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FORAYS ** FORAYS ** FORAYS**

JULY 8th SHARK RIVER PARK

Vic Gambino will lead this foray. **Driving Directions:** Take the Garden State Parkway to exit 100, (Route 33 East). Follow Rte 33 East about a mile to School House Road. Turn Right on School Hill Rd. The Park Entrance is about 1/2 mile on the right. We will meet at the entrance to the park at 10:00 AM.

JULY 22nd. MEADOW WOODS PARK

Sue Hopkins is the leader of this Foray. **Driving Directions:** From Chester, at the junction of Routes 206 and 24, proceed east for three miles on Route 24. Just past "Park's Fruit Farm" stand see Old Mill Road on the left.

From Mendham on Route 24, proceed west 2.4 miles from the light in Mendham Center. Just past the Mendham Animal Hospital, see Old Mill Road on the right with a large blue house at the corner.

Turn onto Old Mill Road and proceed 1.3 miles. Watch the mileage reading closely and see a stone building on the left. Turn left and enter the stone gate, bearing left to the parking area.

AUGUST 5th ECHO HILL PARK

The leader for this foray is Gertrude Espenschied. Echo Hill is located about midway between Clinton and Flemington at Stanton Station in Hunterdon County. **Driving directions:** From Route 31 take the Stanton Station Road West, and make the first right turn at the corner store. Go about one half mile to Echo Hill Park on the right. Please do not go near the house, which is privately owned. ~~There are no picnic tables so bring a blanket or folding chairs.~~

AUGUST 11th SCEEC

Dorothy Smullen will be leading our only SATURDAY foray at our winter lecture center. **Driving Directions:** From Route 287 take exit 26-A (Basking Ridge). Make a right turn from the exit ramp onto North Maple Avenue, past AT&T into Basking Ridge. At the center of town, veer left onto South Maple Avenue. Take South Maple Avenue, past Lord Sterling Riding Stables on the left to Lord Sterling Road (~~Airport on right after you turn~~) and follow about a mile to the Environmental Center on the left.

AUGUST 16-10 NORTH EAST FORAY AT GLASSBORO COLLEGE

AUGUST 26th HOLMDEL PARK

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Joe Kuczynski will be the leader of this foray. **Driving directions:**
From the Garden State Parkway take exit 114. Go west. Follow to the next intersection. Make a right turn onto Crawford-Everett Road. Stay on this road--do not take the road towards Holmdel. Take the next left onto Long Street. Look for the sign saying "Holmdel Park Activity Center." The parking lot is next to the center. *Go in Main Entrance, Turn Right and go to top of hill parking lot near tennis courts*
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FORAY GUIDE

1. Unless otherwise notified in this newsletter, we will meet at the designated place at 10:00 AM. Groups will be formed and started by 10:15 AM.
2. Forays will be held **Rain or Shine**, and may be on rough trails or woods. Please dress accordingly.
3. The morning foray will usually end about 1:00 PM, at which time a lunch break will be taken at the picnic area designated by the foray leader.
4. If possible, two tables will be set aside; a collection and a display table. Members are invited to place any specimen collected during the foray on the collection table for the examination of others. Prime examples will be selected, identified, and placed on the display table.
5. A general discussion follows, after which an afternoon foray may be formed.
6. It is the responsibility of each mushroom hunter to remain with the group.
7. The foray leader is responsible for the conduct of the foray and the cooperation of members is expected.
8. Members are encouraged to bring friends who may be interested in our program to any club function.
9. **Collection.** Paper bags, waxed paper and a basket are essential. **DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS OR PLASTIC WRAP.** The results of storing mushrooms in plastic is humiliating. Try to get specimens of the same species in various stages of development. Do not mix different species in the same bag. Use a knife to dig up an entire specimen, including the part below the surface.
10. **NOTE.** Never eat anything that has not been positively identified and known to be edible. Poisonous mushrooms can be fatal! While foray leaders and individual members may aid in classification, neither the association nor the individual members responsible for the identification of any fungus.

TELLURIDE AGAIN: The Fourth Annual Telluride Wild Mushroom Conference will be held in Telluride, Colorado August 23-26, 1984. Emphasis will be on the cultivation and diversity of mushrooms. The faculty includes Dr. Andrew Weil of Harvard speaking on *Mushrooms, Health & Healing*; Gary Lincoff of NAMA on *Mushroom Identification*; Bob Harris on *Mushroom Cultivation*; John Corbin on *Cultivation of Mushrooms on Straw*. Daily forays will be led by guides in the surrounding mountains. For additional information write: Fungophile, P. O. Box 5503, Denver, Colorado 80217-5503.

MUSHROOM COLLECTORS' CODE

1. To gather only mushrooms intended for food or study. Often it is possible by careful scrutiny to select mushrooms suitable for food or study before picking. The others should be left undisturbed.
2. To preserve mushroom substrates whenever possible. The mushroom should be picked with minimal destruction of the mycelium-containing substrate.
3. To support ecological programs designed to preserve the environment. The disappearance of mushrooms is basically a complication of fungicides and urban sprawl.
4. To communicate mushroom conservation principles to other mushroom collectors and to the public. To carry an impact, these areas of conservation must be widely disseminated.
5. To restore mushroom habitats, after gathering, to their natural states. Although this is not clearly a conservation principle, the terrain left in an unnatural disorder impairs the enjoyment of the surroundings by others.

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THE STATUS OF AMATEUR MYCOLOGY

The North American Mycological Association (NAMA) has printed a list of 63 known and active mycological associations in Canada and The United States. Of these, 12 are in the State of Washington, 4 in Oregon and British Columbia. It's interesting to note that the February 1975 NJMA newsletter reprinted a tabulation of 18 societies made by Emil Lang (President of the New York Mycological Association), to which we added two others known to us.

The Boston Mycological Association is conceded to be the oldest continuously active society founded sometime prior to 1897. A publication that year lists 27 genera and 98 species collected and eaten by members in the year prior to the publication. This list gives evidence that even at that early date the BMS was a well established organization.

The first organizational meeting of the "Mushroom Hunter's Club" was held on May 15, 1971 at which time the name "Lakeland Mycological Association" was adapted. To the best of our knowledge about 14 people attended that meeting. During December 1974, the club name was changed to the "New Jersey Mycological Association".

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C/O Sue Hopkins

Annual Picnic 9/30!

Fungus Fest 10/7

Mark your calendars
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