

Responsible harvesting of forest fruit

Pick the forest fruit so as not to damage the plants. Pick the forest fruit in moderate amounts, only as much as you will actually use. The daily limit on picking mushrooms, chestnuts, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, strawberries, lingonberries and moss is set at 2 kg and on wild garlic at 1 kg per person for personal needs. The picking of all other herbaceous plants is restricted to 1 kg. The picking of all other fruit is restricted to 2 kg. It is forbidden to pick protected plants.

The following rules must be obeyed when picking mushrooms:

- mushrooms must show morphological characteristics on whose basis their species may be reliably determined;
- using mushroom picking tools that may damage habitats or mycelia is prohibited;
- mushrooms must be lightly cleaned already in their habitat;
- mushrooms must only be transported in firm and aerated packaging.

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Out-of-control fire may damage trees and other plants, and animals. In the forest, you may only make a fire in a dedicated area for fires, which is regulated according to regulations on forest and fire protection.



8.

Forest animals are very shy and move away from humans. Do not let noise upset them unnecessarily. Keep dogs under effective control.



9.

Trees and bushes are living things, so respect them and do not damage them. Avoid forest areas that have been rejuvenated with saplings of forest trees.



10.

Water is precious. Forests clean and retain it, and help preserve it as drinking water. Appreciate this function of forests, and do not let harmful substances get into water or the forest floor.



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– FOREST ETIQUETTE –



Let's treat forests with respect

The intersection of the forest and agricultural landscape, the diversity of flora and fauna in the forest, the exceptional properties of individual trees, renewable energy and raw material sources, and the beneficial effects on the whole environment are only the most obvious features of the forest. We would probably only become aware of what they mean to us once the forest and its benefits in our environment are suddenly gone.

Experts manage forests in a sustainable and multi-purpose manner. Therefore, forests provide us with opportunities for recreation, relaxation and other activities. Free access to forests is an product of civilisation, of which Slovenians can be very proud. However, there are certain restrictions that must be observed when in the forest: particularly, we must make sure that, as we leave the forest, it remains exactly as it was when we entered it. Therefore, when you spend time in the forest, bear in mind the following:

- When I visit the forest, I am a guest of the forest and its owner.
- The forest is my friend and I treat it with respect.
- I experience it with all my senses.
- I respect instructions on appropriate behaviour in nature included in regulations and on information boards or obtained from foresters and forest owners.

1.

Each forest has an owner. Bear in mind that you are guests of the forest and its owner. Be kind when responding to potential wishes and instructions.



2.

In forests, you can only drive on roads if a special sign does not prohibit it. Do not park your car wherever you want. Ask the land owner's permission. Pay particular attention to the passability of skid trails and access to wood storage areas. Mountain biking and horseback riding are only permitted on marked skid trails and forest paths.



3.

Forest footpaths lead us and reveal nature's interesting features. Use them and do not walk in roadless areas. Keep signposts, signs, benches and other equipment undamaged for future visitors of the forest.



4.

The forest may be the owner's source of income. Felling and skidding, and forest growing activities are carried out in the forest. Avoid sites, remain at a safe distance, and observe signs and potential instructions from forest workers.



5.

Do not destroy vegetation. Forest flowers, mushrooms, fruits and moss are crucial for forest biodiversity. Therefore, regulations restrict their picking. Buy ornamental holiday trees from an open-air market and make sure that they are equipped with a label according to regulations.



6.

Do not leave waste in the forest. Take it to a dustbin or a maintained landfill. Be nice to nature and take other people's waste with you.

