

## Answers to Frequently Asked Questions about PSMS weekend Field trips:

### Do I need to register for the field trips?

Preregistration is not required for any field trips at this time- just show up at those you're interested in going to. However, please be sure to sign in upon arrival at the field trip site. This helps us keep track of how many members are attending each field trip, whether you're staying for the potluck or not, if you are willing to host in the future, for Lost and Found purposes, etc.

### Can I bring other people who are non-members?

At this time, it is OK to bring a single friend or extended family member once in a while to most field trips. You may not bring groups of friends or other families who are Non-members. If your guest wishes to attend regular field trips more often, they should join PSMS. **The exception to this policy is the Coleman S. Leuthy Mt. Maple Field Trip at Eagle Creek, NE of Leavenworth, WA. Anyone attending this event MUST be a member, no exceptions.** If you have a guest that wishes to attend this event, they must become members at least 1 week ahead of Memorial Day to show up on the roster for the event. If you have any questions regarding these policies please contact Marian Maxwell at [president@psms.org](mailto:president@psms.org).

### When are the field trips? Can we camp overnight at the site?

Field trip times are held on Saturdays, with Mushroom ID people available. Additional camping times may be available from Friday afternoon-Sunday morning, for those field trip sites that list the dates to cover the entire weekend (this is noted on the field trip insert and calendar). This is complementary to our membership, and is paid for out of our Membership Dues and Annual Fall Show income.

### When should I arrive at the field trip location?

Please arrive early on field trip days (between 8:00 and 9:00 am) if you want to join with others going out in a group or be led by a PSMS Field Trip Guide. Be prepared - go with a group: Dress appropriately. At field trips it is highly recommended that you always go out in the woods with at least one other person in case of an emergency. Be sure to have your cell phone charged and with you and also it is very handy if you have Motorola-like two way radios for communication in rough terrain or when out of sight with others. Following these simple suggestions could actually save your life.

### What about food?

If you are new, be sure to say Hello and introduce yourself to our Volunteer Hosts, who bring and serve up the coffee, and snacks, as well as set out potluck plates, utensils etc., for the event. Complimentary Coffee and Breakfast Snacks will be provided after 9 AM. Potlucks are usually held sometime between 3-5pm. Remember to bring Serving Utensils for your potluck dish. The hosts have a limited back-up supply available if needed. These are paid for out of our Membership Dues and Annual Fall Show income. If you would like to Host or co-Host a future field trip, contact our Volunteer Host Coordinator at [host@psms.org](mailto:host@psms.org). It is a terrific way to meet and get to know many of our interesting membership, and there is still plenty of time to go mushroom foraging. You may even discover new foraging partner(s) while serving up that morning coffee!!!

### Is there a way we can carpool with other members?

Carpooling: Kindly consider joining the PSMS Yahoo groups, and let the group know if you are looking for, or offering to drive a carpool. If you are a Passenger, please remember to offer to help pay for the driver's gas expenses. Drivers, please let your passengers know the terms of your agreement up front, such as if you plan to stay for the potluck, gas \$ contributions, if you are staying overnight, etc. To join the PSMS-Members Yahoo group, first log in to your member profile page at the [www.psms.org](http://www.psms.org) website using the user name and password assigned to you when you joined PSMS. On top of the profile are instructions and a link for the Yahoo group. Click on the link, then click on "Join This Group." If you are not sure what your Password is, use the "Forgot Your Password?" link on the member's sign in page. If you have forgotten your User name you will need to send an email to [membership@psms.org](mailto:membership@psms.org) or [president@psms.org](mailto:president@psms.org).

### Can I bring my dog?

Only friendly, well-behaved dogs are welcome at field trips and must be leashed and under your supervision (including cleaning up after them) at all times. You may not leave your dog unattended and tethered at a shelter or campsite, in your car or for others to have to watch while out collecting. At the Memorial Day field trip on May 23-26<sup>th</sup> which is on private property, you may only bring your own dog.

### Can we go ahead of time and hunt in the area?

Please do not hunt in the immediate field trip areas up to two weeks prior to the field trip. This is a courtesy to your fellow members and also to our club itself.

### Do I need any kind of permits for the field trips?

You are responsible for your own permits for our field trip areas.

### *Permits required for field trips:*

**If you are parking and hiking at trailheads in the area, you will need a Northwest Trail Pass (one per vehicle).**

**If you are parking in and hunting in any of the state parks in the area, you must have a Discover Pass.**

To purchase Northwest Trail Passes or State Park permits please visit this page:

<http://www.wta.org/hiking-info/passes/what-pass-do-i-need-faq/passes-and-permit-info>.

Harvesting permits (if required for the particular area, or if you intend to gather more than the personal harvesting limit in some areas) must be obtained from the Forest Service Office in the area in which you are hunting, they cannot be purchased online. Be sure to check with the forest service ahead of time, many offices are not open weekends to issue permits, but the regulatory office which issues citations do work on the weekends. Keep in mind that regulations are subject to change in any areas due to mushroom harvesting being a managed resource. Always check the federal or state guidelines online for the area or areas in which you will be hunting before you go to see if there have been any changes since the harvesting rules on our website were updated last.

Harvesting regulations are listed on our webpage here:

<http://www.psms.org/WAMushroomRulesNov2012.pdf>