

Food Products



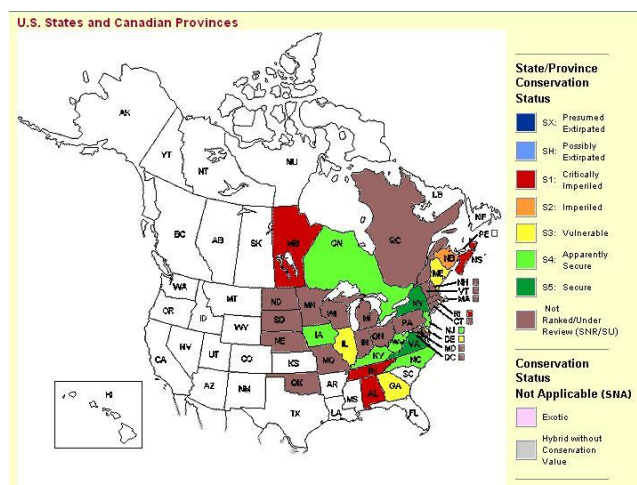
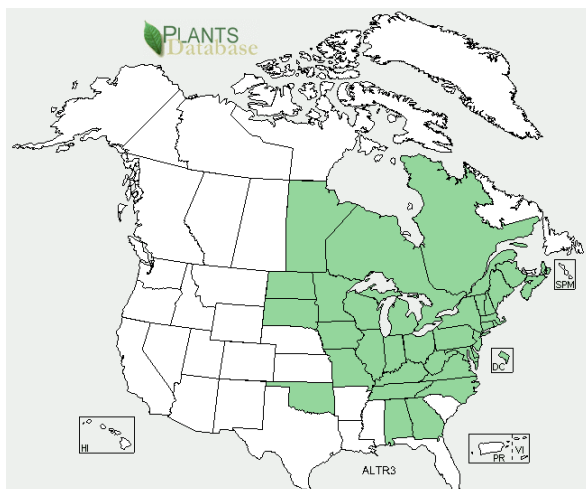
Range maps provided on the following pages are from the PLANTS National Database found at: <http://plants.usda.gov>, NatureServe: <http://www.natureserve.org>, and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville herbarium website: <http://tenn.bio.utk.edu/vascular/vascular.shtml>. Photographs are from a variety of internet sites and the Forest Botanist's personal collections. The information in this disk guide is provided solely for educational purposes and no photo credits are provided.

The foliage of many plants can be used as food products. If only foliage is being taken, please see the section on "Cut Foliage and Miscellaneous Products". Whole plant removal other than the products listed in this section should be permitted under medicinal herbs or transplants. NOTE: No permits are required to harvest edible berries (blueberries, blackberries, etc.)

CATEGORY: Food Product NAME: Ramps (*Allium tricoccum*)



Ramps are a type of wild onion or leek with a natural range that extends across most of the eastern United States. Within Tennessee ramps are known to occur at scattered locations across the state, but have concentrated occurrences in the eastern, mountainous portion of the state. Plants are harvested in the early spring throughout the southern Appalachian Mountains. This product is in high demand, both through personal use and commercial enterprises who sell the product to restaurants in major cities across the United States. The species is locally common on the Forest within high-elevation, rich forested habitats, however, it is considered to be in decline across its range due to over-harvest and is listed as “critically imperiled” in Tennessee by NatureServe.



Ramps - Product Plans

Personal Use – Free

Plan #382- Ramps-Free-Ocoee
Plan #381- Ramps-Free-Tellico
Plan #383- Ramps-Free-Nolichucky
Plan #384- Ramps-Free-Watauga

Limits:

One permit per person per year.
Maximum of 40 ramps per permit.
Maximum of 200 permits issued per zone (north and south) per year.
Permit valid for 15 days.

Commercial Use – Charge

Plan #467-Ramps-Com-Ocoee
Plan #468-Ramps-Com-Tellico
Plan #469-Ramps-Com-Nolichucky
Plan #470-Ramps-Comm-Watauga

Limits:

One permit per person per year.
Maximum of 400 ramps per permit.
Maximum of 50 permits issued per zone (north and south) per year.
Permit valid for 15 days.

Cost:

\$20 per permit (5 cents each in product plan includes administrative costs)

Special Conditions:

See standard conditions for all permits near beginning of this guide.
Permits in subsequent years dependent upon submission of report on actual amount collected.
Collection in Haw Knob (9F prescription) on Tellico Ranger District is allowed
If area shows signs of previous collection, do not harvest.

CATEGORY: Food Product NAME: Edible Mushrooms



Edible mushrooms are found throughout the Cherokee National Forest in a wide variety of habitats. Numerous species of mushrooms occur on the Forest and only a small proportion are edible so proper identification of species is critical. It is the responsibility of the individual collector to know exactly what they are collecting. The Forest will not provide any advice or aid in identifying wild mushrooms. At this time permits are not listed as “species specific” meaning several different species can be collected under the same permit, however the forest would like to track the demand for this product so we will require the collector to tell us what species they want to collect and report back on amounts of each species collected under the permit.



Mushrooms - Product Plans

Personal Use – Free

Plan #439-Mushrooms-Free-Ocoee
Plan #440-Mushrooms-Free-Tellico
Plan #441-Mushrooms-Free-Nolichucky
Plan #442-Mushrooms-Free-Watauga

Limits:

Two permits per person per year.
Maximum of 30 mushrooms per permit.
Maximum of 200 permits issued per zone (north and south) per year.
Permit valid for 15 days.

Commercial Use – Charge

Plan #443-Mushrooms-Com-Ocoee
Plan #444-Mushrooms-Com-Tellico
Plan #445-Mushrooms-Com-Nolichucky
Plan #446-Mushrooms-Com-Watauga

Limits:

One permit per person per year.
Maximum of 200 mushrooms per permit.
Maximum of 100 permits issued per zone (north and south) per year.
Permit valid for 15 days.

Cost:

\$20 per permit (10 cents each in product plan includes administrative costs)

Special Conditions:

See standard conditions for all permits near beginning of this guide.
Permits in subsequent years dependent upon submission of report on actual amounts and species collected.