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Announcing the return of LandPaths' popular "Charlie Brown Tree Hunt" in Healdsburg. Harvested Doug firs will be distributed for free to the community at Bayer Farm and Jeff's Garden in Santa Rosa.

SANTA ROSA, Calif— On December 9, dozens of LandPaths' participants will make their way into the oak woodlands of Riddell Preserve in the hills west of Healdsburg's Dry Creek Valley to harvest Douglas firs in all shapes and sizes to take home for the winter season. Unlike the \$100 trees that you might purchase at a commercial tree farm these are 100% free of charge!

"The Charlie Brown Tree Hunt playfully demonstrates how we, the community, can take care of the land, have fun and bring home some seasonal cheer. It is all connected. Nature needs everyone and everyone needs nature!" said Lee Hackeling, Executive Director of Operations at LandPaths.

In a new spin on the spirit of giving, on Saturday, December 16 our stewardship team will deliver dozens of Doug firs harvested from Riddell to LandPaths' Bayer Farm, a two-acre community garden in the heart of the Roseland neighborhood, to be distributed for free. More trees will be delivered on that same day to Jeff's Garden, our community garden within Andy's Regional Park in Southwest Santa Rosa, also to be distributed free of charge.

While native to California, Douglas firs tend to grow fast and quick, crowding out slower growing native oaks and acting as fuel ladders during wildfires. By harvesting trees, participants get to take a tree home to decorate and enjoy while tending the land in a way that benefits the entire community. This creative spin on land stewardship has a lasting impact on people's understanding of how they can contribute to a healthy forest.

To learn more, schedule interviews, or visit during the Charlie Brown Tree Hunt or tree distribution at LandPaths' community gardens, contact Leilani Clark at leilani@landpaths.org or (707) 544-7284 x 302.

About [LandPaths](https://landpaths.org)

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