



BOISE NATIONAL FOREST MUSHROOM GUIDE

Trinity Ridge Fire Area
May 1 – July 14 2013



Permits Available at:

Interagency Visitor Center
1387 S. Vinnell Way
Boise, ID 83709
(208) 373-4007

Mountain Home Ranger District
2180 American Legion Blvd.
Mountain Home, ID 83647
(208) 587-7961

Idaho City Ranger District
Highway 21, Milepost 38.5
Idaho City, ID 83631
(208) 392-6681

Fairfield Ranger District
102 First Street East
Fairfield, ID 83327
(208) 764-3202

Personal Use

- A permit is required for all people, 18 years of age or older, who are gathering mushrooms for personal use.
- Permits are FREE and valid until July 14, 2013
- These permits are required only for picking within the Trinity Ridge Fire area (see map).
- Personal Use permit holders may NOT gather mushrooms within the Commercial Gathering area (see map).
- Persons gathering for personal use may pick no more than five (5) gallons of mushrooms per day.
- Mushrooms gathered for personal use may not be sold, bartered or given away.

Commercial Use

- Each person gathering mushrooms for commercial use must have a valid Commercial Permit in their possession while gathering and transporting mushrooms.
- Commercial picking can only happen in areas identified as “Open for Commercial Gathering” (see map)
- Commercial mushroom pickers are required to present an acceptable form of Government issued identification upon purchasing a permit
- Commercial permits are \$300 and are valid for 21 days from the date of issue.
- You must be 18 years of age to acquire a commercial permit
- No commercial harvest is allowed within 300 feet of a stream or standing water body

Camping Information

Commercial Camping – Individuals gathering mushrooms for commercial purposes and camping on National Forest lands must camp in designated commercial campsites. Please refer to the map for locations. Commercial gatherers are prohibited from camping elsewhere on the National Forest unless directed by Forest Officials.

Commercial Buyers will NOT be allowed to set up on Forest Service lands

Things to remember:

- **The season for both Personal Use and Commercial Use mushroom picking within the Trinity Ridge Fire area will be from May 1 – July 14, 2013.**
- Always carry your permit AND identification while harvesting.
- Pick up and pack out your trash and anything else you bring with you, including cigarette butts. *Littering brings a minimum fine of \$125 on up to \$5,000.*
- Human waste may be disposed of by burying at least 18 inches deep and 300 feet away from any water source or open road.
- Park outside designated campsites and do not block trails, gates, or roads.
- All mushroom pickers have a right to pick in “your” area.
- Mushroom picking is not allowed in Fire closure areas, Research Natural Areas, Developed Recreation Areas and other designated non-harvest areas.
- Commercial Gathering and Camping fees are non-refundable.



Questions & Answers

Can I use my vehicle off-road to look for mushrooms?

No. Vehicles (including ATVs, 4-wheelers, or motorcycles) are not allowed off of designated open Forest Service Roads and Trails. Refer to the 2013 Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) for open roads and trails for motorized use.

Can I purchase another 21-day commercial gathering permit after the first one expires?

Yes, but regardless when a permit is purchased, the picking season will end on July 14.

I'm a Commercial Gatherer, where can I camp once the designated commercial campsite is full?

A second designated campsite will be identified if Forest Officials determine that capacity has been reached at the first.

Can I commercially gather mushrooms in areas not designated for "Open to Commercial Gathering"?

No. Commercial gathering on the Boise National Forest can ONLY take place in areas identified on the 2013 Mushroom Map as "Open to Commercial Gathering".

Can I gather mushrooms for personal use in areas designated as "Open to Commercial Gathering"?

No. This area is open ONLY for Commercial Gathering.

Can I gather mushrooms for personal use elsewhere on the Boise National Forest?

Yes. Personal mushroom picking is allowed outside of the Trinity Fire Area and without a permit. However, the same rules apply of no more than five (5) gallons per day and mushrooms cannot be sold, bartered or given away.

Know your mushrooms!

Each year interest grows in harvesting wild mushrooms from National Forests. Proper identification and determination of whether a mushroom is edible is the responsibility of the picker. **Many forest mushroom species are poisonous.** Several guide books are available to assist with identification. Your local library, county extension office, and local Mycological Society are good sources of information. **WHEN IN DOUBT....LEAVE IT IN THE WOODS!**



A Few General Rules to Follow

At least one-third of the mushroom caps on the collection area (of the same species as being collected) should be left intact to release spores.

Do not collect mushrooms from previously harvested areas; leave the rest for spores and food for wildlife.

Minimize the impacts to the actual fungus by not disturbing the ground habitat. Raking or other ground disturbance is prohibited. Use a knife to cut the mushroom to minimize the impact to the fungus.

No commercial collection of truffles is allowed.

Use of net bags to carry mushrooms is recommended, allowing mushrooms to spread their spores for future reproduction.

Archaeological Resource Discoveries: Archeological resources on public lands are protected by federal historic preservation laws such as the Archeological Resources Protection Act and other statutes. The collection, disturbance, or destruction of artifacts on National Forest System lands are prohibited activities. Archeological resources are the material remains of past human life or activities. They may include but are not limited to artifacts such as buildings, structures, machinery, ceramics, bottles, and cans associated with activities like historic mining, logging, and homesteading; and Native American objects such as projectile points ("arrowheads") and rock art. If you encounter artifacts please enjoy the thrill of your discovery, but treat them with respect and leave them where you find them!

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