

Motorized Recreation Access Frequently Asked Questions

How does the motorized permit work?

Permits are for married spouses and their children under age 19. Other family members and friends must have their own permit. Children who are age 18 at the time of permit purchase but will turn 19 during the year may be included on the parent's permit.

Can I bring a friend or other adult family member?

Every person that is not an immediate family member, over the age 19 must have their own permit, even if they are riding with a permit holder.

How can I purchase a permit?

By mailing a check for ***\$250 written out to Stewart Mountain Forest LLC***, with a completed Permit for Motorized Access form to 11415 NE 128th, Suite 110 Kirkland WA 98034. After we receive payment we will mail you a hanging rear view mirror tag and a rear view window adhesive. Both must be displayed in your vehicle when on the property. We will also mail you the gate code, a key, a map and tags to mark loads of firewood.

What happens to the personal information that is given when I buy a permit?

Your personal information will be protected and not sold for any reason. Your name, address and vehicle information will be shared with security and select law enforcement personnel.

How many permits will be sold for the season?

A maximum of 140 motorized permits will be sold for the season.

How do you decide how many permits to sell?

The number of permits available is based on the number of acres that are accessible under the recreation program and is intended to accommodate demand for permits while maintaining a high-quality recreation experience.

Do I need to sign in at the gate?

Sign-in cards are no longer needed.

What if I do not drive, but want to ride with my friend or I am over age 19 and want to ride with a family member?

You will need your own motorized recreation access permit. If you know that you will not be driving, you may check the passenger only box and you will not need to provide vehicle and insurance information.

What about fire season?

The weather is difficult to predict, but almost every year we can count on several days or weeks of 'fire weather' or weather where the fuel moisture is low. We have a responsibility to protect the property so there will likely be times during the summer and/or fall when the property is completely closed. Information regarding re-opening the property is available only by calling 425-820-3420.

Can I access Stewart Mountain Forest LLC without a permit if I am using non-motorized access like hiking, bicycling or horseback riding?

A permit is required for all access including hiking, walking, horseback riding and bicycling. Please see the Frequently Asked Questions under non-motorized access.

Can I pick up a non-motorized permit holder and give them a ride?

Non-motorized permit holders may not ride in any motorized vehicle while on property. Both the non-motorized permit and motorized permit will be revoked if a non-motorized permit holder is riding with a motorized permit holder.

What do I do to cut firewood?

Up to two cords of firewood may be cut with a motorized access permit if wood is available. Wood must be cut from designated firewood areas during the months of the year that are outside the state-set fire season. Firewood may be cut from January 1 to April 14 and from October 16 to December 31. Only down material from designated areas may be cut, no standing trees may be cut. Please see the Rules & Regulations for a complete explanation.

Can I hunt or fish?

Yes! All state laws must be obeyed regarding seasons, licenses, tags and other regulations. Successful hunters must fill out a game harvest card available on-line or by contacting the Kirkland office. Please mail these back to the Kirkland office.

Can I target shoot?

No! Firearms are to be used for hunting during state-set hunting seasons only. See Rules and Regulations for details.

Can I ride my dirt bike, 4-wheeler or snowmobile?

No motorcycles, snowmobiles or ATVs are permitted, even if they are street legal. Motorcycles, ATVs or snowmobiles cannot be on the property, even in the back of a pick-up or on a trailer.

Can I build a campfire or cook over a barbeque?

No!

Can I ride my horse?

A non-motorized access permit is required to ride your horse on the property, unless you trailer your horse then a motorized access permit is required. You may ride on established trails and roads, but you may not create new trails.

Can I pick berries and mushrooms?

Berries and mushrooms may be picked for personal use only.

Can I cut a Christmas tree?

No trees may be cut for any purpose.

Is there special access for handicapped hunters?

Handicapped hunters are welcome to hunt during state hunting seasons with a recreation access permit. If the handicapped hunter requires a helper to accompany them, the hunter and the helper must make an appointment and come to the Kirkland office. The hunter must bring a copy of his or her Washington State disabled hunting license and placard and the helper must sign a waiver to be on the property. To make an appointment, leave a message at (425) 820-3420 or email maggie.torza@afmforest.com. If the helper wants to hunt, he or she must have their own recreation access permit.

What if I sell my vehicle or get my windshield replaced?

You may request a new sticker by calling (425)820-3420 or emailing maggie.torza@afmforest.com.

What if I lose my key or permit?

Lost or stolen keys or permits cannot be replaced.

What if permits sell out before I purchase mine?

Permits are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional permits will not be sold. Purchase your permit early!

What happens if I break the rules?

In order to maintain the privilege of using private property for recreational access, all rules and regulations must be followed and are strictly enforced. If you are caught breaking the rules, your permit will be revoked at least for the remainder of the season and possibly longer. If you disagree with the decision, there is an appeal process that is available by request.