

JACKSON DEMONSTRATION STATE FOREST
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION
MUSHROOM GATHERING PERMITS

Questions and Answers

Can we gather mushrooms on the Jackson Demonstration State Forest?

- 🍄 Yes, with an annual permit.
- 🍄 **Collecting without a permit or in violation of the permit is a Misdemeanor punishable by up to \$1,000.00, six months in jail, or both.**

How much can I gather?

- 🍄 Commercial permits are \$20.00 annually. There is no daily limit for gathering under this permit.
- 🍄 Special Use permits can be arranged for educational purposes by contacting staff.

Where can I get the permits?

- 🍄 Jackson Demonstration State Forest Headquarters, 802 North Main Street, Fort Bragg, (707) 964-5674.
- 🍄 Hours: Monday through Friday 8am to noon, 1pm to 5 pm, closed holidays.

What are the rules for Mushroom Gathering?

- 🍄 Permit must be carried by the permittee when gathering mushrooms on State Forest lands.
- 🍄 Vehicles parked by mushroom pickers must show a valid mushroom card - placed on the dash.
- 🍄 Permits are non-transferable.
- 🍄 One permit per receptacle carried.
- 🍄 Digging for mushrooms is prohibited. Soil is to be left undisturbed. Collectors found with digging tools will lose all privileges permanently.

Where can I gather?

Most of the forest is open, with the following exceptions. Areas closed to mushroom collecting are:

- 🍄 Areas posted **“CLOSED”**. This is for your safety. Also please note, areas posted **“CLOSED TO MOTORIZED VEHICLES”** includes **ATV's and motorcycles**.
- 🍄 Areas designated **“CLOSED”**. This includes areas around conservation camps, timber harvesting areas, and some research study areas.
- 🍄 Lands off the State Forest (without specific written permission of the landowner). This permit is for collecting on Jackson Demonstration State Forest **only**, and DOES NOT authorize collection anywhere else.
- 🍄 Be aware that the boundaries with State Parks are not extensively marked. Mushroom gathering is prohibited in State Parks.

Last but not Least

- 🍄 Many forest roads have closed gates in the winter to prevent environmental damage. No motorized vehicles are allowed behind the locked gates. **Do not block gates or roads (vehicles may be towed at owner's expense)**. If you find a gate open to a native-dirt surface road or other problem, please contact the office at (707) 964-5674.
- 🍄 Roads and trails are more rustic than in parks, storms can change conditions. Be prepared!
- 🍄 **No unlicensed motor vehicles may be operated within the State Forest at any time, including off-road motorcycles and ATVs. A green sticker is NOT a license.**
- 🍄 *Enjoy yourself and remain safe, but please, obey the rules.*