

A FEW GENERAL RULES TO FOLLOW:

- ✓ You are required to know the regulations affecting the area where you harvest.
- ✓ Harvest may be allowed on private land but get permission first.
- ✓ Minimize the impacts to the actual fungus by not disturbing the ground habitat. No raking or other ground disturbances are allowed when collecting mushrooms. Use a knife to cut the mushrooms or break the stem off at ground level.
- ✓ Leave the area you use “cleaner than you found it!”
- ✓ Some roads have closed to protect wildlife, sensitive land resources, provide for public safety, and reduce user conflicts. Motorized vehicles are not allowed on closed roads or off of existing roads, though non-motorized traffic is allowed.
- ✓ Please do your part in taking care of this valuable natural resource by respecting the land and all forest visitors.
- ✓ To minimize the spread of noxious weeds it is highly recommended to wash your vehicle/ATV before entering National Forest Land.
- ✓ Practice good harvesting!! Leave some of the mushrooms you find and don't harvest more than you need.
- ✓ Please be mindful of land ownership boundaries. Except for tribal members, mushroom gathering is not authorized on Nez Perce Tribal lands.

Forest Directory

Supervisor's Office
1008 Highway 64
Kamiah, ID 83536
(208) 451-5585

Grangeville Office
104 Airport Road
Grangeville, ID 83530
(208) 983-1950

Salmon River Ranger District
304 Slate Creek Road
White Bird, ID 83554
(208) 839-2211

Red River Ranger District
300 American River Road
Elk City, ID 83525
(208) 842-2245

Moose Creek Ranger District
831 Selway Road
Kooskia, ID 83539
(208) 926-4258

North Fork Ranger District
12740 Highway 12
Orofino, ID 83544
(208) 476-4541

Lochsa/Powell Ranger District
Kooskia Ranger Station
502 Lowry St.
Kooskia, ID 83539
(208) 926-4274

Lochsa/Powell Ranger District
Lolo Pass Visitor Center
21200 Highway 12
Lolo, MT 59847
(208) 942-3113

Palouse Ranger District
1700 Highway 6
Potlatch, ID 83855
(208) 875-1131

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PERSONAL USE MUSHROOM GUIDE



This guide will serve to inform you about the forests' free use mushroom policy as well as offer some general information about mushrooms.

Free Use harvesting permits are available at all ranger district offices on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests.

Beware of falling snags and stump holes in burned forest areas.

PERMITS, FEES, AND REQUIREMENTS

TYPES OF PERMITS AND FEES

FREE USE allows an individual to harvest up to five gallons of mushrooms per day and 20 gallons per season. This permit is provided free of charge at all Nez Perce-Clearwater Forests offices. The permit will be valid for the entire season and the permittee can harvest anywhere on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests. A permit is **required** and must be in possession when collecting and/or transporting mushrooms. Mushrooms harvested under this permit **must be cut lengthwise** at the time of harvesting.

**Free use permits are valid for collecting mushrooms in the Idaho portion of the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area.



WHILE ENJOYING THE GREAT OUTDOORS, REMEMBER:

- Pack it in, Pack it out.
- Don't leave cigarette butts on the ground.
- Discharging firearms within campsites is prohibited.
- Campfires may be restricted during periods of high fire danger – never leave your campfire unattended!
- Do not block gates, roads or interfere with the use of trails.
- Encounters with logging trucks are likely, even on weekends. Drive slowly and stay alert.

Additional forest information can be found at: [www.fs.usda.gov/
nezperceclearwater](http://www.fs.usda.gov/nezperceclearwater)

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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 harvester. ***Many forest mushroom species are poisonous.*** There are many guidebooks available to assist with identification. Some national forests offer field guides for sale. Your local library, county extension office and local Mycological Society are good sources of information. Our word to the wise is: ***WHEN IN DOUBT...LEAVE IT IN THE WOODS!***

Questions and Answers:

Who needs a permit to harvest?

Each person over the age of 12 is required to obtain a free use permit. Minors, ages 12-17 are required to have the permit cosigned by a parent, guardian, or sponsoring adult. The permit must be in possession when collecting or transporting mushrooms. Children or minors may also collect under a parents permit provided the total amount collected does not exceed the five-gallon limitation.

Why do I have to cut my mushrooms in half?

The purpose of cutting the mushrooms is to enable law enforcement officials to identify commercial picking. Cut mushrooms are not suitable for re-sale.

Have fun and be safe!!