

The Mid-Yorkshire Fungus Group

2025 Programme

(Revised 20th August, 2025)

Forays

During forays, we proceed at a leisurely pace, stopping frequently to examine fungi. There is usually a break for lunch at a suitable spot, so bring a packed lunch. Please dress appropriately for the weather and wear suitable footwear, such as walking shoes, boots or wellingtons. Forays start at **10:30**. Finishing time depends on the weather and the number and quality of the fungi but it tends to be mid-afternoon. There is no requirement for participants to stay until the end of the foray. Members who need to leave early may do so at any time.

	Date	Location	Leader
1.	26 th April (Sat)	The Hollies	Jonathan Whiteley
2.	6 th Sept (Sat)	Golden Acre Park	Anne Bowers
3.	13 th Sept (Sat)	Nidd Gorge	Adrian Bennett
4.	20 th Sept (Sat)	Roundhay Park	Elsbeth Mitchell
5.	28 th Sept (Sun)	Guiselcliff Wood	Andy Simpson
6.	5 th Oct (Sun)	Strensall Common	Mal Greaves
7.	11 th Oct (Sat)	Potteric Carr Fungi Festival	Kat Woolley & Andy Woodall
	12 th Oct (Sun)	Potteric Carr Fungi Festival (Some MYFG presence.)	Kat Woolley & Andy Woodall
8.	12 th Oct (Sun)	Fountains Abbey	Denise Carter
9.	18 th Oct (Sat)	Harlow Carr Fungus Weekend	Andy Woodall et al
	19 th Oct (Sun)	Harlow Carr Fungus Weekend	Andy Woodall et al
10.	26 th Oct (Sun)	Bishop Wood	Denise Carter & Mervin Nethercoat
11.	1 st Nov (Sat)	Archbishop Holgate Hospital, Hemsworth	Francis Hickenbottom
12.	8 th Nov (Sat)	Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield	David Barker
13.	15 th Nov (Sat)	Judy Woods	Ian Forward
14.	23 rd Nov (Sun)	Middleton Woods	Andy Woodall

Indoor Meetings

Indoor meetings are held at the Quaker Meeting House, Woodhouse Lane, Leeds, LS2 9DX. During the ordinary meetings we look at and discuss specimens brought to the meeting by members. Specimens can range from the very common species to real rarities. These sessions allow members to talk about fungi and to pick up identification tips and other useful bits of information.

For the Christmas social, please bring small contributions of food and non-alcoholic drinks. We usually finalise the programme for the following year at this meeting.

The Quaker Meeting House is opposite Leeds University, at the junction between St. Mark's Street and Woodhouse Lane. We have the use of only two parking spaces at the meeting house, so you are requested to use street parking. The meetings start at **19:00** and end by **21:00**. Refreshments will usually be available during the meeting.

Date	Details
29 th Jan (Wed)	EGM – Discussion of the way forward for the MYFG website.
16 th April (Wed)	Ordinary meeting.
21 st May (Wed)	AGM – The AGM business does not usually take up the whole session.
17 th Sept (Wed)	Ordinary meeting.
15 th Oct (Wed)	Ordinary meeting.
19 th Nov (Wed)	Ordinary meeting.
10 th Dec (Wed)	Christmas social.

Forays – Directions and Additional Information

1. The Hollies – LS16 8EZ – during.swim.shelf – SE 280 384 From the A6120 Leeds ring road, travelling westward, turn left onto Parkside Road, and park where the road crosses Meanwood Beck. Note that Parkwood Road can only be accessed from the westbound carriageway. If travelling eastward along the A6120, go round the King Lane roundabout and return along the A6120 westward.

2. Golden Acre Park – LS16 9JY - social.pets.mats The park is on the main A660 road from Leeds to Otley, just before Bramhope as you leave Leeds. We'll meet on the path below the café terrace which is near the main gate. There are loos next to our meeting place.

3. Nidd Gorge – HG5 9HE – pots.generated.likewise – SE 330 585 The car-park is on the B6165 Ripley to Knaresborough road. Putting “Nidd Gorge Car Park” into Google maps gets you to the correct location. Power lines cross the road here are a good landmark. If needed, extra parking is available on the street 50m away.

4. Roundhay Park – LS8 2HH – boost.melt.payer Park by the Mansion Tea Rooms on Mansion Lane.

5. Guisecliff Wood – HG3 5QH – pots.employ.processor Use on-street parking at Glasshouses on the road leading to Flax Mill Cottages. Meet by the bridge.

6. Strensall Common – YO32 5YB – generally.quench.wedge – SE 649 612 Follow the A1237 from York into Strensall village, then follow the signs for Flaxton. After a mile you cross a cattle grid and the car park is immediately on the right.

7. Potteric Carr – DN4 8DB – This is a two-day fungus festival. MYFG will be involved in public forays on Saturday and some members of MYFG will be present on Sunday.

8. Fountains Abbey – HG4 3DY – delved.horns.laces Main route: A61, then B6265 to Pateley Bridge; turn left to Studley Roger; at Studley Roger, turn right into the Deer Park; at the sign, turn left towards the Lakeside car park; park at the top end near the loos.

9. Harlow Carr – HG3 1QB – Members of MYFG will be leading forays and manning an exhibition of fungi. More details will be available nearer the time.

10. Bishop Wood – YO8 3RD – maybe.trinkets.lanes – Use the car-park on Scalm Lane.

11. Archbishop Holgate Hospital – WF9 4PP – prickly.detained.winds There are two entrances. The correct one is immediately after a bend if coming from Pontefract. The W3W address takes you to it.

12. Community of the Resurrection – WF14 0BN – oppose.cities.cotton From the A62 in Mirfield, turn up Stocks Bank Road. The Community is just opposite the junction with Kitson Hill Road. There are several car parks inside the main entrance - if full, more parking on Stocks Bank Road

13. Judy Woods – BD12 8LA – SE 147 268 Meet on Station Road, off the A641, Woodside Road, Wyke. On the W. Yorks Street Atlas, it is called Low Wood.

14. Middleton Woods - LS10 3SH – public.mash.moon Turn off Town Street into Middleton Park and park in the car-park.