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Early tagging ensures “perfect” Christmas tree

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Looking for a fun family adventure this weekend? Combine two great activities into one awesome trip: Take a sightseeing drive along West Virginia’s highways and byways and, along the way, stop to tag a Christmas tree.

Choose-and-cut Christmas tree farms like Yagel Poor Farm in Nicholas County and Allen DeHaven Trees in Berkeley County allow customers to pick their perfect tree before the holiday season rush begins. Then as Christmas draws closer, customers can return, cut their fresh tree and take it home to decorate.

According to Art Yagel, owner of Yagel Poor Farm and a wildland fire investigator with the Division of Forestry, an average of 25 to 30 people visit his farm every year to tag their trees.

“Families want to find the perfect tree — a certain size or a certain species — so they make a tradition of coming to the farm and tagging their tree early,” Yagel said. “There is also the weather factor to consider. The Poor Farm can get a lot of snow in the winter. It is much easier to walk the property and find that ‘perfect tree’ when it is 60 degrees and sunny than when there are several inches (or feet!) of snow on the ground and covering the trees.”

If you’d like to beat the rush and tag your Christmas tree this fall, be sure to call ahead to make sure the farm allows it. A list of choose-and-cut Christmas tree farms in West Virginia can be found at www.wvcommerce.org/directory/christmastreefarms.

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