not snow plowed or maintained during the winter. Watch out for ice and snow; some areas may require chains, high clearance vehicles, and/or 4 wheel drive.
- Turn on headlights for visibility and expect heavy traffic in popular tree cutting areas.
- Turn your vehicle around upon arrival; snow accumulation can inhibit turning a vehicle around later. Park vehicles on a road shoulder or turn-out areas and do not block the road.

The Forest Service will not snow plow the Hansen Creek Road (Forest Service road 5510) on the I-90 corridor and Forest Service roads 7010 and 75 up the Highway 410 corridor.

TREES CANNOT BE CUT WITHIN ANY CLOSURE AREAS! TO VIEW ACTIVE CLOSURES, PLEASE VISIT: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/mbs/alerts-notice>

NOTE: The Norse Peak Fire Closure on the Snoqualmie Ranger District (Enumclaw/North Bend) may limit access to many popular tree cutting areas, please check fire closure maps before heading out!



**RANGER STATIONS/PUBLIC SERVICE CENTERS/INFORMATION CENTERS****Mt. Baker Ranger Station**

810 State Route 20
Sedro-Wooley, WA
360-856-5700 Ext. 515
Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Nov. 25, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Dec. 2, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Dec. 9, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Darrington Ranger Station

1405 Emens Ave. N.,
Darrington, WA
360-436-1155
Mon.- Fri. 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 25, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Dec. 2, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Dec. 9, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Skykomish Ranger Station

Stevens Pass Hwy.,
Skykomish, WA
360-677-2414
Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Nov. 25, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Dec. 2, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Dec 9, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Snoqualmie Ranger Station

North Bend Office
902 SE North Bend Way
North Bend, WA
425-888-1421
Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 25, 8 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.
Dec. 2-3 8 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.
Dec. 9-10, 8 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.
Snoqualmie Ranger Station
Enumclaw Office
450 Roosevelt Ave. E.,
Enumclaw, WA
360-825-6585
Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 24-25, 8 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.
Dec. 2-3, 8 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.
Dec. 9-10, 8 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Glacier Public Service Center

Mt. Baker Hwy. 542 Glacier,
WA
360-599-2714
Sat. - Sun., 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Closed Dec. 23 & 24

Verlot Public Service Center

33515 Mountain Loop Hwy.,
Granite Falls, WA
360-691-7791
Nov. 24, 8 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Sat - Sun (through Dec. 17),
8 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation Information Center

In The Seattle REI
222 Yale Ave. N.,
Seattle, WA
206-470-4060
Daily 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.
Closed Nov. 23 & 24

Vendor Locations**Lynwood:**

REI - Alderwood Mall 3000
184th St. SW,
425-640-6200
Mon. - Sat., 10 a.m.- 9 p.m.
Sun., 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Closed
Nov. 23 & 24

Darrington:

Darrington Hardware
520 Pine St.
360-436-1260
Call for Hours

Snohomish:

Olympic 4x4
520 Pine St.
1-800-752-9979
Call for Hours

Skykomish:

The Sky Deli
148 5th St. North
360-677-2211
Call for hours

Sultan:

Mt. View Chevron
33902 State Route 2
360-793-8805
Call for hours

Ace Hardware
207 State Route 2
360-793-2372
Call for hours

Sky Valley Visitor Center
320 Main St.
360-793-3241
Call for hours

The Hoot Owl Chevron
33902 State Route 2
360-793-1035
Call for hours

Gold Bar:

Gold Bar Market
109 Croft Ave. West
360-793-0411
Call for hours

Espresso Chalet
49932 State Route 2
360-793-7932
Call for hours

