



Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

FREE Personal Use Mushroom Information

REQUIRED to be in the possession of anyone collecting morel mushrooms for personal use from the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Personal Use Mushroom Gathering

This incidental / personal use information sheet must be in the mushroom collectors possession while harvesting and transporting mushrooms.

People are allowed to collect a maximum of five (5) gallons of morel mushrooms per person per day free from Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest lands.
Campers – no stockpiling of mushrooms from day to day.



Mushrooms collected are for personal use only and cannot be sold or exchanged.

Proper identification and determination of whether a mushroom is edible is the responsibility of the picker.
Mushroom harvesters are prohibited from entering closure areas. Motorized vehicles are not allowed off existing roads open to public use.

Vehicles shall not block traffic, gates or impede fire or emergency vehicles.

Mushroom pickers will pay for or repair all damage to natural features resulting from picker's activities.

Hazards exist in burned areas:

Snags and damaged trees--blackened killed trees or green trees burned through at the bottom--can fall at any time possibly striking people or property; they can block trails or roads, including your exit even though travel was unimpeded when you entered the area.

Stump holes and root channels can still be burning and often are hidden from sight until stepped upon.

Loss of vegetation increases the potential for rolling rocks and erosion to occur with any rain event. Water runoff may cause flooding that impacts or clogs road culverts; sediment may move downstream affecting lands a long distance from the burned areas.

Mushroom Etiquette:

Pick only two-thirds of the mushrooms you find, leave the rest for seed (spores) and for food for wildlife.

Minimized impacts to the actual fungus by not disturbing the ground habitat. Only use a knife to cut the mushroom to minimize the impact to the fungus.

Use Leave No Trace Practices — Pack it in, pack it out!
Inspect your campsite and rest areas for trash and pack it out.

Deposit solid human waste in cat holes dug 6-8 inches deep, at least 200 feet from water, campsites and trails. Cover and disguise the cat hole when finished.

Carry a map, compass and supplies with you. Let someone know your travel plans. Remember, cell phones are helpful, but not always reliable in the forest environment.