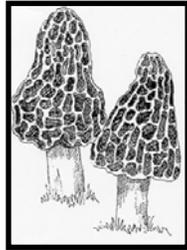




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2018 Northern Region Mushroom Guide Personal Use & Incidental Use



Morel mushrooms often fruit prolifically in the years after an area has been burned by wildfire. In 2017, Forest Service lands in the Northern Region were effected by approximately 700,000 acres of fire; a bountiful mushroom crop is anticipated.

Mushrooms are considered a “forest product.” Various types of permits, both personal use and commercial use, may be required for collection. Please review this brochure or scan the QR code below for detailed information regarding Northern Region mushroom harvest opportunities and regulations.



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INCIDENTAL USE

Harvest may occur on Northern Region Forest Service lands where mushroom picking is allowed, including commercial harvest areas.

No permit is required. Incidental Use allows an individual to have up to one gallon of mushrooms in their possession, with a limit of five gallons per season.

Mushrooms must be sliced in half length-wise from stem to cap, and resale is prohibited.

PERSONAL USE

Harvest may occur on Northern Region Forest Service lands where mushroom picking is allowed, including commercial harvest areas.

Permittee may have no more than 5 gallons in possession at one time.

Mushrooms must be sliced in half length-wise from stem to cap, and resale is prohibited.

Permits will be offered at any Forest Service office managing mushroom activity.

PERSONAL USE PERMIT (FREE)

A Personal Use (Free) permit allows an individual to pick up to 5 gallons of mushrooms per day, up to 20 gallons total (per season).

PERSONAL USE PERMIT (CHARGE)

A Personal Use (Charge) permit allows an individual to pick up to 5 gallons of mushrooms at a time, with a range of permit options:

The minimum charge is \$20 for 20 gallons total.

An individual may purchase additional gallons, at a cost of \$1 per gallon, up to the maximum charge of \$300 for 300 gallons total (per season).

BEST PRACTICES

- ◆ All mushroom harvesters must follow conditions of the permit, Forest regulations, and Motor Vehicle Use Map Regulations.
- ◆ Mushrooms may be harvested anywhere on National Forest System lands unless otherwise restricted. Contact your local Forest Service office when in doubt.
- ◆ Avoid streamside & wetland areas to minimize impacts.
- ◆ Many harvest areas border private lands. Be respectful of adjacent private lands and do not enter without permission.
- ◆ Practice *Leave No Trace* ethics while enjoying your National Forests. Pick up and pack out your trash and anything else you bring with you, including cigarette butts. Littering brings a maximum fine of \$5,000.
- ◆ Dispose of human waste and toilet paper by burying it at least 18 inches deep and 300 feet away from any water sources or open road.
- ◆ Comply with local food storage regulations (Reference Forest Food Storage Order).
- ◆ Do not block gates, roads, or interfere with the use of trails.
- ◆ If you encounter historic artifacts in the forest, treat them with respect and leave them where you find them.
- ◆ Proper identification of mushrooms is the responsibility of the harvester. Keep in mind that many forest mushroom species are poisonous!
- ◆ Mushroom guide books are available to assist with identification, and your local library, county extension office, and Mycological Society are valuable sources of information.

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