



South Park Ranger District
Pike National Forest
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CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM – 2019

Cost: \$20.00 per permit – one permit per tree. Maximum of five trees per household.

Trees are for personal use only; not for resale.

Cutting Dates: November 18 - December 24; physical permit must be in hand.

Reminders

- Trees must be six inches or less in diameter.
- Trees must be cut six inches or less from the ground. Remove any live limbs from the stump.
- Cut where there are a lot of trees. Make sure there is another tree of the same species within ten feet of the one you are cutting.
- Trees cut must be on the South Park Ranger District. There is private land within the forest boundary. It is the tree cutters' responsibility to make sure they are on National Forest. Paper maps of the Pike National Forest maps are available for \$14. Mobile-friendly maps are \$4.99 at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/psicc/maps-pubs>.
- Tag must be attached to the tree within 100 feet of where it was cut down.
- **Permits are non-refundable.**
- **Extensions past the expiration date are not allowed.**
- **Tree cutting is prohibited in the following areas:**
 - ✓ Jefferson Lake Recreation Area
 - ✓ Eleven Mile Canyon Recreation Area
 - ✓ Buffalo Peaks and Lost Creek Wilderness Areas
 - ✓ All picnic areas
 - ✓ All scenic areas
 - ✓ All campgrounds

Safety Suggestions

- Dress warmly and be prepared for changes in weather.
- Forest roads will not be plowed. We recommend you carry chains and/or use a four-wheel drive vehicle. A high-clearance vehicle may also be necessary.
- Have a full tank of gas.
- A good place to look for a Christmas tree is beneath older stands of aspen. There are many Engelmann spruce growing in the shade of aspen stands.
- The coniferous trees found on the district are ponderosa pine, lodgepole pine, bristlecone pine, Engelmann spruce, blue spruce, Douglas fir, and limber pine (descriptive sheet available upon request). We do not recommend the bristlecone pine because of the sap on needles and cones can ruin your clothes and create a fire hazard in your home.

Violators of the following acts will be prosecuted

- Cutting a tree without a permit
- "Topping" trees
- Cutting more than one tree with a single tree permit. If you cut a tree, you must take it.