

Mushrooms

Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest



Mushrooms and truffles are important wildlife food. They are consumed by deer, elk, bear, small mammals, and mollusks. Some rodents rely on mushrooms for a significant part of their food supply and are, in turn, primary prey for larger species such as the northern spotted owl. Preserving the diversity of fungal species in forest ecosystems is essential to the wellbeing of our National Forests.

Incidental Use

Permits are not required in certain situations: forest products may be consumed or used while on the forest without a permit. For example, berries or mushrooms may be eaten in the woods or down wood may be gathered for a campfire (on the forest) without a permit. Except where otherwise noted, it is not legal to remove products collected from the forest without a permit.

Free Use Permit Required

For items over incidental use, you will need to get a Free Use permit. This permit will allow you to gather up to 5 gallons of mushrooms per household per year.

Charge Use Permit

A permit is required to harvest more than five (5) gallons of mushrooms per household per year. Charge Use Permits are available at Forest Service offices and the cost

is based on the length of time a permit is valid, with a limit on quantity.

- 2 Day Permit costs \$25.00 = 12.5 gallons
- 10 Day Permit costs \$40.00 = 20 gallons
- 20 Day Permit costs \$60.00 = 30 gallons
- Six Month Permit costs \$125.00 = 62.5 gallons

Harvesting Techniques

For the best possible recovery of mushroom sites year after year, proper harvesting techniques are necessary and required for mushroom gathering. Mushroom stems are to be cut at or above ground level keeping the growing site as undisturbed as possible. Use only a knife or scissors to harvest mushrooms. Raking of mushroom patches damages or destroys their future productivity. Equip yourself properly before going to the field.

Do Your Part

If you pack it in, pack it out. Please remove all trash! Do your part and respect the Forest by leaving it clean and free of trash.

Forest Offices

For more information about mushrooms, check with the local Ranger District to plan your visit.

Mt. Baker Ranger Station

810 State Route 20,
Sedro-Woolley, WA
360-856-5700 Ext. 515

Glacier Public Service Center

Mt. Baker Highway 542,
Glacier, WA
360-599-2714

Darrington Ranger Station

1405 Emens Ave. N.,
Darrington, WA
360-436-1155

Skykomish Ranger Station

74920 NE Stevens Pass
Highway
Skykomish, WA
360-677-2414

Snoqualmie Ranger Station

North Bend Office
902 SE North Bend Way
North Bend, WA
425-888-1421

Snoqualmie District Enumclaw Office

450 Roosevelt Ave. E.,
Enumclaw, WA
360-825-6585