

## A FEW GENERAL RULES

- ❖ Commercial harvesting of mushrooms is allowed in the Robert, Wedge Canyon, Blackfoot Complex and Ball Fire areas located on the Glacier View and Hungry Horse Ranger Districts.
- ❖ Commercial picking is not allowed in designated wilderness, Research Natural Areas, or other designated non-harvest areas.
- ❖ Harvesting mushrooms for personal use is allowed in all fire areas. Permits and maps are available at any Flathead area Forest Service office and on the Flathead Natl. Forest web site.
- ❖ Commercial and personal use permits are not transferable across forest boundaries.
- ❖ Get permission first—before picking on private land.
- ❖ Commercial and personal use harvesting is allowed on State of Montana lands. A special permit for commercial harvesting is required, available at the Hungry Horse Ranger Station Office. A State Lands Recreational Use License is required for personal use harvesting, available at any State lands office where hunting and fishing licenses are sold.
- ❖ Protect future harvests. Reduce impacts to the fungus by not disturbing the ground habitat. No raking, digging, or other ground disturbances are allowed when collecting mushrooms. Cut or break off mushrooms at ground level.

- ❖ Road closures—get a forest road access map, available at local forest offices. Some roads have been closed to protect wildlife, sensitive land resources, provide for public safety, and reduce user conflicts. Motorized vehicles are not allowed on closed roads or off existing roads, and please do not block gates with your vehicle.
- ❖ Please do your part in taking care of this valuable resource by respecting the land and all forest visitors.
- ❖ No collecting and/or transporting mushrooms in Glacier National Park.

## Flathead National Forest Local Offices

Flathead National Forest Supervisor's Office  
1935 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East  
Kalispell, Montana 59901  
Phone 758-5204  
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead/>

Tally Lake Ranger District  
1335 Highway 93 West  
Whitefish, MT 59937  
Phone 863-5400



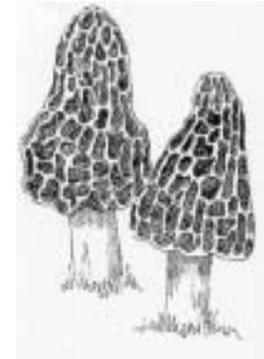
Swan Lake Ranger District  
200 Ranger Station Road  
Bigfork, MT 59911  
Phone 837-7500

Hungry Horse/Glacier View/Spotted Bear  
8975 Highway 2 East  
Hungry Horse, MT 59919  
Phone 387-3800

Spotted Bear Phone: 758-5376

# MUSHROOM GUIDE

2004



*The* fires of 2004 could have a dramatic effect on the population of mushrooms in burned areas across the Northern Region of the Forest Service.

This guide will tell you about the Flathead National forest mushroom policy and offer some general information about mushrooms.

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

*For more information contact your local Ranger District office or Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation.*

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# PERMITS, REQUIREMENTS, AND FEES

## TYPES OF PERMITS

**PERSONAL USE (recreational)** means you can pick up to 5 gallons of mushrooms per day. Resale of the mushrooms is prohibited. **On the Flathead National Forest any person wanting to collect mushrooms for personal use must get a free use permit and have it available when collecting. Mushrooms must be sliced lengthwise at the time of harvesting.** Permits are available at any Flathead area Forest Service office and at the Condon Work Center.

**COMMERCIAL USE** means you can pick any quantity of mushrooms, and sell them. Each commercial harvester age 12 and older, must purchase a permit. Commercial harvesting permitted only in designated areas. Maps and permits for both Flathead National Forest and State of Montana lands are available at the Hungry Horse Ranger Station.

## COMMERCIAL PERMIT FEES

14-day permit = \$40  
30-day permit = \$75  
Season permit = \$100

## CAMPING

Commercial harvesters wanting to camp on national forest lands need to purchase a camping permit and camp in designated areas. Camping permits are available at the Hungry Horse Ranger Station. Recreational camping is available on National Forest lands. Campers need to follow the 14-day limit in a 30 day period for the occupancy of a campsite.

## WHILE ENJOYING THE GREAT OUTDOORS, REMEMBER:

- Pack it in. Pack it out.
- Food and other bear attractants MUST be stored in bear resistant containers or be attended at all times while camping or recreating on Flathead National Forest.**
- Don't leave cigarette butts on the ground.
- Bury human waste a minimum of 12-18 inches deep and 200 feet away from any water source or open road.
- Remove and properly dispose of pet waste.
- Discharging firearms within campsites is prohibited.
- Never leave your campfire unattended! Campfires may be restricted during periods of high fire danger.
- Do not block gates, roads or interfere with the use of trails.
- Encounters with logging trucks are likely, even on weekends.
- Understand the fishing and hunting regulations. Several fishing areas are catch and release only.



## KNOW YOUR MUSHROOMS!

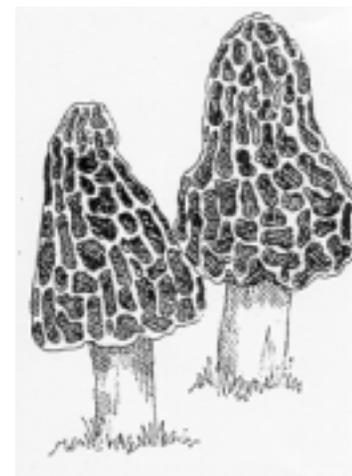
Properly identifying and determining whether a mushroom is edible is your responsibility. ***Many forest mushrooms are poisonous.***

Guidebooks can help you identify mushrooms. Some national forests offer field guides for sale.

Your local library, county extension office and local Mycological Society are good sources of information. The Western Montana Mycological Association has a web site at [www.fungaljungle.org](http://www.fungaljungle.org).

Our word to the wise:

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



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