

MATSUTAKE MUSHROOM PERMITS AVAILABLE SEPT. 6

Matsutake mushroom permits will be available for the Umpqua National Forest beginning Tuesday, Sept. 6.

The permits are also good for harvesting on the Fremont-Winema, Willamette and Deschutes National Forests, except in wilderness areas. The 2016 matsutake mushroom season runs from Sept. 6 to Nov. 6.

To pick mushrooms on national forest system lands, a permit from the U.S. Forest

Service is required. A commercial use permit for matsutake mushrooms is \$200 for the 62-day season, \$100 for a half-season (valid for 31 consecutive days), or \$8 per day with a three-day minimum purchase (picking days need not be consecutive).

Harvesters must be at least 18 years of age with a valid ID in order to purchase a permit.

The permits may be purchased Monday through Friday,

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at all district offices of the Umpqua National Forest.

Offices are located in Tiller, Glide, Toketee and Cottage Grove. Permits are also available at district offices of the Deschutes, Fremont-Winema and Willamette National Forests.

Included with each permit is an informational synopsis, a map showing areas open for harvesting and a motor vehicle

use map. Anyone wishing to camp outside of a designated campground should use the motor vehicle use map to locate areas for dispersed camping on the Umpqua National Forest.

The Little Odell Mushroom Camp is set aside for commercial harvesters on the Deschutes and Fremont-Winema National Forests.

Near Crescent Lake, the industrial campground will open Sept. 6 and is managed by

Hoodoo Recreation Services.

The cost is \$125 per harvester for the full two month season, \$75 for a half season and \$40 per week.

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Trail from 1B

For Gastelun, it's about getting physically fit and maybe being a part of starting a new tradition at Mapleton.

"I couldn't believe it when I found out there was a cross country program starting this year," says Gastelun, who wasn't even born yet the last time Mapleton had a cross country roster. "It's pretty cool being a part of some-

thing new."

Because the original budget for the school year didn't include another fall sports program, Longo is volunteering his time — something he says he is happy to do.

"The more experiences we can offer our kids the better," says Longo — coincidentally, last year's IA Athletic Director of the Year. "I have to say, it's been a good way for me to get back in shape too."

Longo, who competed in the discus and hammer in school, admits his involvement in running in college came as a challenge from his father.

"We made a bet that if I lost 30 pounds by the end of the season, he'd quit smoking."

And if Longo lost?

"I'd have to wear a dress to thanksgiving dinner," he laughs. "I lost 38 pounds and he quit smoking. It was a win-win for everyone. Especially since no

one had to see me in a dress at dinner."

Longo, who ran his first half-marathon four years ago, has continued to run when he can, including another upcoming half-marathon this September.

In some ways, it's almost as if fate were preparing Longo for this turn of events at Mapleton.

"It's inspiring to have kids who are committed," he says. "Cole and Richie have been working hard, and we all feel that

there's a chance we could be starting a new tradition with so many really strong middle schoolers coming up over the next few years."

"Definitely," says Gastelun. "I know a couple of people who might come to run once they find out."

Some athletic traditions start with the smallest steps and best intentions.

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Fishing from 1B

SILETZ RIVER: Steelhead, cutthroat

Steelhead fishing is fair. This run typically peaks by early July. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective. Cover water and fish small and simple as the river conditions are low and clear. For cutthroat trout, casting small spinners, spoons or fly fishing streamers or dry flies can be very effective.

WILSON RIVER: Steelhead, Chinook, cutthroat

Fishing for steelhead and spring Chinook is slow. The water is low and clear, so use lighter gear and target the deeper holding areas. Trout angling should be fair.

YAQUINA RIVER: Cutthroat

For cutthroat trout casting small spinners, spoons or fly fishing streamers or dry flies can be very effective. Angling for all species in streams above tidewater is restricted to artificial flies and lures until Sept. 1.

COOS COUNTY LAKES AND PONDS: Trout, warmwater fish

There are trout available for kids in the Millicoma Pond at the Millicoma Interpretive Center and fishing is excellent.

Millicoma Pond is set aside for kids fishing only and is a great chance for them to hook into fish. Call before traveling to Millicoma Pond to make sure the gates are open. The phone number is 541-267-2557.

Fishing for largemouth bass is best in mornings and late evenings. Bass will be found in a little deeper water associated with cover, like weedlines or other structure.

Bluegill fishing is picking up with many fish found in or near shallow water. Plastic worms, shallow crankbaits, topwater lures, and spinner baits are good to use for bass. Bluegills will bite on worms, small jigs, or flies.

UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: Bass

Trout fishing is catch-and-release only in the South Umpqua and tributaries. Bass fishing should be good with warmer water temperatures.

TENMILE BASIN: Trout, bass, yellow perch

Trout fishing has been slow in Tenmile Lakes due to warm water. Trout anglers should fish in the deep water and fishing is usually best in the mornings.

Largemouth bass fishing has been good over the past month. Anglers are catching bass near structure or on the deep end of the weed lines using spinner baits, jigs, or rubber worms. Top water lures have been effective in the early mornings or evenings.

Fishing for yellow perch has been slow in Tenmile Lakes. Anglers fishing along the edge of the weedlines are having the best success.

Worms fished near the lake bottom work very well for catching yellow perch.

The water level in the lakes is very low so boat anglers should use caution.

COOS RIVER BASIN:

Dungeness crab, bay clams, rockfish

Angling is restricted to artificial flies and lures in streams above tidewater.

Anglers have been catching a few rockfish along the jetties and submerged rock piles. The marine fish daily bag limit for bottom fish (rockfish) is seven fish and a separate daily limit for lingcod (2). Anglers can only keep three blue rockfish and one canary rockfish as part of their daily limit and there will be no harvest of China, quillback, or copper rockfish. Retention of one cabezon per day is allowed.

Crabbing has been decent for those crabbing from a boat with the best crabbing near high tide. There has been a mixture of hard shell and soft shell crab in the catch. It is still recommended you discard the crab viscera (guts/butter) before cooking.

Recreational harvest of bay clams remains open along the entire Oregon coast. Clamming is excellent during low tides near Charleston, off Cape Arago Highway, and Clam Island. There are also good places to dig clams even on positive low tides in Coos Bay.

NOTE: Recreational harvest of razor clams is closed from the north jetty of the Siuslaw River south to the California border due to elevated levels of domoic acid. This includes all beaches and all bays.

Before any shellfish harvest trip, make sure to check the Oregon Department of Agriculture website for any updates.

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