



**EVERYONE'S RIGHTS QUIZ - YES/NO**

1. You are about to go out to gather mushrooms and berries. Are you allowed to pick berries and mushrooms in a forest, no matter who owns it, on the basis of everyone's rights?
2. You would like to include insects in your diet. Are you allowed to gather ant eggs for food on the basis of everyone's rights?
3. You are on a walking tour in a forest and want to make some coffee. Are you allowed to light a campfire in the forest on the basis of everyone's rights?
4. Out jogging, you encounter a sign saying "Yksityistie" ["Private road"]. Are you allowed to use the road on the basis of everyone's rights?
5. You have taken your dog for a walk. The easiest route to the nearby forest goes through the yard of a house next to the forest. There would appear to be nobody in- or outside the house at the moment. Are you allowed to cross the yard on the basis of everyone's rights?
6. You are interested in superfoods and want to make tea from the chaga mushroom (*Inonotus obliquus*), which you have seen growing on a birch nearby. Are you allowed to cut some of the chaga mushroom on the basis of everyone's rights?
7. You are making a fire at a campfire site and you notice a loose piece of bark hanging on a birch. Can you pull off the piece to use it as kindling on the basis of everyone's rights?
8. You've taken up rock climbing. Are you allowed to climb rocks wherever you want on the basis of everyone's rights?
9. You are holidaying in the country and go out with your dog. Are you allowed to keep your dog off leash in the forest on the basis of everyone's rights?
10. You are gathering wood for a campfire. Are you allowed to chop firewood from a fallen tree or use a standing dead tree for kindling?
11. You have got permission from the landowner to make open fire to grill your sausages. Is it always possible to start an open fire, as long as you have permission?
12. You find a sign in an ordinary forest with the text "Metsässä liikkuminen kielletty" ["Entering the forest is prohibited"]. Is it possible to forbid or restrict the right to enter a forest based on everyone's rights?
13. You want to enjoy the scents of summer and birdsong in a forest. On the basis of everyone's rights, are you allowed to take a walk in any forest, no matter who owns it?

- 14.** You are practising with your moped and want a bit more challenge. Are you allowed to drive a moped in a forest on the basis of everyone's rights?
- 15.** Your friends from abroad are visiting you. You take them to a forest to pick mushrooms. Are your friends also allowed to pick berries and mushrooms on the basis of everyone's rights?
- 16.** You want to make Christmas decorations. Are you allowed to gather lichen and moss on the basis of everyone's rights?
- 17.** You want to decorate your garden with beautiful stones. Are you allowed to take stones from a beach to your garden on the basis of everyone's rights?
- 18.** You are spending your summer at your cottage and want to visit the neighbouring farm. Are you allowed to cross your neighbour's agricultural field on the basis of everyone's rights?
- 19.** You are making Christmas decorations. Are you allowed to gather cones from trees for your project on the basis of everyone's rights?
- 20.** You want to make rowanberry jelly and roasted elk seasoned with juniper berries. Are you allowed to pick juniper and rowan berries on the basis of everyone's rights?
- 21.** You are on a rowing trip. Are you allowed to fish with a rod on the basis of everyone's rights?
- 22.** You have made a campfire at a designated campfire site. Are you allowed to fetch water for cooking from a nearby lake on the basis of everyone's rights?
- 23.** You want to organize a skiing event for your school in a nearby area. Are you allowed to do this on the basis of everyone's rights?
- 24.** You are going for a hike with your friends. Are you allowed to overnight in a tent on the basis of everyone's rights?
- 25.** You are out skiing in late winter. Are you allowed to cross an agricultural field on the basis of everyone's rights?
- 26.** You want to go out and pick flowers for your grandmother. Are you allowed to pick any flowers that you find on the basis of everyone's rights?
- 27.** Are you allowed to walk on a frozen lake on the basis of everyman's rights?
- 28.** You are planning to take a boat trip. Are you allowed to land on an inhabited stretch of shore on the basis of everyone's rights?
- 29.** You want to try some new lures you have. Are you allowed to fish with a lure on the basis of everyone's rights?
- 30.** It is a beautiful winter day and you are planning to go ice fishing. Is this allowed on the basis of everyone's rights?

## THE RIGHT ANSWERS

- 1. YES.** You can pick wild berries and mushrooms on the basis of everyone's rights without permission from the landowner. However, do not enter the immediate vicinity of dwellings or farm buildings, which might constitute trespass.
- 2. YES.** You may gather ant eggs without permission from the landowner. However, you may not damage ant nests or leave any permanent traces in nature.
- 3. NO.** You may not light a campfire or other open fire without permission from the landowner, except in life-threatening situations. Use a camping stove to make coffee. If a forest fire warning is in force, you may not light an open fire in a forest even if you have the landowner's permission.
- 4. YES.** Private roads may be used by pedestrians, skiers and cyclists on the basis of everyone's rights. However, you may not enter the immediate vicinity of dwellings or farm buildings, as that may constitute trespass.
- 5. NO.** You may not use another person's yard as an access route. What is more, entering a yard is an offence if it constitutes trespass.
- 6. NO.** The chaga mushroom is a polypore, but still a mushroom. You may gather mushrooms without harming trees or tree stumps. However, it is not possible to detach the chaga mushroom without harming the tree, so taking it requires permission from the landowner. It is also not allowed to gather protected polypores.
- 7. NO.** You may not harm living trees. It is also not allowed to take branches, twigs or bark from fallen or standing but dead trees on the basis of everyone's rights. These rights only allow you to gather branches, twigs, needles and cones from the ground.
- 8. YES.** Rock climbing is allowed on the basis of everyone's rights. However, you may not put up permanent constructions in or on the rocks and you may not harm trees, moss or lichen.
- 9. NO.** You may never let your dog off leash in any area owned by somebody else without permission from the landowner or the holder of the hunting rights for the area. In addition, dogs must always be kept on a leash or capable of being immediately attached to a leash between the 1st of March and 19th of August, both dates included.
- 10. NO.** You may not take branches, twigs or bark from trees that have fallen or are dead but standing, nor is it allowed to use fallen trees as firewood on the basis of everyone's rights. However, you may gather branches, twigs, needles and cones from the ground on the basis of everyone's rights.
- 11. NO.** If a forest fire warning is in force, you may not start an open fire in or near a forest, even if you have permission from the landowner. In official recreation and hiking areas there are usually designated campfire sites, and when visiting such areas you should not make a fire anywhere else.

- 12. NO.** It is not possible to restrict the right to enter a forest if it is based on everyone's rights. Restrictions are possible if they are set by the authorities or if some danger is present in the area. The Defence Forces may restrict access to areas designated for military use.
- 13. YES.** Walking, skiing and cycling are allowed in natural areas, provided that no harm is caused. However, access to areas taken into special use by the landowner, such as agricultural fields or gardens, or areas used by the Defence Forces is not allowed.
- 14. NO.** You may not drive any motorized vehicle in the terrain without permission from the landowner.
- 15. YES.** Everyone's rights are the same for everybody, not just for Finns or people living in Finland.
- 16. NO.** Gathering lichen and moss is not allowed on the basis of everyone's rights.
- 17. NO.** You need permission from the landowner to take soil, such as gravel or stones. However, taking a single stone as a souvenir, for example, is allowed.
- 18. NO.** During the growing season, you may not move in fields under cultivation. In summer you must use roads or ditch shoulders to skirt the fields. If you use a gate, remember to close it after you. Outside the growing season you may move in agricultural fields if you know for sure that it causes no harm. Bear in mind that fields may be cultivated by many different methods. If you are not certain, it is better to ask permission from the landowner.
- 19. NO.** You may not take branches, twigs, cones, nuts or such other parts of trees without permission from the landowner. If you find any of them on the ground, you may take them.
- 20. YES.** In botanical terms, juniper berries are in fact cones, but you may still pick them on the basis of everyone's rights, just like actual berries. You may also pick rowanberries, without harming the tree itself. Everyone's rights are the same whether the berries grow on trees or any size of shrub.
- 21. YES.** Fishing with a rod and ice fishing are allowed on the basis of everyman's rights. However, to fish with a lure, everyone aged 18 to 64 years has to pay a fisheries management fee.
- 22. YES.** You may draw water from natural waterways for cooking, washing the dishes and personal hygiene, provided it does not create disturbance; the same applies to swimming.
- 23. NO.** Any event that gather large crowds of people, such as those related to skiing, orienteering or other outdoor pursuits, is not allowed solely on the basis of everyone's rights if there is obvious risk of damage or danger. It is best to agree about the event in advance with the landowner.
- 24. YES.** Everyone's rights allow you to stay, rest, swim and camp in uninhabited areas temporarily, such as over a weekend or other short period of time, provided that access is

not limited and no harm is caused to the landowner or tenant.

- 25. YES.** You may ski across an agricultural field during winter. However, during the growing season you are not allowed to move in agricultural fields.
- 26. NO.** You may gather all flowers that are not protected by law. For example, Arctic violet (*Pulsatilla vernalis*) and Venus's slipper (*Calypso bulbosa*) are rare, protected flowers. You may not gather lichen or moss.
- 27. YES.** Everybody has the right to walk on frozen waterways, but it may not cause undue disturbance.
- 28. YES.** If you are moving on a lake or other waterway, you are allowed to use the shores for rest and recreation in any place that you would be allowed to access otherwise.
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