

2018 CHRISTMAS TREE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Clackamas River & Zigzag Ranger Districts Mt. Hood National Forest

NOVEMBER 15, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 25, 2018

THIS IS NOT A PERMIT – YOU MUST OBTAIN A PERMIT AT A FOREST OFFICE, VENDOR LOCATION, OR THROUGH A NEW ONLINE PILOT PROGRAM

November 19, 2018 permits will be available online this year.

You can learn about purchasing the permit online at <https://openforest.fs.usda.gov>

Have this sheet in your possession along with a valid tree tag while cutting and transporting your tree. There is a limit of 5 tags per person.

Sample Tag:
Remove day,
month, and year
before leaving the
woods!



WHERE TO CUT YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Your Christmas Tree Permit allows you to cut a Christmas tree almost anywhere on the Mt. Hood National Forest. You may cut within the entire Clackamas River and Zigzag Ranger Districts, noting the restrictions below.

No cutting or removing trees within:

- Wilderness
- Research Natural Areas
- 100 feet of a trail
- Campgrounds or Administrative sites
- 300 feet of streams or lakes
- Areas posted "No Christmas Tree Cutting"
- East of Little Crater Lake Campground on Road 58, because of Warms Springs Indian Reservation
- Do not remove Pacific Yew trees
- Campgrounds, Administrative sites, or Summer Home/Rec. Residence Areas

No cutting along the following roads:

- Highway 26
- Highway 224
- Road 42 (Timothy Lake Road)
- Road 50 (Timberline Road)
- Road 2645 (Westleg Road)
- Road 2618 (Salmon River Road)
- Road 2627, 2627-207

There must be another tree of similar size free to grow within 8 feet of the one you cut.

Each permit allows you to cut one tree up to 12 feet in height with a stump height no greater than 6 inches. Cutting the top of a standing tree is prohibited.

Validate and securely attach your Christmas Tree Permit to your tree before leaving the cutting area.

Make sure you are on National Forest Land before cutting your tree. District and Forest maps are available for purchase at any Mt. Hood District Office. Do not solely rely on your vehicle GPS. Some routes may be snowed out depending on the weather. **There is No Cell Phone Coverage on the Clackamas River District and Very Limited Cell Phone Coverage on the Zigzag Ranger District.** *Be sure that someone at home knows where you are, and when to expect you back!*

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REMEMBER

- Pick up your permit early - Find your tree and leave the woods before dark
- Roads are not plowed - Carry tire chains, shovel (s) & tow chain
- Bring an overnight survival kit in case you become stranded
- Dress warmly and take extra dry clothes, bring hot drinks and extra food.

Suggested roads to travel in search of your Christmas tree:

The following roads and associated spur roads reach elevations of 3,500' to 4,500'. You are likely to find more Noble Fir and Pacific Silver Fir within these elevations. Because of their higher elevations, it is highly likely that you will run into snow on these roads early in the season.

Roads to try on the Clackamas District	Roads to try on the Zigzag District
4210, 45, 4540, 4545, 4660, 4661, 4670, 4671, 5730, 5731, 6340, 6341, 6350, 6355, 6370, 5410, 5411, 58, 5810, 5820, 5830,	18, 1828, 1828118, 2656 and spurs, 58, 5850, 5855, 5860, 5870, 5880

How do I know what to get?

You can retrieve your christmas tree almost anywhere on the National Forest. Noble Fir and Pacific Silver Fir make great christmas trees because they stay green and hold their needles for a long time. Douglas-fir and Hemlock trees tend to brown and lose their needles quickly.



Noble Fir



Pacific Silver Fir



Douglas-fir

Free Use Holiday Boughs are also available with a permit form your local Ranger Sation.

Personal use bough harvest must adhere to the following restrictions

- 25 pounds of personal use boughs may be harvested and transported per vehicle.
- Boughs may only be harvested from the lower half of the tree.
- Only the outer half of each bough may be harvested.
- **Felling trees is prohibited.**
- Harvesting Cedar boughs is **Prohibited.**
- Boughs may not from trees 10 feet tall or less.
- Personal use boughs may not be resold.
- Boughs may only be harvested from areas open to christmas tree cutting.

If you would like more than 25 pounds of boughs a permit is available for purchase at your local District Ranger office.