



Pacific Northwest Region
Gifford Pinchot National Forest
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News Release

Christmas Tree Permit Sales Start November 16 on Gifford Pinchot National Forest

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It's time to dig around the garage and find the box of holiday decorations. Starting November 16, the public can buy personal use Christmas tree cutting permits at Gifford Pinchot National Forest offices and many local vendors. Permits will cost \$5.00 each using cash, check, or credit card. There is a limit of five permits per household and permits are valid for one-time use. Christmas tree permits include a map of cutting areas and an information sheet with special instructions for cutting Christmas trees on the national forest.

Additionally, as part of the national Every Kid in a Park initiative, the U.S. Forest Service is excited to announce that all fourth graders are eligible for a free national forest Christmas tree permit. In order for students to receive a free tree permit, they must present an Every Kid in a Park pass or a valid paper voucher printed from the Every Kid in a Park website. Fourth graders and their parents should visit www.everykidinapark.gov for more details and to obtain their paper voucher.

Winter weather in the forest can change rapidly. Most forest roads are not maintained for winter driving. Forest staff recommend bringing traction devices and a shovel, extra food, drinking water, winter clothing, blankets, a flashlight, and a first aid kit. Don't forget a tool for cutting the tree and a rope or cord to secure it to vehicles. Tree cutting and travel may take longer than anticipated, so let a friend or family member know where you're going, get an early start, and leave the woods well before dark.

For more information on current road status and closures please visit:

www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/giffordpinchot/recreation#cond

For additional information and a video on successful tree harvesting please visit:

www.fs.usda.gov/detail/giffordpinchot/passes-permits/?cid=fsbdev3_005072

Visitors can purchase Christmas tree permits at the following Gifford Pinchot National Forest offices and vendor locations near you.

Gifford Pinchot National Forest Headquarters

Fort Vancouver Visitor Center

1501 E Evergreen Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98661; (360) 891-5001

Hours: Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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Mt. Adams Ranger District

2455 Highway 141, Trout Lake, WA 98650; (509) 395-3400

Office Hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Closed for lunch from noon until 1 p.m. daily.)

Cowlitz Valley Ranger District

10024 US Hwy 12, Randle, WA 98377; (360) 497-1100

Office Hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Closed for lunch from noon until 1 p.m. daily.)

Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument

42218 NE Yale Bridge Rd., Amboy, WA 98607; (360) 449-7800

Office Hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All Forest Service offices will be *closed* Thanksgiving Day Nov. 24, 2016.

Vendor Locations (Call for hours of operation and information):

Amboy, WA – Amboy Market (360) 247-5421

Amboy, WA – Chelatchie Prairie General Store (360) 247-5529

Cougar, WA – Lakeside Country Store (360) 238-5202

Cougar, WA – Cougar Store (360) 238-5228

Kalama, WA – Kalama Spirits and Tobacco (360) 673-4991

Carson, WA – Wind River Market (509) 427-5565

Home Valley, WA – Home Valley Store (509) 427-4015

Trout Lake, WA – Little Mountain (True Value) Hardware (509) 395-2773

Stevenson, WA – Main St. Convenience Store (open 24 hours) (509) 427-5653

Ashford, WA - Ashford General Store (360) 569-2377

Elbe, WA – Elbe Junction (360) 524-7707

Elbe, WA - Elbe Mall (360) 569-2772

Packwood, WA- Blanton's Market (360) 494-6101

Randle, WA – Fischer's Market (360) 497-5355

Randle, WA – Randle One Stop (360) 497-3261

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