

Indiana County Parks & Trails Mushroom Hunting Guidelines

Mushroom hunters are asked to observe the following guidelines when collecting mushrooms at our county parks and trails:

1. Mushroom hunters will be permitted to gather mushrooms off-trail, provided excessive trampling of natural areas does not occur.
2. Mushroom hunters are expected to otherwise adhere to all current park Rules and Regulations.
3. Mushrooms are to be collected in open weave baskets or equivalent collection device to increase the potential for spore dispersal as mushrooms are moved through the property.
4. Mushroom hunters may not make a total harvest of mushrooms at any given collection site. An ample number of representatives of each species harvested must be left behind at each collection site.
5. Digging out mushrooms is permitted only to identify those species that cannot be safely identified above ground. Digging is to be done to the minimal amount necessary.
6. Mushroom hunters are to practice good natural area stewardship by ensuring that their outerwear, gloves, and boots are free of mud and hitch-hiking seeds before hunting mushrooms on park property.
7. Any coarse woody debris (logs, stumps, etc.) moved during the mushroom collection process should be returned to its original resting spot to preserve the integrity of insect and herptile microhabitat.
8. Mushrooms collected on park property are intended for personal consumption and are not to be sold.
9. Indiana County Parks & Trails does not assume responsibility for the identification of any mushroom species on its property and is not responsible for any illness which may result from the ingestion of a wild mushroom.

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