FUNGI

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Granted my mushroom picking self-esteem is a little low right now. I went out for a little bit on a recent afternoon to see if any were out yet, even though I knew they wouldn't be but I don't want to take a chance of missing the short season. I found zero. Zilch. I feel like Punxsutawney Phil the groundhog. I stuck my head out, didn't find any mushrooms and am ducking my tail and going back down in my hole for another week or so.

But despite painting such a doom and gloom picture, surely any day now they are going to start popping up. And when they do, you want to be there. Morels are the tastiest fungi in the world next only to the truffle in England. They are not only my favorist (is that a word?) outdoor food but probably my favorist food ever.

Mushroom hunting gives you an excuse to go hiking in the mountains and if you're up there bear/turkey hunting why not kill two birds with one stone? There are multiple edible mushrooms, but I only feel safe picking two species. One time I thought, you know, this is dumb. I'm up there going to all of the expense and spending time hunting so why not learn to identify all of the edible species? So I found out about a mushroom picking club and started attending their meetings. Unfortunately, I still only feel comfortable picking my original two species.

So to get you started, the first season go with an experienced picker who can train you. If you don't and make a mistake and pick the Angel of Death. ... Let's just say, you and God had better be on pretty good terms because you will be in the judgment room muy pronto.

So where do you find them? I'll tell you some generalities but as soon as I say that, I'll find them in some random spot. When you find them at one elevation everyone will tell

you to move higher after a few days. I do find some by old logs but I also find plenty just randomly throughout the woods. I find a few on the uphill banks on old logging roads.

I don't recommend looking on grassy slopes but one year I found a ton on a grassy hillside in the forest. But haven't found them there since. Usually it's smart to go recheck the same good spots every year. Check out old stump holes, especially in old burns. My old buddy Roger Ross said to look under firs. Problem is, I can hardly differentiate the difference between a pine tree and an aspen.

I've got one spot on an old logging road that isn't a low spot but slightly so. I find them there every year. I find them in semi open areas that are somewhat shaded.

The indisputable world's best scenario is last year's forest fires. They can be magical. I remember at one such old fire I found 17 almost underneath a fallen lodgepole. The stump holes had a million. The open burn area had a quadrillion. So if you know where old burns are from last summer/fall, hit them. If you don't know of any, go check with the Forest Service.

One year I knew where some prescribed burns had taken place. No one else had hit it yet. I thought that I had scored big time. Unbelievably I didn't find a one there.

If you find some on a steep hillside, check above and below. The spores will flush downhill and I've found a bucketful in one spot in this scenario.

I've never actually done this but one time I was theorizing with a lady at the Forest Service office. We were kicking ideas back and forth and she said she'd always been tempted to check the soil temp but kept forgetting to. I bet she is onto something. I bet their popping up is directly linked to the temp of the soil.

Well, we're out of room. Good luck.

MUSHROOM PERMITS, PICKING ADVICE

Mushroom pickers on national forest land can keep up to one gallon per day, or five gallons in Washington, for personal use, with no permit required to harvest, possess or transport amounts up to those limits.

People who plan to collect more mushrooms, or who want to sell them, will need a commercial permit, which are on sale now at Forest Service offices around the region. Commercial mushroom picking is prohibited in wilderness areas, research areas, or any areas that are currently closed. A mushroom guide is available at https://www.fs.usda. gov/main/wallowa-whitman/home.

In Oregon a pound of fresh morels can sell for over \$50, a dried pound for over \$200, in an upper scale restaurant they might sell for \$200 a plate.

The Forest Service offers advice for collecting mushrooms: • Use a knife to cut your mushrooms at their base. This reduces disturbance to the soil and can help mushrooms to continue growing in that location.

• Carry your mushrooms in a net bag, which better preserves them and allows spores to spread for future

• Give wildlife plenty of space and leave newborns alone. • Practice "leave no trace" ethics, and please take all your trash home with you. • Be aware that some forest roads may not be accessible

and terrain can be dangerous. • Keep in mind that many wild mushroom varieties are poisonous. When in doubt, leave it out! Always invest in a local mushroom guide.

due to mud and snow. Traveling on wet mountain roads

• Also be sure to tell a friend or family member where you are going; stick to your plan and let them know when you will confirm your safe return.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022

YOUR BIRTHDAY by Stella Wilder because your personality is always so clearly ever, have to announce your intentions or the opposite is true: Speed up!

you go about it. SUNDAY, MAY 1

to be noticed today, but not necessarily for the another's shoes for a while today. a total shift in thinking.

nding center stage or supporting another from the wings, what you do will surely SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- You

make a difference today. Think ahead. Born today, you are quite soft-spoken, and eager to learn a lesson or two today from how things are going. Reach out to them! yet in spite of this, everyone knows just exact- someone who is in a position that you all but CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- It may

on display. You are a strong and confident time available to you today than you think, but days or weeks. This will require planning. individual, even to the extent that you rarely, if that doesn't mean you can slow down. In fact, AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- You may

something. You simply do it, knowing full well with work, rest and play may well be disrupted in your efforts, and that can work wonders. that everyone will soon know all there is to today by someone who doesn't know what's PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) -- How you know about the endeavor because of the way going on with you. Explain it.

midst of a change that you don't fully under- when it's no longer an option to be silent. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- You're sure stand -- yet. You may benefit from walking in

missing something that you can't quite iden- your progress as you experiment a little. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Whether you tify. Take time to reflect -- and write things

by Stella Wilder

may be feeling somewhat separated from CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- You are those who share your overall attitude about

ly who you are and what you stand for, covet. You can be there yourself very soon. be time for you to explain, in no uncertain LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- You have more terms, just what you intend for the next few

not be able to move forward on your own advertise your actions before setting out to do VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- The balance today, but there are those who wish to join you

organize your thinking will make a big differ-LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- You are in the ence today and prepare you to take a stand

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- You can surely excel today, but you'll want to explore a reason you had anticipated. This may require SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- You are few new options as well -- which may limit

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7 PM - Regular Membership

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1995 4th St. (4th & Court, Side Door)

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