Stone Sales

A permit is required to collect stone on State Forest land. Rates for stone are set by Bureau policy.

A permit is valid for collection of loose stone ONLY. Loose stone is stone that rests on, and is taken from, a surface or slope on State Forest land, that does not lie in a mechanically excavated pit and is collectable by hand. This does not include cut stone that was used for foundations to include old barn, home, and other foundations. Collecting foundation stone is prohibited.

Stone collecting is permitted behind some locked gates in the Laurel Mountain Division with advanced notice. You must be available Monday through Friday, 8:00AM to 4:00PM, and make advanced plans with the Forest Maintenance Supervisor at 724-238-5222.

See the reverse side of this pamphlet for requirements.

Areas Closed to Stone Collection

• Collection of any foundation stone to include old cabin, home, and barn foundations is prohibited.

• Collection of any river rock, stream cobble, bank stone, or other rock material from a stream, stream channel, stream bed, stream bank, or other stream feature is prohibited.

• Collection of rock within the riparian buffer of 100 feet from the stream bank edge is prohibited.

• Collection of stone from areas that contain rattlesnake dens, rattlesnake basking areas, woodrat habitat, wetlands, or any other ecologically sensitive area is prohibited.

• Stone collection in Roaring Run Natural Area, Mt. Davis Natural Area, Quebec Run Wild Area, Lick Hollow Picnic Area, Bob Ache Memorial Forest, along Linn Run Road, and in Wild Plant sanctuaries is prohibited.

• Collection of bridge abutment stone, culvert headwall and tailwall stone, deer fence base stone, or road or stockpiled stone is prohibited.

For more information

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Website: http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/stateforests/forbes/index.htm

In the event of an emergency, contact a state forest employee or dial 911.

If you become lost: stop, stay calm, stay put, & dial 911. The further you walk the longer it will take to find you.
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- Hand collection of stone is the only method of collection permitted on State Forest land.
- Stone collected under this permit is intended for non-commercial use only. The re-sale of any stone is strictly prohibited and punishable by law.
- Loose stone is sold at $5.00 per ton plus applicable sales tax.
- Pennsylvania sales tax (6%) will be collected on stone sales.
- Permits issued are required to be for a minimum of 2 tons, and a maximum of 10 tons.
- The maximum allowable cumulative tonnage of all permits issued to any one person in a given calendar year is 10 tons.
- Term of the permit shall not exceed 30 days, regardless of tonnage purchased.
- The specific location for collection must be established before permit is issued and properly noted on the permit. No more than 2 locations are permitted on any one permit.
- Normal picking season is April 1 to the Sunday before bear season. Areas which fall outside of our snowmobile system are open January through March also—but first check availability of stone, and access (may be limited due to snow).