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# Fungi Foray

Fall is here and there are fungi all around! After a good autumn rain the fruiting bodies, the parts of the fungi that hold the spores for reproduction, start to emerge from the soil. These can be observed in all shapes, sizes, and colors! Want to go for a fungi hunt? Here are some tips to get you started!

- The best time to hunt for fungi is after a good rain.
- For collecting specimens bring a basket or paper bag.
- Pay closer attention to areas by decaying logs and scan the forest floor. Some fungi have a symbiotic relationship with trees, so the base of a tree is a good place to check.
- Find a field guide with good pictures or check out apps like iNaturalist to identify what you find.
- Check out our website [baltimorewoods.org](http://baltimorewoods.org) and take a look at instructions for how to make a spore print under “Fun with Fungi” week in our activities and games section.



Happy Fall and Fungi Hunting!

