

# GWENT FUNGUS GROUP FORAY PROGRAMME 2024

**April - November**

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

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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 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.



**Rosy Bonnet**

**20<sup>th</sup> April Pentwyn Farm Reserve SO523094 NP24 4SA**

**w3w; bookshop.adopters.enchanted.** Park at the farm. Take the Penallt Road off the Monmouth to Trellech Road, take next fork left to Penallt. On entering Penallt, turn left at crossroads and look immediately for the war memorial, turn right in front of it, then on a farm road past the Bush Inn, continue on the road past a cottage on the right and past the barn to parking area.

**18<sup>th</sup> May St Mary's Vale, Sugar Loaf, Abergavenny**

**SO281163 NP7 7HU w3w:lawful.bookshop.breezes** On the western side of Abergavenny, turn off the Brecon Road (A40) into Chapel Road, drive up this road, when the houses appear to end continue climbing up passed Llwyn Du Court on your left then after a steep hill, at some cottages on your left, turn immediately left and drive along this lane for about half a mile until you come to a small carpark on your left. We will probably have to park closely behind one another.

**31<sup>st</sup> August Llandegfedd Reservoir Centre, New Inn**

**ST329986 NP4 OSS w3w packing. wire.eradicate.** From Usk: from the centre, cross the bridge and turn left, after about 700 metres turn right up a lane signed Llandegfedd. Follow the lane for 3 miles to a T junction in the village of Coed-y-paen there turn right and the reservoir centre is on the right down the hill. From A4042: at roundabout signed Llandegfedd Reservoir and New Inn, follow the road past the Lower New Inn pub, after 200 metres follow signs to reservoir by turning right into Jerusalem Lane, after a further 100 metres turn right again following signs into Sluvad Lane. Follow this for about a mile past the treatment works on the left and reservoir will soon appear. Park in car park at top of the hill.

**14<sup>th</sup> September Blaen Bran Wood, Upper Cwmbran ST273967**

**NP44 5AY w3w shack.defend.placed** From a roundabout on the Abergavenny to Newport road (A4042) take the turning to Cwmbran (A4051) follow this road to a roundabout, where there take an exit on the right signed "Upper Cwmbran." From this road take the third turning to the right, this runs into Five Locks Road, continue to a mini-roundabout and turn right into Ty Pwca Road. Continue for about three-quarters of a mile and turn into Upper Cwmbran Road. Pass, "The Queen Inn" on your right and keep climbing up, where the road widens, follow it round to the right passing a green area with a seat on it, there is a "No Through Road" sign at this point. Continue uphill, ignore a carpark sign on right, drive on to a gateway just below a chapel pass through the gate way and drive along the track to a parking place.

**6<sup>th</sup> October UK Fungus Day: details later**

**19<sup>th</sup> October Ynys Hywell Farm Cwmfelinfach NP11 7NY.**

**What3words:input.posting.funky**

The roads are narrow around the site so the best route is to go to Cwmfelinfach on the B4251 and turn down Islwyn Street - a brown sign indicates Ynys Hywel (a left turn if coming from the Newport /Risca direction). Continue down Islwyn Street until the end of the built up area where there is a five way junction. Ignore the left and right turns and take the left fork of the two straight ahead. It is a narrow lane with no footpath. From here the farm entrance is just less than a mile. On the way you will cross the river over a narrow bridge and continue straight on, ignoring the brown sign to Canolfan Ynys Hywel. Go under a bridge and continue uphill until you see a distinctive wooden Farm sign. Turn right into the farm drive until you reach the buildings on your left where there is parking

**9th November Tredegar House Park, Newport ST289853**

**NP10 8AE What3words hosts.longer.days**

Just West of Newport leave the M4 at signs for Tredegar House, follow the signs and park in the car park.

**23<sup>rd</sup> November Fedw Wood Nr St Arvans ST507984 NP16**

**6HJ What3words tentacles.shook.vase**

From the south drive north past Chepstow Race Course. Enter the village of St Arvans continue on this road for just over 1 mile carpark and picnic site is on your right. From the North drive through the village of Devauden (do not turn off right), continue for just over 1 mile through forested area, parking and picnic site will be on your left.