

# Foothills Gazette

## Local Christmas tree farms offer options

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COUNTY – Tis the season to find your perfect Christmas tree. A number of Whatcom County tree farms are ready for the season, many of them offering various u-cut and we-cut varieties, as well as balled trees, wreaths and other gifts. Many of them allow buyers to come earlier in the season to tag a tree for pick-up closer to Christmas.



Jase Corcoran, of Kendall, (left) and his grandmother Gayle Landreth, who lived in Maple Falls for 30 years, now a Bellingham resident, enjoyed browsing through the trees at Bell Creek Trees on Mount Baker Highway in Deming. Owners Jeff and Marchia Hall opened Bell Creek Trees 12 years ago, at 5610 Mount Baker Highway, with trees growing on both sides of the road. The farm has been in the family since Jeff Hall's great-great grandfather homesteaded there. This year the Halls have set up their office on the north side of the highway, by a small red barn. "The barn was built from boards that were used for the original set of the movie *The Call of the Wild*," said Marchia Hall. The movie, starring Loretta Young and Clark Gable, was launched in 1935 and featured scenes filmed at the top of Mount Baker. "That movie was the event that brought the Mount Baker National Forest to public attention," Hall commented. Bell Creek Trees is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. until dark and people are welcome to visit by appointment during the week. PHOTO BY BRITA ADKINSON

Following are some of the tree farms in eastern Whatcom County area, most open through Dec. 23 or Christmas Eve.

- Alpine Meadows Tree Farm: 3585 Valley Highway, south of Van Zandt, 595-1019. Open 9 a.m. to dark, closed on Sundays. Trees include Noble Fir, Douglas Fir, Grand Fir, Fraser Fir and Nordmann. U-cut, pre-cut and live trees are available. There is an indoor warm-up area with free coffee and hot chocolate.

- Bell Creek Trees: 5669 Mount Baker Highway, Deming, 592-5061 or 592-4005. Open 9 a.m. to dusk on the weekends, as well as Monday through Thursday for those who call ahead. Trees include Grand Fir, Noble Fir and Fraser Fir, and both u-cut and we-cut are available, as well as wreaths and cut greenery.
- Elenbaas Tree Farm: 1096 Van Dyk Road, Lynden, 318-8587. Open daily from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Trees include Douglas Fir, Grand Fir, Noble Fir, and Nordmann Fir.
- Fullner U-Cut Christmas Trees: 3765 E. Hoff Road, 592-5820. U-cut trees starting open 9 a.m. to dark. Tree include Douglas Fir, Fraser Fir, and Norway Spruce. A gift shop is also on site.
- Kelly Road Christmas Tree Farm: 1129 E. Kelly Road, 510-9198, [www.kellyrdtreefarm.com](http://www.kellyrdtreefarm.com). Open weekends 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Trees include Noble Fir, Grand Fir and Fraser Fir. U-cut or we-cut available. Gift shop on site features locally made items including handcrafted candles, ornaments, quilts, jams, applesauce and jerky. Coffee and cookies available.
- Misty Meadows Farm: 6197 Everson Goshen Road, Everson, 312-3554, [www.mistymeadowsfarm.com](http://www.mistymeadowsfarm.com). Open daily from 9 a.m. to dusk. Tree are certified organic and include Grand Fir, Douglas Fir, Noble Fir and Nordmann Fir.
- Noon Road Trees: 7188 Noon Road, Lynden, 354-8689. Trees include Fir, Douglas, Grand, Noble, Nordmann and Turkish. Hours are dawn to dusk.
- Pete Pederson Christmas Trees: 4035 Mount Baker Highway, Deming, 592-2639. Open daily from 9 a.m. to dusk. Trees include Noble Fir, Grand Fir, Fraser Fir and Douglas Fir. U-cut or we-cut available, as well as wreaths, garland and refreshments. Visits from Santa on select days.
- Red Mountain Tree Farm: Located on Mount Baker Highway between Kendall and Maple Falls, 599-1765, [www.redmountaintrees.com](http://www.redmountaintrees.com). Open 10 a.m. to dusk through Dec. 24. Trees include Noble, Open Noble, Grand Fir, Douglas Fir, Fraser Fir, Spruce, Blue Spruce, and Nordmann. U-cut, we-cut, potted trees and wreaths available.
- River's Edge U-Cut Christmas Tree Farm: 4773 Deming Road, Deming, 592-5220, [www.riversedgeucut.com](http://www.riversedgeucut.com). Open Nov. 9 a.m. to dark. Trees include Noble Fir, Grand Fir, Fraser Fir, and live trees, as well as garlands and wreaths. Free hay rides and candy canes. Coffee and hot chocolate available.
- Sisters Tree Farm: 3771 Valley Highway, a mile south of Van Zandt, 592-5614. Open 3-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to dark on Saturday and Sunday. Trees include Douglas Fir, Nordmann Fir, Fraser Fir and more. U-cut, we-cut and wreaths available. Gift shop on site includes crafts, ornaments, handmade dolls, stockings and more. Cookies and coffee available.

- Stoney Ridge Farm: 2092 Van Dyk Road, Everson, 592-5220, [www.stoneyridgefarm.com](http://www.stoneyridgefarm.com). Open noon to 5 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Trees include Fraser Fir, Noble Fir, Douglas Fir, Grand Fir, and Nordmann. We-cut, u-cut, wreaths, garlands, stands and more available. Gift shop, pie shop, animals. Coffee and hot chocolate available.

### **National Forest Permits**

The public can buy permits to cut Christmas trees on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest now through Dec. 24. Cutting areas are located within national forest lands in the eastern portions of Whatcom and Skagit counties, as well as Snohomish, Pierce and King. Permits cost \$10 each, one tree per permit, with a tree height limit of 12 feet. Maps and information about cutting areas are provided at the Glacier Public Service Center. Trees taller than 12 feet require a special permit at a minimum price of \$20. Plan to purchase a parking permit if the trip includes parking in a designated Sno-Park lot. Getting a tree early before snow falls usually means better access on forest roads. Most trees are accessible only by narrow, unplowed mountain roads. High-clearance vehicles are often required on forest roads along with tire chains and a shovel. For conditions and info, contact the Glacier Public Service Center or visit [www.fs.fed.us/r6/mbs](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/mbs).