Autumn 2021 Forays – Nottinghamshire Fungi Group

**General foray information**

**Covid 19:** We will send out updates and change forays if required under Covid 19 regulations. Please keep an eye on emails regarding each foray and updates will be provided in accordance with national guidelines.

**Start times:**  All start 10.00am and aim to finish by 12.30pm

**Attire:** Wear suitable shoes or boots as areas can sometimes be wet and muddy.
In some areas you will also need to cover arms and legs to prevent picking up ticks which can transmit Lyme disease,
a nasty illness which is becoming more prevalent. [More about Lyme disease on NHS Choices](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Lyme-disease/Pages/Introduction.aspx)
**Equipment:** Useful aids are notebook and pencil, pocket identification guide, a knife with a folding blade of less than 8 cm, hand trowel, hand lens, a basket and some small containers.

**Dogs:** Please do not bring dogs without prior permission from the leader of that particular foray. Dogs should be kept on a lead at all times, especially so on nature reserves and private estates.
It is the responsibility of the owner to clean up after their dog.

**Eating Fungi:** Many species are good to eat but you should always take great care on selecting fungi for the table.
Some fungi regarded as delicacies by some can cause upset to others. Always try a small quantity first if eating any mushroom for the first time.
If in doubt do not eat it.
Please note that fungi must not be picked for eating on any SSSI.
On other reserves or forays, taking a small quantity of common edible species per person may be tolerated but over picking must be avoided so as to leave fungi for the enjoyment of others and for their further propagation**The Nottinghamshire Fungi Group cannot and will not take responsibility for any poisonous or allergic reactions that may occur after eating any fungus.**
**DO NOT ACCEPT ADVICE FROM OTHERS REGARDING THE EDIBILITY OF FUNGI BECAUSE THAT PERSON MIGHT BE MISTAKEN OR YOU MIGHT HAVE AN UNUSUAL REACTION.**
**UNLESS YOU YOURSELF ARE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THE FUNGI IS SAFE THEN DO NOT EAT IT.**

**Insurance**: Nottinghamshire Fungi Group obtains public liability insurance under a policy arranged with Ansvar Insurance by the Fungi Conservation Trust.Details of the cover offered can be obtained by contacting the Treasurer of the NFG

**August:**

**14th August 2021 Birklands Forest**

Leader: Ann Ward

Please email Ann Ward direct direct to book onto this foray, it is for 8 persons only and focusing on Oak Polypore at the site (which is located between Edwinstowe and Warsop). We will then email you directions for the day but please do not turn up to this event without contacting us first. Email to attend is: annward159@gmail.com

**September:**

**15th Sepetember 2021 – Budby Heath South Forest**

Leaders: Ann Ward/ Howard Williams

Directions: Budby Heath (SK627 688) From Not’ham take A614 to Ollerton roundabout, then A616 towards Worksop, taking a left turn to Edwinstowe after about 3 miles. Assembly point through barrier just off Swinecote Road near its junction with the A616.

From Worksop take B6034 towards Ollerton, then a right to Edwinstowe after Budby village, Assembly point through barrier just off Swinecote Road near its junction with the A616.

**25th September 2021 – Meadow Bank, Gleadthorpe**

Leader: Ann Ward

Directions: From Ollerton roundabout take the A 616 towards Worksop /Sheffield. After Budby Village at the mini roundabouts take first exit. After 50 yards take a left towards Meden Vale and Gleadthorpe. After 1 mile turn left onto the national cycle path and after 1/4 mile there is a parking area and vehicle access into the forest.

**October:**

**3rd October 2021 – National Fungi Day @ Sherwood Forest RSPB**

Leaders: Di Mears/ Dorothy Burton

Directions: Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre is on the B6034 just north of Edwinstowe, between the A6075 and the A616, 20 miles north of Nottingham. We will meet at the visitor centre.

**9th October 2021- Gamston Wood**

Leader: Howard Williams

Directions: (**SK726772**)

From Retford take the A638 south for about 1½ miles and at Eaton take the minor road to your left (to Upton & East Drayton). After about 1 mile cross over the railway bridge. Continue for ¼ mile then park down the rough track on your right at the sharp corner between Eaton and Gamston Woods.

From Nottingham take the A614. Keep to the A614 until 2-3 miles past the Ollerton Roundabout and at the minor crossroads (roundabout) turn right to and through Bothamsall village and turn left onto the B6387. Continue to and through Gamston village, then turn left onto the A638 going north towards Retford. About a mile further on take the right hand turn at Eaton onto the minor road (to Upton & East Drayton).From here follow instructions in the first paragraph.

Try not to park on any grass verges, as some of them are protected wildflower sites.

**20th October 2021 – Ollerton Sherwood Heath**

Leader: Howard Williams

Directions: From Nottingham take the A60 to the roundabout where the A614 branches off (second exit off the

roundabout). Follow the A614 until you reach the roundabout near Ollerton. Take the second off the

roundabout: A616 to Cuckney.

A short distance from the junction there is a left turn into the visitors centre car park where we will meet at our usual time

**30th October 2021- Ransom Wood**

Leader: Ann Ward/ Howard Williams

Directions: Ransom Wood ,NG21 0HJ (SK576595) From the A614 Nottingham/Ollerton road take the A617 to Mansfield bypassing Rainworth and at the second roundabout take the A6191 towards Mansfield.

At the next roundabout take the third exit into Ransom Wood site, then third exit again and follow the road round and through the barrier (its distance sensitive and will open!) Continue to end of road where there is a car park on your left.

**November:**

**6th November 2021 – Sherwood Golf Course**

Leader: Ann Ward

Directions: Eakring Road, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, **NG18 3EW** From Mansfield take the A617 Southwell Road. At the traffic lights just after the Oak Tree Pub turn left onto Oak Tree Lane. After approx 1 mile turn right onto Eakring road. Continue down the road, you will see the golf club house on the left, continue past it along the narrow road for about 400 yds and take the next turning on the left through a gate. Drive along the road for about 250 yards and turn right into the yard adjacent to the green barn where we will be parking. Our foray is on the SSSI behind the barns and not any part of the playing area.

**13th November 2021- Patchings Art Centre, Calverton**

Leader: Jean Powley / Howard Williams

Directions: Patchings Art Centre NG14 6NU (SK59660) From north, take A614 and turn left on to B6386 signposted Southwell, Oxton and Calverton. Pass Ramsdale Golf course entrance on right and Patching’s is just a few yards on left before the crossroads.

**28th November 2021- Brinsley Head Stocks**

Leader: Ann Ward/ Dorothy Burton

Directions: Brinsley Headstocks (SK465486) From the M1 junction 26, follow the A610 for Ripley for about 5 miles and take the second exit for Heanor and Eastwood. At the island go right (3rd exit) for Eastwood. At the top of the hill take the left hand lane for the A608 for Mansfield and stay in the left lane through the short one way system to follow Mansfield. After just over a mile, on a left hand bend, turn right into the Brinsley Headstocks car park.