



Forest Product Permits

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The Stanislaus National Forest allows gathering of certain forest products. Chargeable permits are available for the following forest products:

- Mushrooms
- Cones
- Ferns

Individuals may collect forest products for personal use, without a permit, as long as the amount is an incidental amount. An incidental amount is defined as no more than what would fit in both hands.

The following forest products may be collected for personal use:

- Mushrooms
- Cones
- Ferns
- Limb/boughs
- Foliage

Chargeable Permits

- The rate for mushrooms is \$10 per gallon, with a minimum purchase of \$20 (2 gallons) and a maximum of \$200 (20 gallons) per person, per calendar year.
- The rate for cones is \$1 per bushel, with a minimum purchase of \$20 (20 bushels) and a maximum of \$300 (300 bushels) per person, per calendar year.
- The rate for ferns is \$1 per pound, with a minimum purchase of \$20 (20 pounds) and a maximum of \$300 (300 pounds) per person, per calendar year.
- You must have your permit with you at the time you harvest and transport any forest product. Copies of the permit are not allowed or transferable to another person or group.
- Make sure to read and know your permit. Each permit has special terms and conditions for the products.
- The permit holder must fill out the “Product Quantity Removal Record” portion of the permit (in ink) prior to transporting any forest products.
- Do not cut or remove forest products where prohibited. “Closed” areas include: active timber sale areas; areas or roads closed by Forest Supervisor’s Order; the Experimental Forest; and campgrounds or administrative sites.

Product	Unit of Measure	Rate	Minimum Amount Charged	Maximum Amount Charged
Mushrooms	Gallon	\$10.00	2 Gallons	20 Gallons
Dry Cones	Bushel	\$1.00	20 Bushels	300 Bushels
Ferns	Pound	\$1.00	20 Pounds	300 Pounds





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When gathering forest products please remember to practice sustainable harvesting. There are special terms and conditions for each product.

MUSHROOMS

Mushroom gathering occupies a short season at the beginning of the summer. Mushrooms are most prevalent in areas where fire has occurred or in areas where moist conditions prevail and no direct sunlight occurs.

To ensure mushroom sites recover year after year, proper harvesting techniques are necessary and required for both personal and commercial gathering.

Special terms and conditions apply for mushrooms

- When harvesting, mushrooms must be cut, not raked.
- Mushroom stems are to be cut at or above ground level. Use only a knife or scissors to harvest mushrooms.
- Pick only two-thirds of the mushrooms you find.

Each person is limited to collecting 1 gallon per day, 2 gallons per week, and 20 gallons per calendar year. A minimum of 2 gallons must be purchased.

Mushroom permits are valid March 1 through December 15 in the year they are issued.

CONES

When gathering cones make sure to gather **FROM THE GROUND ONLY!** Do not remove any cones from trees.

Cones are \$1.00 per bushel. A bushel is equivalent to 8 gallons (or a small kitchen garbage bag)

Cone permits are valid April 15 through December 15 in the year they are issued.

FERNS

When harvesting ferns make a clean cut and do not pull the roots out. Take only half the tops per plant or cluster for sustainable harvest.

Ferns are \$1.00 per pound.

Fern permits are valid April 15 through December 15 in the year they are issued.

FREE USE

Individuals may collect forest products for personal use, without a permit, as long as the amount is an incidental amount. An incidental amount is defined as no more than what would fit in both hands. Mushrooms must be sliced lengthwise at the time of harvest.

A permit is required to gather more than an incidental amount. The season to gather forest products is April 15 to Dec. 15. You may obtain permits during regular business hours at one of these

Forest Service locations:

Supervisor's Office
19777 Greenley Road
Sonora, CA 95370
(209) 532-3671

Calaveras Ranger District
5519 Highway 4
PO Box 500
Hathaway Pines, CA 95233
(209) 795-1381

Groveland Ranger District
24545 Highway 120
Groveland, CA 95321
(209) 962-7825

Summit Ranger District
#1 Pinecrest Lake Road
Pinecrest, CA 95364
(209) 965-3434