

2022 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT PSMS FIELD TRIPS

Where are the field trips listed for the membership?

We generally have at least 3-5 field trips for our members each spring and fall. The list of field trips is located:

1. In the Members area online– To access the field trip insert online go to the “Membership” heading on our home page (www.psms.org), and click on Members’ page. Log in with your user name and password. You will find the Field trip Schedule link under Communication in the Member area Features section.
2. On the PSMS calendar. – To access the calendar follow the instructions above for logging in to the Members’ pages. Under “My Membership Information”, click on “Calendar of Events” in the Event section.

Do I need to sign up for the field trips on the field trip schedule?

NO - just show up at those you're interested in going to.

When you arrive at the field trip location you will be required to sign in and accept the liability waiver to participate in the field trip.

Can I bring other people who are not members?

NO. Field trips are for MEMBERS ONLY. Members of your household that wish to attend field trips should be listed as members on your PSMS profile page.

What should I bring or wear?

- Raingear, layer up, hat, hiking shoes or boots, hiking poles?
- A collecting basket, back pack or mesh bag
- A knife, guidebook?
- Bug repellent
- **A loud emergency whistle**
- Camp chair so that you have a place to sit
- Water/snacks/ post field trip food for yourself (plates, utensils, cups?)
- Small emergency kit?/ any medicines that you require
- Harvest permits if required for hunting mushrooms
(<https://www.psms.org/WAMushroomRulesMay2016.pdf>)
- Car Permits required to access the trails, state parks or federal land if required
- An orange vest for visibility during the hunting season?
- Walkie –talkies if you have them.

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

Single day field trip times are held on Saturdays. Weekend field trips are from Friday afternoon till Sunday morning and the camping site in the group camp on those weekends is complementary with a membership.

When should I arrive at the field trip location?

Arrive early on Saturday between 8:00 and 8:30am. Be prepared. *Dress appropriately.*

Can I go out with a PSMS guide?

Guided field trips are for NEW Members only, since space is very limited. *You MUST now have an emergency whistle to go on a guided field trip.* You will need to sign up for a guide when you get to the field trip location. First come, first served, limit of 10 persons per guide.

What about food?

Complimentary coffee and a few snacks will be provided from 8:30-9 am. These are paid for out of our membership dues. You must provide your own lunch. Any dinner potlucks will be in the late afternoon. You will need to bring your own potluck contribution, serving utensils, plates, cups and eating utensils if you wish to stay for the late afternoon get together.

Is there a way we can carpool with other members?

Join the PSMS Message boards in the Member's area of the website! Let the group whether you are offering to drive or that you need a ride. As 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 the entire day, gas money contributions, if you are staying overnight on the weekend trips, etc.

To join or post in the Message Boards, first log in to your member profile page at the www.psms.org website using your user name and the password assigned to you when you joined PSMS. Passwords can be reset using the "Forgot your Password?" link on the sign in page. Under "Members Area Features" in the Communication section, click on Message Boards. You will find a topic labeled "Carpool".

Can I bring my dog?

Only your own friendly, well behaved dogs are welcome at field trips. They must be leashed and under your supervision (including cleaning up after them) at all times.

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 club members.

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

You are responsible for your own harvesting or access permits for our field trip areas. Here is a description of the different access passes: (<https://www.wta.org/go-outside/passes>)

Northwest Trail Pass – one per car for hunting in National Forests in some areas or parking in trailheads
Discover Pass – one per car for hunting in any state parks

Harvesting permits - may or may not be required depending on the area in which you are hunting. Harvesting permits if required, 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.

Here is a link to our compiled Washington Harvesting rules page website:

<https://www.psms.org/WAMushroomRulesMay2016.pdf>

Is a Field trip the same as a foray?

No. A foray costs to attend and there is pre-registration and payment required. Dogs are usually not permitted at forays (depending on the rules of the private property owners – the exception is service dogs).

If you have questions that are not answered here, please contact Marian Maxwell at outreach@psms.org.