



Calling all Woodspeople!

DO YOU PICK WILD PLANTS OR MUSHROOMS?

Please help us understand the importance of wild plants!

Fiddleheads, berries, mushrooms, evergreens and other wild plants (also known as Special Forest Products) have always been an important part of life in northern New England and New York. The Green Mountain/Finger Lakes National Forests are interested in understanding how to best manage these Special Forest Products for their long term sustainability. We are looking for people to talk to this fall.

We are interested in learning:

- ❖ What plants, mushrooms, and plant parts people pick from the wild
- ❖ What people use them for
- ❖ How important these plants are to people and why
- ❖ Your thoughts on sustainable harvesting and your hopes and concerns about gathering forest plants in this region for future generations

Interested? Anyone who gathers wild plants for food, medicine, crafts or other reasons in this part of the state has something important to contribute! You will *not* be asked to reveal your favorite collecting spots. All information will be treated in strict confidence, and you can remain anonymous if you wish. If you would be willing to share your knowledge of the plants you use, or know someone else we should talk to, please contact Ginger Nickerson. Thank you!

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