

# Chimacum Ridge Community Forest

## Foraging and Gathering Policy

### Purpose

The Foraging and Gathering Policy for Chimacum Ridge Community Forest encourages community members to responsibly forage for small quantities of vegetation, berries, mushrooms, and other natural resources, while ensuring the sustainability of the forest ecosystem.

### Scope

This policy covers foraging and gathering by individuals and small family groups.

### Permissible Foraging and Gathering

- Foraging and gathering is allowed for personal use only. Visitors may collect small quantities of plant materials, berries, mushrooms, and other natural resources for personal consumption or use.
- Foraging and gathering is not allowed in designated sensitive areas, in order to minimize impact on habitats. Sensitive areas include streams, wetlands, and areas identified on the trail maps and by signs.

### Group Foraging

- Organized foraging groups or events must obtain prior permission from the Community Forest Manager.
- Tribal harvesting and foraging is welcomed in coordination with the Community Forest Manager.

### Prohibited Activities

- Bough collection, bark harvesting, removing plants or trees.
- Collection of endangered, protected, or rare species.
- Unauthorised commercial collection of plant resources for resale or other commercial purposes.
  - Vendors interested in a possible commercial harvest must contact the Community Forest Manager.

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## Sustainable Practices

- The Chimacum Ridge Community Forest is a shared resource. Visitors finding foragable resources should be careful to ensure that the resource is both shared, and sustainable for other users and for future generations.
- Guidelines for foraging will be developed, maintained, and published on the website and signage at the community forest. The guidelines should include recommendations for the safe identification of plants and fungi.