



TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST



2019 HOLIDAY TREE CUTTING PERMITS

The Tahoe National Forest is selling personal-use Holiday Tree Cutting Permits beginning on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. The non-refundable permits are \$10.00. Each Permit allows the cutting of one Holiday tree. Two permits per household and permittees must be present to purchase.

Permits may be used only on the Tahoe National Forest. Along with the Permit and tree tag, permittees will also receive a map showing designated cutting areas, requirements, and helpful tips.

WHERE TO GET YOUR HOLIDAY TREE CUTTING PERMIT

Supervisor's Office— Nevada City 631 Coyote St Nevada City, CA 95959 (530) 265-4531	American River Ranger District* 22830 Foresthill Rd Foresthill, CA 95631 (530) 367-2224	Sierraville Ranger District 317 South Lincoln St Sierraville, CA 96126 (530) 994-3401	Truckee Ranger District 10811 Stockrest Springs Rd Truckee, CA 96161 (530) 587-3558	Yuba River Ranger District 15924 Highway 49 Camptonville, CA 95922 (530) 478-6253
Monday – Friday: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm	Monday – Friday: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm and limited Saturdays*	Monday – Friday: 8:00 – 4:30 pm	Monday – Friday: 8:00 – 4:30 pm	Monday – Friday: 8:00 – 4:30 pm

Please Note: All Tahoe National Forest Offices will be closed to the public November 28 and 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

*The American River Ranger District offices will be open the following Saturdays between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm: Nov. 16th, Nov. 23rd, Nov. 30th and Dec. 7th

Other Locations:

Mountain Hardware and Sports 11320 Donner Pass Rd Truckee, CA. 96161 (530) 587-4844 Mon-Sat 7:00 am – 7:00 pm, Sun 8:00 am -6:00 pm	White's Sierra Station Food Mart 508 Main St Loyalton, CA 96118 (530) 993-1212 Mon – Fri 6:00 am – 6:00 pm, Sat 6:00 am – 5:00 pm	Sierraville Service & Country Store 126 South Lincoln St Sierraville, CA 96126 (530) 994-3529 Mon – Fri 6:00 am – 7:00 pm, Sat 7:00 am – 7:00 pm, Sun 8:00 am – 7:00 pm
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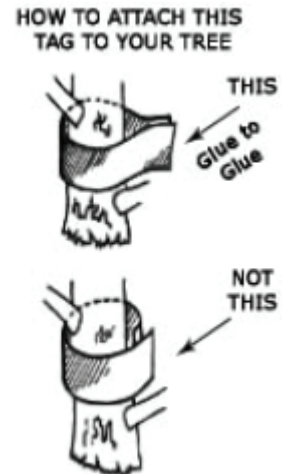
FREE HOLIDAY TREE FOR 4TH GRADERS!

4th graders are eligible to receive a free Holiday Tree Cutting Permit from the Tahoe National Forest with a valid Every Kid Outdoors pass. Only available at Tahoe National Forest Offices. To obtain an Every Kid Outdoors pass, please visit:
<https://everykidoutdoors.gov>



HOLIDAY TREE CUTTING ETIQUETTE AND INSTRUCTIONS

- The Holiday Tree Cutting Permit, maps, and tag are part of the permit and must be in possession of the permittee while cutting and transporting a Holiday tree. Show the Permit to a Law Enforcement or Forest Service Officer upon request.
- Cutting of Holiday trees under this permit is **not permissible** within the boundaries of any campground, snow parks, private landownership, the Eldorado National Forest, the Plumas National Forest, or the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit. This Permit is valid for the **Tahoe National Forest only**. Permittee shall adhere to the Holiday tree cutting areas that are shown on the attached maps.
- Do not cut any tree unless another tree of similar size is within 10 feet.
- Leave a **stump height** less than **12** inches at ground level. Remove any live branches from the stump.
- Cut and scatter any unwanted green branches from the tree bole (stem.) Please do not leave branches in a pile.
- Cutting or removing any tree with a main stem that exceeds 6 inches in diameter measured at ground level is prohibited. If the ends of the permit do not touch when wrapped around the uncut tree at ground level, the tree is too large to be cut.
- While transporting tree, attach the permit to the main stem in so that tag must be broken to be removed from the tree. Attach permit to tree so that it is visible during transit. The tag must remain on the tree during transit.
- Cutting must take place on or before December 25, 2019.



TIPS FOR YOUR TREE CUTTING EXPERIENCE



- **Roads may be closed at any time due to moisture and snow conditions.** County and Forest Service roads off of paved roads and highways are not plowed free of snow. These road surfaces can become extremely icy and snowy making it difficult or dangerous to navigate. Vehicle tire chains or other methods of transportation (snowshoeing, snowmobiling, skiing, hiking, etc.) may be required. A high clearance vehicle with 4 wheel drive is recommended for certain snow depths and road conditions.

- In the event of inclement weather or bad road conditions, carry extra warm clothing, food, water, shovel, first aid kit and tire chains.

- Before leaving home check the local weather and road conditions for the tree cutting area. For highway conditions, check Caltrans Quickmap at <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>

- If cutting in an area adjacent to state highways, **DO NOT** block highway.

TRANSPORT, CARE AND STORAGE OF A HOLIDAY TREE

- **Transport** - Securely tie tree to the vehicle. Face the base of the tree to front of the vehicle to prevent wind damage.

- **Once home** - Place the tree in water as soon as possible. Most species can go 6 to 8 hours after cutting the trunk and still take up water. Do not bruise the cut surface and keep it clean. If needed, trees can be temporarily stored for several days in a cool location. Place the freshly cut trunk in a bucket that is kept full of water.

- **When it is time to bring the tree indoors** - Make a fresh cut to remove about a 1/2-inch thick disk of wood from the base of the trunk before putting the tree in the stand. Make the cut perpendicular to the stem axis. Trees will take up an extraordinary amount of water the first few days indoors. Check the water level of the tree frequently.