

Mushroom Hunt

Explore the magnificent world of mushroom.

Important message: Some mushrooms can be poisonous if ingested, always be careful when mushroom hunting. Careful observation of mushrooms will help ensure a safe adventure!

Step 1: Knowing When to Look

There are so many types of mushrooms and some can be found all year long! Most mushrooms thrive in moist conditions, so usually, early fall after a warm, wet summer is the best time to search for mushrooms!



Step 2: Knowing Where to Look

Mushrooms can grow all over as long as there is organic matter, including rotting trees and under leaf piles! Look down by your feet at the forest floor and even up above your head on tree trunks.

Step 3: Identifying the Species

Once you find a mushroom you can identify it. If you have a field guide on hand you can try to match it to a species while outside. If not, no worries! Draw a picture to take home and attempt to identify later.

Helpful Tools

Mushroom field guide, notebook, pencil/colored pencils, mushroom identification app, and magnifying glass.

Gills, spores, stems, size, and growing location are important characteristics to look closely at!

