

## Foraging on state forest land

Foraging rules vary depending on the type of state land you are on – so it's important to know if you're visiting a state forest, a state park, or another type of land. Minnesota has 4.2 million acres of state forest land, with many opportunities to safely, sustainably, and legally forage wild edibles.

In Minnesota state forests, you do not need a permit to:



Harvest small amounts of edible mushrooms for personal use



Harvest small amounts of edible berries for personal use

To harvest plants, you will need a **special product permit** from a local DNR Forestry office.

Foraging is more limited in Minnesota state parks. Interested in what you can forage in a state park? Visit

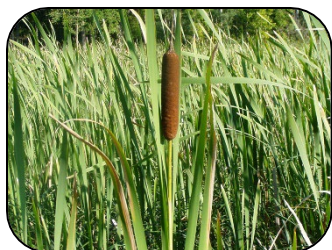
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## Foraging permits for state forest lands

You need a special product permit to:

- Collect berries, mushrooms, nuts, seeds, cones, or dead fuelwood in any amount to sell (all harvesting for commercial use requires a permit).
- Cut or remove any trees or plants for any reason (personal or commercial use), such as: birch bark, trees or shrubs, fiddlehead ferns, Solomon's seal, flowers, etc.



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## How to get a special product permit

Visit or call the DNR Forestry office closest to the state forest where you want to harvest.

### Forestry Office Locator:

[mndnr.gov/contact/locator.html?unit=FOR](https://mndnr.gov/contact/locator.html?unit=FOR)

**Note:** The downtown office in St. Paul does not sell special product permits.

To get a permit, you will need to provide:

- Your name, and the name of anyone else in your household who wants to harvest.
- The location where you want to forage.
- What you want to harvest.
- How much you want to harvest.
- Payment for the permit fee with a check or money order (the minimum fee is \$25.00, but it varies depending on species and amount desired).
- Cash and credit cards are not accepted.

Learn more by visiting

[mndnr.gov/forestry/harvest-permits-state-lands.html](https://mndnr.gov/forestry/harvest-permits-state-lands.html) or scan the following QR code:

