



ALBERTA MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY FORAY GUIDELINES

Most of our forays require pre-registration (check our website). Please arrive on time at the designated meeting site, which may not be the actual foray site. Forays are typically held rain or shine, but please check your e-mail the night before for any last-minute instructions.

1. Please arrive at the specified time to receive the exact foray location, the plans for the day, and the return time. The Foray Host or Foray Leader will describe the area and let you know what time participants should return for mushroom identification. Listen carefully to this orientation.
2. All participants will be asked to sign a waiver form, and an attendance form with the license number of their car to assist the foray leader in identifying all group members. Please sign in AND out.
3. Please foray in a group (safety in terms of wildlife, injuries, etc.). Ask to accompany a more experienced person.
4. If you plan to leave early, please let the foray leader know and sign out, because car licenses will be monitored to ensure that no one is left behind.
5. If you find any good specimens or some that you think might be rare or unusual, please place them in a paper bag gently or wrap carefully in wax paper, and give them to the foray leader for identification and recording by a professional mycologist.
6. Never pick more than you can use and leave some behind.
7. Please bring back specimens (along with the substrate) of everything that you see, even if you do not know the mushroom. It may be a new species for our database.
8. Dispose of broken pieces or fungi that you do not want in the forest and not in the parking lot.
9. Last but not least..... Respect Nature and Respect Private Property..... And enjoy your day. Make a point of learning at least one new mushroom on each foray.