

A FEW GENERAL RULES TO FOLLOW

--Commercial and Personal-use harvesting will not be allowed within designated wilderness areas. In addition,, there are other places where mushroom harvesting is not allowed including Research Natural Areas and certain designated non-harvest areas. Area restrictions will be explained when obtaining your permit.

BE AWARE: You are required to know the regulations affecting the area where you pick. Ask when purchasing your permit.

--Picking may be allowed on private land – but get permission first to prevent ill will. **Know where picking is allowed.**

--Minimize the impacts to the actual fungus by not disturbing the ground habitat. No raking or other ground disturbances are allowed when collecting mushrooms.

--When camping and harvesting in undeveloped sites, maintain the natural beauty of the forest, and protect water sources. Leave the area you use “cleaner than you found it!”

--Please follow signs restricting motorized use. Travel plan maps are available at the local Ranger Districts. No motorized use is allowed off of roads and trails.

--Please do your part in taking care of this valuable natural resource by respecting the land and all forest visitors.

--Practice good harvesting!!



RANGER DISTRICTS

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(406) 222-1892

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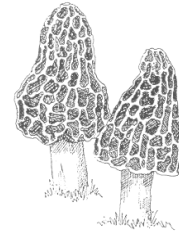
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MUSHROOM GUIDE

**Gallatin National Forest
2008**



Wildland Fires have a dramatic effect on the mushroom population across the Northern Region of the Forest Service.

This guide will inform you about the forest mushroom policy, as well as offer some general information about mushrooms.

In forested areas beware of falling snags and stump holes, especially in burned areas.

For more information about hazards in burned areas, contact your local National Forest Ranger District office.

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PERMITS, FEES & REQUIREMENTS

TYPES OF PERMITS AND FEES

The **Gallatin National Forest** 2008 Mushroom Harvest Program consists of two types of harvesting permits:

PERSONAL USE (recreational) permits are \$20 and allow an individual to harvest up to 5 gallons of mushrooms per day. Resale of the mushrooms is prohibited and mushrooms must be cut in half. Some Ranger Districts in other areas of the Northern Region require a personal or free-use permit prior to harvesting, others do not.

COMMERCIAL USE allows an individual to harvest any quantity of mushrooms to be sold commercially or to buyers. Each commercial harvester is required to purchase a permit, and most commercial harvesting will be permitted only in designated areas. Please check with local Ranger District offices for allowed harvesting areas and further requirements.

Commercial permits on the Gallatin will **ONLY** be allowed in a select area of the Derby Fire Burned Area on the Big Timber Ranger District

COMMERCIAL PERMIT FEES

The fee for a commercial mushroom permit ranges from \$20.00 to \$100.00. Depending on your length of stay, the following fees are required:

- 7-day permit = \$20
- 14-day permit = \$40
- 21-day permit = \$60
- 30-day permit = \$75
- Season permit = \$100

CAMPING

A commercial camping permit is required for commercial harvesters to camp on National Forest Lands. Camping in campgrounds while in the process of commercial mushroom harvesting is not allowed. Please check with the local Ranger District office for information.

WHILE ENJOYING THE GREAT OUTDOORS, REMEMBER...

- Pack it in, Pack it out.
- Food storage rules apply on the Gallatin National Forest
- Don't leave cigarette butts on the ground.
- Human waste must be disposed of at a minimum of 300 feet away from any water source or open road and buried at least 18 inches deep.
- Removal and proper disposal of pet waste is required.
- 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.
- Understand the fishing regulations as several fishing areas are catch and release only.
- Leave gates the same way as you find them.
- Be sure you are not within a designated Wilderness Area.



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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 guide books available to assist with identification and 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:

WHEN IN DOUBT...LEAVE IT IN THE WOODS!

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Who needs a permit to harvest?

All harvesters over the age of 12 must purchase a permit to harvest.

Where can I harvest mushrooms for personal use?

Once a personal use permit has been purchased, mushrooms may be harvested anywhere in the Gallatin National Forest, except in Research Natural Areas and in the wilderness. Each Ranger District will have specific information and restrictions.

I bought a permit then decided not to pick. Can I get my money back?

No. Sorry, permit fees are non-refundable.

Where can I camp while I'm commercially harvesting mushrooms? Camping permits and information are available at each Ranger District office.