

GWENT FUNGUS GROUP FORAY PROGRAMME 2023

April – November

**Arrive at 10.15 for foray to start at 10.30 am
Please try to be prompt**

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Scarlet Waxcap (*Hygrocybe coccinea*)

Our forays are run by and for the members of the Gwent Fungus Group (GFG). The group is self-financing, a membership fee is levied to cover administrative costs involved in running the group. Please do not publicise the forays widely for they are not meant for the general public but as visits to April - November record species. However, guests would be welcome.

All forays will be undertaken according to the nationally agreed guidelines in the leaflet entitled "The Wild Mushroom Pickers Code of Conduct" published by the BMS. Please wear suitable footwear to all sites and be prepared for all weathers. Some sites are quite steep and slippery in bad weather so please take care at all times.

Please note that smoking is prohibited on Forestry Commission and Woodland Trust sites.

Well behaved dogs are welcome at most sites but neither the GFG nor the British Mycological Society (our insurers) will accept any responsibility for injury or damage caused directly or indirectly by a dog brought to foray by a member or visitor. Dogs should be kept on leads at all times.

Attendance at a single foray £1.00 per person or for the whole programme of 7 forays £6.00 per person or £10 per couple. Children accompanied by an adult are free of charge.

Please note, some of the later forays are subject to confirmation but we will inform you if we need to make changes.

We will also send postcodes if these are helpful and "What 3 Words" (this is a location app) for each foray site at the time we send out reminders.

22nd April Springdale Farm Reserve ST411991

Drive to the far end of the square in Usk then follow the road round to the right and then to the left, stay on this road for 1-2 miles until you pass under the A449 then immediately turn sharp left. Drive for about one mile until you come to some alms houses on the right, Springdale Farm is on the left.

10th June Caerleon Nature Reserve ST333904 NP18 1NF

If approaching from the south, cross the bridge over the Usk and enter Caerleon's one way system. Continue past the Priory Hotel and the Primary School and turn left onto Lodge Road. Then take the first left onto Coldbath Road. Park in the car park 100 yards on the right.

If entering Caerleon from the North follow the one way system until the road forks and take the right hand fork to stay on the one way system through the village. Then follow as above.

2nd September Bryn Bach Park. SO124103

From A465 Heads of the Valley Road turn to Tredegar. Then at the first roundabout turn right, after about ½ mile turn into the park on left. Follow signs to main car park by the lake. Meet near visitor centre.

16th September The Skirrid, Abergavenny SO328163

From a large roundabout to the east of Abergavenny, take the Hereford Road (A465) drive along this road for about a mile, then turn into a road on the right signed Skenfrith soon you will come to a T junction, turn left and continue along this road for about 2 miles and the car park will be on your left, you may have to pay for parking these days.

8th October UK Fungus Day: details later

21st October Bargain Wood (Whitestone Wood) SO525030

Park in Whitestone picnic site just off A466 12 miles south of Monmouth. From Tintern follow signs for Catbrook and Trellech at junction adjacent to Wye Valley Hotel. Travel approx. 2 1/2 miles to a junction, opposite is Whitestone Car Park. Follow forest road up to car park.

11th November Coed y Cerrig SO293213

Take the road out of Abergavenny to Hereford, turn into Llanvihangel Crucorney then left at the side of the Skirrid Pub towards Llanthony. Follow the road north west signed to Stanton and Llanthony, after 1.5 miles take left turn signed Forest Coal Pit, Patrishow and Llambedr. Meet in small off road car park on road between Stanton and Forest Coal Pit. Please park neatly as there is only limited parking, extra spaces down road.

25th November New Grove Meadows SO502067

From Monmouth, take the B4293 towards Trellech, about 1 mile outside Monmouth take a left fork for Trellech. If approaching from Abergavenny, take the B4293 from Raglan to Monmouth, and drive to Mitchell Troy. Soon after the village take a very sharp right turn to Trelleck. Coming from both directions, after the turn mentioned above, drive up the hill and continue until past a sign on the left to Whitebrook and The Narth, continue for about half a mile and look out for a sign on the right for Wet Meadows. Take this turn and drive down the track to the car park at the end (grid ref SO500066)