

Chugach National Forest

cutting your own CHRISTMAS TREE

It's that time of year, when everyone is out searching for that perfect Christmas tree.

The Chugach National Forest has just the place to find that magical tree free of charge. Follow these straightforward guidelines.

All areas of the Chugach National Forest on the Kenai Peninsula are open, with the exceptions of Portage Valley and Turnagain Pass.

- The Portage closure extends from the Seward Highway up Portage Glacier Road to Portage Lake.
- The Turnagain Pass closure extends from mile 70 of the Seward Highway, just north of the Turnagain Pass Rest Area, to Bertha Creek Campground at mile 65.5.

Each household or organization is allowed one tree from the Forest, free of charge. The free trees cannot be sold, bartered or used in any commercial-type exchange for goods.

Remember: When visiting the forest you are responsible for your own safety and for the safety of those around you.

FOR MORE INFORMATION GIVE US A CALL

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1. Be certain you are on land managed by the Forest Service.
2. Cut trees at least 150 yards (450 feet) away from main roads, picnic and campground units, administrative facilities, trails, and bodies of water.
3. Do not fell trees into streams or other bodies of water. Cut trees as close to the ground as possible.
4. Do not lop off the tops of trees higher than 20 feet in order to get the good parts.
5. Follow off-road zoning regulations. Select your tree thoughtfully, to avoid leaving unsightly bare spots.

HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR TREE

(in 4 easy steps)

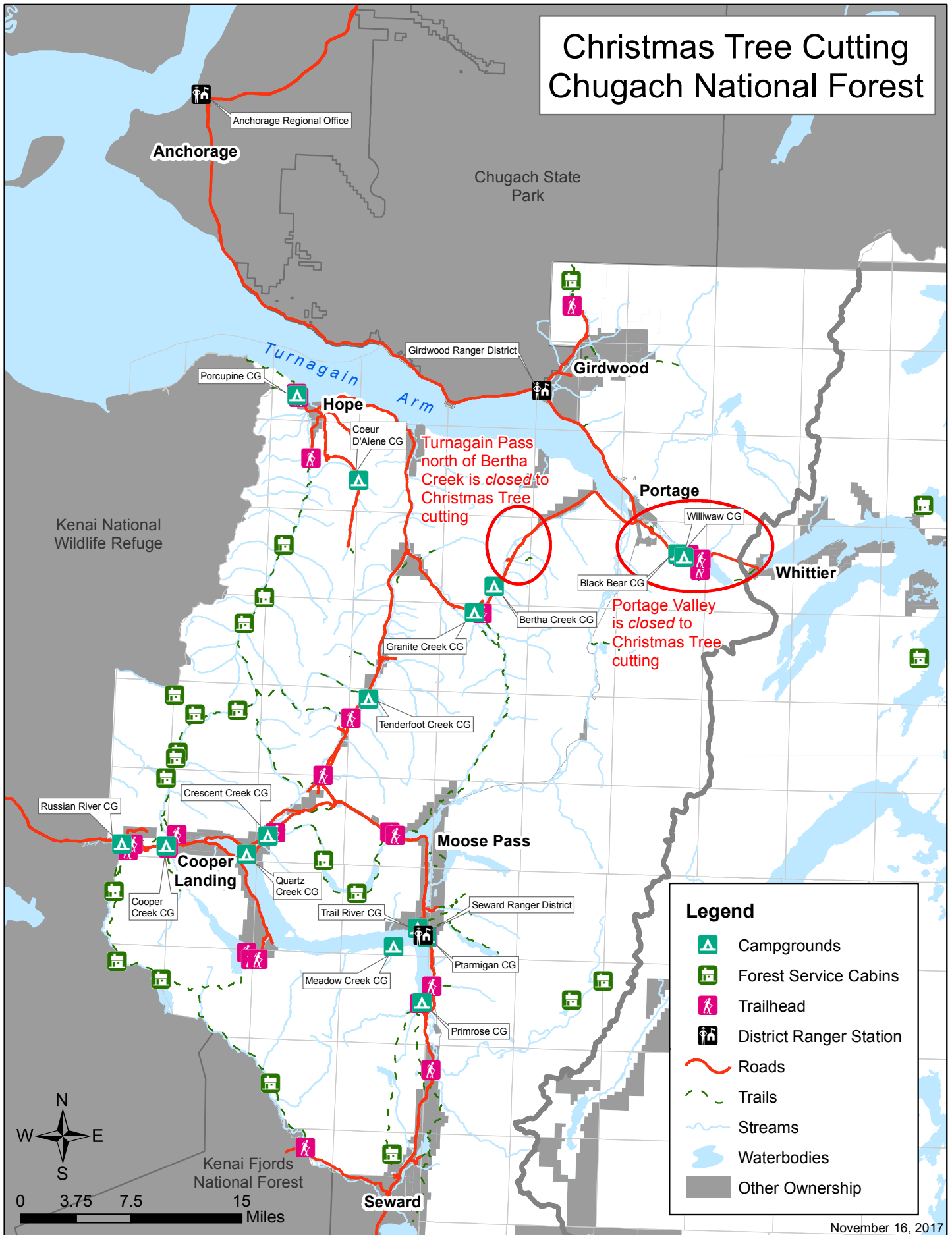
1 Keep tree away from direct sources of heat. That includes warm-air vents, fireplaces and hot lights. Make sure to use lights rated for indoor use.

Refill water in stand daily. Make sure the water level does not go below the base of the tree.

3 Do not add anything to the water. Plain, clean tap water is best.

Maintain a merry environment around the tree for optimum tree quality.

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Legend

- Campgrounds
- Forest Service Cabins
- Trailhead
- District Ranger Station
- Roads
- Trails
- Streams
- Waterbodies
- Other Ownership

