

It's Christmas Tree cutting season

It's never too early to get into the Christmas spirit! Christmas tree permits can now be purchased or redeemed at Deschutes and Ochoco National Forest offices.

Individual Christmas tree permits are \$5 each and can be purchased or redeemed on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Deschutes or Ochoco Supervisor or District Offices and a number of Central Oregon retailers.

Each household can purchase a maximum of five permits.

For the fourth year in a row, Smokey Bear and Santa Claus are teaming up to bring some special holiday cheer to fourth-graders across the country. As part of the national Every Kid in a Park initiative, the U.S. Forest Service notes that all fourth-graders are eligible for a free Christmas tree permit from their local National Forest.

In order for students to receive a free tree permit, they must present a valid paper voucher printed from the Every Kid in a Park website.

Step 1: Visit www.everykidinapark.gov and follow instructions to obtain the paper voucher.

Step 2: Print out the paper voucher.

Step 3: Bring the paper voucher to a National Forest office to claim the free permit.

Additional information and a list of retailers can be found online at <https://go.usa.gov/xPGgd>.



Be mindful of the season when you're out in the woods with the family. Weather conditions at higher elevations can be dramatically different from local conditions, and visitors should be prepared for cold and unpredictable weather. Additionally, most forest roads are not maintained for winter driving, so snow patches or debris may be encountered.

Bring a hand saw or axe as well as winter clothing and safety equipment. Tire chains and a shovel are recommended, as is extra food, drinking water, blankets, a flashlight, first-aid kit and survival gear. Tree cutting and travel can take longer than anticipated, and individuals are encouraged to notify a friend or family member of the anticipated destination and to leave the woods well before dark.

To keep a tree from drying out and becoming a fire hazard, leave it outside until you're ready to move it indoors. Cut the trunk at an angle before placing it in the stand and remember to refill the stand's reservoir daily.

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It all began 23 years ago. While attending the University of Hawaii, winemaker Brent Renison learned many things, including how to make pineapple wine.

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After the couple moved to Sisters, Whychus Cellars was established in 2016 and now produces a modest supply of pinot noir and white pinot noir; a locally crafted complement to your holiday dinners or simply a post-holiday restorative. The winery's name was inspired by the rugged beauty of Whychus Creek and was chosen for a wine that invites conversation about the creek habitat restoration projects underway.

Sisters-area delivery is available through their website, www.WychusCellars.com.



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Celebrate the start of Chanukah on December 2 with the lighting of a giant menorah. Stop by December 14 and take in an armada of illuminated kayaks and canoes during the annual Holiday Lights Paddle Parade.

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