

Autumn 2023 Forays – Nottinghamshire Fungi Group

General foray information

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](#)

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

September:

Sunday 17th September 2023 – Daneshill Lakes

DN22 8RB – SK668866

Leaders: AW/DM/CH

Directions: The reserve is on the north and south side of the minor road from Torworth to Lound, off the A638 north of Retford. Car parking is limited. Footpaths around the reserve can be easily accessed.

From south take A614 to roundabout with A57(Worksop) and the A1(from Newark). [Alternatively take A1 from Newark to this point]. Continue over roundabout onto A1 and head for Retford on the A620. Continue on this for some 2kms then take minor yellow road on left to Barnby Moor & A638(Bawtry). Turn left onto A638

and continue north for about 2kms to Torworth, where you turn right onto the minor road to Lound. Carry on along this and shortly after a level crossing turn into the Daneshill Lakes carpark on right.

Meeting Point: Car Park (There is a car park on the south side of the road)

Saturday 23rd September 2023 – Oakham Meadows (Oakham Nature Reserve)

NG18 5AQ

Leaders: AW/CB

Directions: From Nottingham take the A60 north, in Mansfield drive past West Notts College and the cemetery. At the bottom of the hill at traffic lights turn left onto Atkin Lane/High Oakham Hill and follow the road to Garth Road on your right. Park on the side of this residential area road, meeting roundabout number 49.

From the north take the A60 through Mansfield, passing Sainsburys towards Nottingham. At the next set of lights turn right onto Atkin Lane/High Oakham Hill and follow for about a mile. As the road drops down look for Garth Road on the right. Parking along this residential road.

Meeting Point: Garth Road

Wednesday 27th September 2023 – Clumber Park

S80 3AZ - SK629752

Leaders: TBC

****If you are NOT a National Trust member, you must email us with your car reg plate for free parking and names of who is attending****

Directions: The park lies 4½ miles SE of Worksop, 6½ miles SW of Retford. There are several entrances but the Carburton entrance on the B6005 is usually open. Alternative entrances are Truman's Lodge also on the B6005 but nearer to Worksop and Manton Lodge off the A57 if it is open! Follow signs for the visitors centre and park in the main visitor's car park.

Meeting Point: Main Carpark

October:

Saturday 7th October 2023 – National Fungi Day @ Sherwood Forest RSPB

Leaders: Di Mears

A day of sharing fungi with the public! We will be running a stall and holding organised forays throughout the day. If you would like to help out at this event, please do let us know. It is a fun day and enjoyed by all.

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.

Sunday 15th October 2023- Spalford Warren (?Joint foray with Lincs Group)

SK829678 – NG23 7HZ

Leader: DM

Directions: This site belongs to the Notts Wildlife Trust. The reserve lies to the east of the A1133 Newark to Gainsborough road, about halfway between the minor roads to Girton and Spalford on an unmarked minor road.

Meeting Point: Main car park barrier

Wednesday 25th October 2023 –Skylarks

Adbolton lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2LU

Leader: DM

Directions: Parking is available on Adbolton Lane – there is a small car park at the main entrance to the south of the road, and a layby on the northern side.

Meeting Point: Main Car Park barrier

Sunday 29th October 2023- Bestwood Country Park **Microscope session afterwards**

Leaders: AW/DM/HW

Directions:

FROM M1 JUNCTION 26: Take the A610 (short downhill to traffic island). At the island take the 2nd left onto A6002 (Low Wood Rd). Go straight ahead at the next island and the small island after that. Go straight ahead at the traffic lights (opposite a large nursing home) . Turn left at the next set of lights towards Hucknall. At the next set of lights go straight ahead (with Morrison's off to your right). At the traffic island turn right (taking nearside left lane) up and over Moor Bridge. Turn left at the traffic lights onto Bestwood Rd. Within 1 mile turn right onto Park Rd. then it is 500 yards to the car park on your right.

FROM NORTH A614: South to right turn onto Burntstump Hill. Follow road downhill then left, then straight ahead to traffic lights. Turn right onto the A60 (Mansfield Rd). After 300 yards at traffic lights turn left onto B6001 (Forest Lane). After 1 mile to the pub (Griffins Head) turn left onto the B683 (Moor Rd). After about 2 miles, in Bestwood village turn left onto Park Rd. 500 yards ahead to the car park.

FROM NORTH A60 (Mansfield Rd): Turn right at traffic lights onto B6001 (Forest Lane) and proceed as previously explained above.

FROM NOTTINGHAM CITY: take the A60 (Mansfield Rd) north through Sherwood and Arnold. Stay left at Red Hill traffic island. Follow the A60 until the traffic lights at B6001 and there turn left onto Forest Lane. Proceed as previously explained. An alternative route from the city would be to take the A611 (Hucknall Rd), turning right onto Bestwood Rd at the traffic lights just before Moor Bridge and proceeding as explained above.

Meeting Point: We will meet at the Bestwood CP Winding House car park and move on from there. Below are instructions to get to Bestwood CP Winding House car park.

November:

Wednesday 15th November 2023 – Patchings Art Centre

NG14 6NU – SK59660

Leaders: TBC

Directions: From the north, take the A614 and turn left on to B6386 signposted Southwell, Oxtun and Calverton. Pass Ramsdale Golf course entrance on the right and Patching's is just a few yards on the left before the crossroads.

Meeting Point: Main Car Park

Saturday 18th November 2023- Eaton Woods

SK727772

Leaders: HW/AW

Directions:

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. From here continue for ¼ mile then park down the rough track on your right at the sharp corner (SK726772) between Eaton and Gamston Woods. Eaton Wood as you look ahead is on the left and, from the car parking track, the gate is about 50 yards up the road on the left.

FROM NOTTINGHAM take the A614. Keep to the A614 for 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 the instructions in the first paragraph.

Meeting Point: We can meet in the parking area or at the entrance gate to the wood.

Saturday 25th November 2023- Mansfield Cemetry

NG18 5BQ

Leaders: HW/DM

Directions: The cemetry is about 2 miles south of Mansfields centre on the main Nottingham – Mansfield A60 road. It is close to the West Notts College. Parking is off the main road along the cemetry wall.

Meeting Point: Along the cemetry wall