

The Mid-Yorkshire Fungus Group

2026 Programme

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Weekend 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.	Sun, 19 th Apr	Hetchell Wood	Jo Mawson	
2.	Sun, 12 th July	Ox Close Wood	Jo Mawson	
3.	Sat, 22 nd Aug	Askham Bog	Andy Simpson	
4.	Sat, 5 th Sept	Roundhay Park	Elspeth Mitchell	
5.	Sun, 13 th Sept	Skipwith Common	Andy Woodall	
6.	Sat, 19 th Sept	Walton Country Park	Francis Hickenbottom	
7.	Sat, 26 th Sept	Edlington Woods	Peter Cowling	
8.	Sat, 3 rd Oct	Golden Acre Park	Anne Bowers	
9.	Sun, 11 th Oct	Brockadale	Francis Hickenbottom	
10.	Sat, 24 th Oct	Three Hagges Wood	Rhona Sutherland	
11.	Sat, 31 st Oct	Bishop Wood	Katka Trory	
12.	Sat, 7 th Nov	Ryburn Reservoir	Graham Crippin	
13.	Sun, 15 th Nov	Bramley Fall Woods	Jane Furse	
14.	Sat, 21 st Nov	Nostell Priory	Andy Simpson	
15.	Sat, 28 th Nov	Barlow Common	Kat Woolley	

Information that can be used to find the parking and meeting point for each venue can be found in the table towards the end of this sheet.

Note that there is no foray on the weekend of 17th & 18th Oct but members will be involved in the event at Harlow Carr. See External Events.

Mid-Week Forays

Mid-week forays follow a similar pattern to the weekend forays unless otherwise indicated.

	Date	Location	Leader	
16.	Wed, 16 th Sept	Cottingley Woods*	Cathy Wintersgill	
17.	Thur, 8 th Oct	Judy Woods	Ian Forward	
18.	Tue, 13 th Oct	Yorkshire Arboretum	Mal Greaves	
19.	Fri, 6 th Nov	Hardcastle Crag	Ella Dixon	

*This foray will finish at lunchtime.

Indoor Meetings

Indoor meetings are held at the Quaker Meeting House, 188 Woodhouse Lane, Leeds, LS2 9DX, starting at 7 p.m. and ending at 9 p.m. 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.

Date	Details
15 th Apr (Wed)	Ordinary meeting.
20 th May (Wed)	AGM – The AGM business does not usually take up the whole session.
16 th Sept (Wed)	Ordinary meeting.
21 st Oct (Wed)	Ordinary meeting.
18 th Nov (Wed)	Ordinary meeting.
9 th Dec (Wed)	Christmas social.

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.

We have the use of only two parking spaces at the meeting house, so you are requested to use street parking.

External Events

	Date	Location	Leader	Contact No.
20.	10 th & 11 th Oct	Potteric Carr	Andy Woodall	07725 819326
21.	17 th & 18 th Oct	Harlow Carr	Jenny Sergeant	07725 959492

Members of MYFG will be carrying out activities such as leading forays, giving talks and promoting mycology at these events. See social media or contact leaders for details.

Venues – Directions and Additional Information

	Venue	Postcode	What3Words	Additional Information
1	Hetchell Wood	LS14 3AL	glad.foster.nooks	
2	Ox Close Wood	LS22 5JP	purified.expel.training	
3	Askham Bog	YO23 3QX	green.banana.jukebox	
4	Roundhay Park	LS8 2HH	boost.melt.payer	Park by the Mansion Tea Rooms on Mansion Lane.
5	Skipwith Common	YO8 5SG	maximum.homeward.packing	
6	Walton Country Park	WF1 5RZ	agreement.crusher.grab	
7	Edlington Woods	DN12 1EW	tutored.shopper.tweed	
8	Golden Acre Park	LS16 9JY	social.pets.mats	Meet on the path below the café terrace near the main gate.
9	Brockdale	WF8 3LJ	cosmic.panels.intelligible	
10	Three Hagges Wood	YO19 6EF	convert.universes.flaked	For parking, take the first right after Olivia's Tea-Room.
11	Bishop Wood	YO8 3RD	maybe.trinkets.lanes	Use the car-park on Scalm Lane.
12	Ryburn Reservoir	HX6 4LE	ferrying.grass.mocked	
13	Bramley Fall Woods	LS13 2PJ	figure.wounds.groups	
14	Nostell Priory	WF4 1QY	evaded.banana.stupidly	Parking is free if one person in the car has National Trust membership.
15	Barlow Common	YO8 8EZ	walking.panels.firelight	
16	Cottingley Woods	BD16 1QS	shout.grin.liability	Use on-street parking.
17	Judy Wood	BD12 8LA	flock.rank.foster	Roadside parking on Station Road. Watch out for double-yellow lines.
18	Yorkshire Arboretum	TBA	TBA	Due to ongoing work at the venue, details will be announced later.
19	Hardcastle Crag	HX7 7AL	sinkhole.splints.stuck	
20	Potteric Carr	DN4 8DB	cubic.appetite.defender	The W3W address identifies the correct parking area.
21	Harlow Carr	HG3 1QB	timing.chops.leave	

Note:

Whilst the postcode will take you to the correct area, the What3Words address will take you to the meeting point much more precisely. This is particularly useful when trying to identify small roadside parking areas. Of course, for venues such as Nostell Priory you can simply type the name of the destination and “parking” into Google Maps and it will take you there.