

Mushroom Harvesting

Shasta-Trinity National Forest

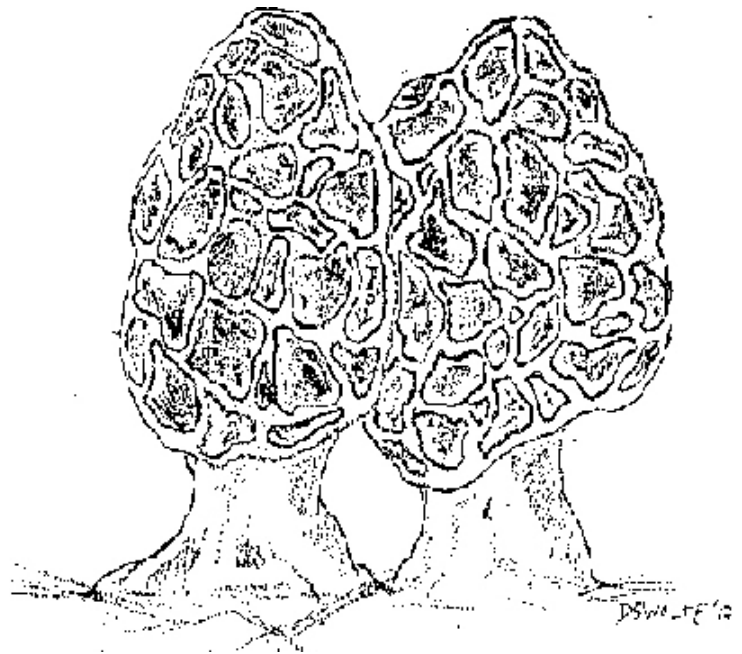
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The Shasta Trinity National Forests, Shasta-McCloud Management Unit (Mt. Shasta and McCloud Ranger Districts), is known worldwide as a productive and fun place to harvest mushrooms. Our visitors come from around the globe to hunt for and harvest many varieties of wild mushrooms that include Morels, Boletus (Porcini), Matsutake, Corals, Turkey Tail, Puff-ball, Shaggy Manes, and Chanterelles. Mushroom hunting can be enjoyed by all ages and is a fun-family experience.

Be Careful, Be Educated

While there are a number of varieties of edible mushrooms, there are an equal number of **poisonous** varieties out there as well. Please ensure that you are familiar with the identification of both toxic and edible mushrooms. To do this we recommend purchasing a book to help you, conduct research on the internet, and most of all go out with someone who is in the know.



Harvesting Information:

- The first rule of mushroom harvesting is each adult harvesting mushrooms for commercial sale must have a valid permit (see below). If harvesting for personal use under the Incidental Use no permit is required, this is strictly for personal use only and not for commercial sale (see below).
- There is **no raking of the ground**. This destroys the mushroom bed and the mycelia that are required to grow mushrooms.
- You may only use up to an 18-inch long by 1 inch wide harvesting device to pluck or cut mushrooms from the ground.
- Be light on the land, try not to disturb the ground, and do not drive more than one car length off the road, refer to the MVUM (Motor Vehicle Use Map).
- Please do not leave litter in the forest, if you pack it in, please pack it out.
- If you decide to camp for two days or more while commercial mushrooming you must identify your camp on a map and provide it when requesting your permit. Any Forest officer or law enforcement officer may ask to see your permit.

If you are found to be out of compliance, your permit and forest products may be confiscated, and law enforcement may possibly issue you a ticket. Read your commercial permit or the incidental use guide for additional rules and requirements. Remember that the commercial permits are only valid for the specific area in the permit description or map provided with your permit. The permits and incidental user guide is only applicable to the areas identified within the Shasta-Trinity National Forest we do not honor adjoining Forests' harvesting permits or incidental use guides.

Permits:

Anyone 18 yrs. or older wishing to harvest wild mushrooms for sale are required to have a commercial use permit. The daily harvest record must be properly filled out when leaving one area for another or leaving the forest. You may attain a commercial permit from the local Ranger District Office. Contact the Ranger District Office for more information as mushrooms are not always available depending on weather and other conditions which promote sprouting.

Commercial Permit:

If you plan to sell your mushrooms, you are required to purchase this type of permit. Permits are sold based on number of days and days are consecutive. A minimum purchase of \$20.00 is required, for specific costs of minimum day permit, 30 day, or Season contact the Ranger District Office for the area you want to gather mushrooms.

Incidental Use is Personal Use:

Under the Incidental Use Guide mushroom gathering (excludes Matsutake) for **personal use** is free with no permit required, The Incidental Use Guide lists the requirements and quantities you may gather and is available at any local Ranger District Office or the Shasta-Trinity National Forest website. You must quarter your mushrooms if the cap is 2" or larger. Under the free use authority **you may not sell your mushrooms** under this authority.

For further information and office hours, call the local District Office.
Most office hours are: Monday – Friday 8:00-4:30 – Closed on holidays



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