

KITSAP COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 164

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KITSAP COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGARDING  
KITSAP COUNTY PARKS MUSHROOM HARVEST POLICIES**

A Resolution to protect and enhance natural fungal ecosystem diversity and health, thereby promoting soil and water quality, and wildlife habitat while providing reasonable and appropriate guidelines for the personal harvest of fungi.

WHEREAS, Kitsap County benefits from an array of natural resources and habitats; and

WHEREAS, the vision of the Kitsap County government is to protect natural resources and systems to ensure that Kitsap County's ecosystems remain healthy for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Kitsap County Department of Parks is committed to providing a balance of science based long term natural resources stewardship and public recreation opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners adopt the following Kitsap County Parks Department Mushroom Harvest Policies.

1. No commercial mushroom harvesting will be permitted.
2. Harvesting of mushrooms is for personal use only and cannot be sold or used for barter.
3. Mushrooms are to be cut at or above the ground keeping the growing site as undisturbed as possible; Use of tools other than a knife or scissors is prohibited.
4. For multiple species, the daily limit is three (3) gallons per person, one (1) gallon, or one mushroom larger than a gallon in size, per species.
5. Harvested chanterelle mushrooms must have a cap diameter of one (1) inch or greater.
6. Harvesting involving raking or other techniques that have the potential to degrade park natural or cultural resources are prohibited.
7. Pick only up to ½ of the visible mushrooms, leaving the balance for propagation and wildlife.

8. Carry harvested mushrooms in a basket or open mesh bag to promote spore dispersal.
9. Walk and harvest gently to minimize soil compaction, erosion, and plant destruction.
10. Discard specimens and trimmings off the trail into the woods.
11. Avoid collecting mushrooms from previously harvested areas or near chemically treated areas.
12. Depending on the park, mushroom harvesting may be restricted or limited to certain areas.
13. Park vehicles in approved or designated areas; don't block park gates or entrances.
14. Don't trespass on private property to access parks or harvest mushrooms.

Signed this 27<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2014

**Board of County Commissioners  
Kitsap County, Washington**



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Charlotte Garrido, Chair

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Robert Gelder, Commissioner

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Linda Streissguth, Commissioner

Attest:

Carolyn S. Spangler for  
Dana Daniels, Clerk of the Board