

Forest Product Permits

The Stanislaus National Forest allows visitors to gather certain forest products. Normally, chargeable permits are available for the following forest products, however until our front desk offices reopen, we are not charging for permits, although you must have a permit to collect forest products, even while they are free use permits for:

- Mushrooms
- Cones
- Ferns

Individuals may collect forest products for personal use, without a permit, as long as the amount is an incidental amount. An incidental amount is defined as no more than what would fit in both hands.

The following forest products may be collected for personal use:

- Mushrooms
- Cones
- Ferns
- Limb/boughs
- Foliage

- Harvest for mushroom permits is limited to one gallon per day, or two gallons per week, per person.
- One gallon of mushrooms equates to five lbs.; two gallons of mushrooms equates to 10 lbs.
- To request permits for cones or ferns, please contact the District Ranger office where you wish to harvest these forest products.
- **You must have your permit with you at the time you harvest and transport any forest product, regardless of their fee-free permit status.** Copies of the permit are not allowed or transferable to another person or group.
- Make sure to read and know your permit. Each permit has special terms and conditions for the products.
- The permit holder must fill out the "Product Quantity Removal Record" portion of the permit (in ink) prior to transporting any forest products.
- Do not cut or remove forest products where prohibited. "Closed" areas include: active timber sale areas; areas or roads closed by Forest Supervisor's Order; the Experimental Forest; and campgrounds or administrative sites.

Product	Unit of Measure	Minimum Amount	Maximum Amount
Mushrooms	Gallon	2 Gallons	20 Gallons
Dry Cones	Bushel	20 Bushels	300 Bushels
Ferns	Pound	20 Pounds	300 Pounds





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When gathering forest products please remember to practice sustainable harvesting. There are special terms and conditions for each product.

MUSHROOMS

Mushroom gathering occupies a short season at the beginning of the summer. Mushrooms are most prevalent in areas where fire has occurred or in areas where moist conditions prevail and no direct sunlight occurs.

To ensure mushroom sites recover year after year, proper harvesting techniques are necessary and required for both personal and commercial gathering.

Special terms and conditions apply for mushrooms

- When harvesting, mushrooms must be cut, not raked.
- Mushroom stems are to be cut at or above ground level. Use only a knife or scissors to harvest mushrooms.
- Pick only two-thirds of the mushrooms you find.

Each person is limited to collecting 1 gallon per day, 2 gallons per week, and 20 gallons per calendar year. A minimum of 2 gallons must be purchased.

Mushroom permits are valid March 1 through December 15 in the year they are issued.

CONES

When gathering cones make sure to gather **FROM THE GROUND ONLY!** Do not remove any cones from trees.

A bushel of cones is equivalent to eight gallons (or a small kitchen garbage bag)

Cone permits are valid April 15 through December 15 in the year they are issued.

FERNS

When harvesting ferns make a clean cut and do not pull the roots out. Take only half the tops per plant or cluster for sustainable harvest.

Fern permits are valid April 15 through December 15 in the year they are issued.

FREE USE

Individuals may collect forest products for personal use, without a permit, as long as the amount is an incidental amount. An incidental amount is defined as no more than what would fit in both hands. Mushrooms must be sliced lengthwise at the time of harvest.

A permit is required to gather more than an incidental amount. The season to gather forest products is April 15 to Dec. 15. ***During our COVID-19 virtual operations, you may obtain a permit during regular business hours by calling one of our Forest Service locations:***

Supervisor's Office
19777 Greenley Road
Sonora, CA 95370
209-459-9238

Calaveras Ranger District
5519 Highway 4
PO Box 500
Hathaway Pines, CA 95233
(209) 795-1381

Groveland Ranger District
24545 Highway 120
Groveland, CA 95321
(209) 962-7825

Summit Ranger District
#1 Pinecrest Lake Road
Pinecrest, CA 95364
209-459-9236

Once our offices return to in-person services you may request a permit in person from any Ranger District office or the Supervisor's office.