

Deschutes National Forest Best Management/Harvest Practices

Please follow these practices to protect plant and mushroom populations and minimize negative impacts to the ecosystems in your National Forest.

Native Plants

- Allowable Quantities: 16 plants, 4 of which can be trees.
- Only the plants listed in the “Collecting Native Plants – Deschutes National Forest” publication are allowed for collection. You are required to have this publication available during collection, either digitally on your phone or other device, or a printed hard copy. This publication is available for downloading at this web link:
https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5281944.pdf
- Follow the "1 in 20" rule. Collect only 1 plant for every 20 plants of that species in the area. If there aren't 20 plants present, find a new location.
- For transplanting purposes, tree seedlings need to be less than 4 feet in height and shrubs need to be less than 2 feet in height.
- Keep your vehicle on open roads according to the current Deschutes National Forest Motor Vehicle Maps. These maps can be downloaded onto your electronic devices with the PDF Maps app available from Avenza or from the Deschutes National Forest website:
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/deschutes/maps-pubs/?cid=stelprdb5318152>
- Collect out of sight from trails. Fill in holes. Restore your collection area so that it appears undisturbed.
- Plants cannot be collected from the following areas: campgrounds, recreation areas, wilderness areas, research natural areas, the Newberry National Volcanic Monument, experimental forests, tree plantations, within 300 feet of lakes, streams, springs or other wetlands or within 100 feet of graveled or paved roads, (for safety, scenic preservation and minimizing noxious weed invasion).
- Protected Species - All species of the following plants are protected under Oregon State Law and are prohibited from collection: lilies -including camas, mariposa lilies, fawn lilies, 3 and 6 petal lilies; orchids -including lady slippers, bitterroot, and primroses. All Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive Species are prohibited from collection.
- Material collected under free use may not be resold or bartered.

Mushrooms

- Allowable Quantities: 2 gallons per day, for 10 days per calendar year.
- All species of free/recreational use mushrooms will be cut in half lengthwise, stem through cap, and both halves separated at the time of harvest.
- No raking or other ground disturbance is allowed while searching for or harvesting mushrooms.
- Keep your vehicle on open roads according to the current Deschutes National Forest Motor Vehicle Maps. These maps can be downloaded onto your electronic devices with the PDF Maps app available from Avenza.com or from the Deschutes National Forest website:
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- Mushrooms cannot be collected from the following areas: campgrounds, recreation areas, wilderness areas, research natural areas, the Newberry National Volcanic Monument, experimental forests, tree plantations, within 300 feet of lakes, streams, springs or other wetlands or within 100 feet of graveled or paved roads, (for safety, scenic preservation and minimizing noxious weed invasion). It is required that you have in your possession a Mushroom Harvest Map, available at this web link:
https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/deschutes/passes-permits/forestproducts/?cid=fsbdev3_035882 and on the Avenza website.
- Material collected under free use may not be resold or bartered.