

Guidelines for the Foray Leader:

- Their primary responsibility is to lead people to a potentially fruitful location. *They do not have to be experts in mushrooms*: inexperienced leaders may be paired with a knowledgeable club member who will be in charge of identification. Leaders can arrange to have an identifier themselves, or the foray chair will gladly find a match for that particular foray.
- The foray location also needs enough parking spaces to accommodate the number of vehicles that will carpool.
- Forays should be planned well ahead of time, ideally planned a month in advance so notice can go in the newsletter.
- The final determination of whether a foray should be made no later than the Thursday before the foray. We realize that poor weather can cancel the occasional foray. If a foray ever has to be cancelled, the first person the leader should contact is Linnea Gilman, (linnea101@gmail.com who will put up the cancellation notice on the website as soon as is convenient. Then, contact the foray identifier and the foray chair (Christy Honigman 303 522-1402 or Christy@christyhonigman.com or Rob Hallock 720 480-4452 or Rob.Hallock@usdenver.edu)
- In case foray leader cannot be at foray, the leader should arrange for a substitute to lead in his/her stead.
- Leaders should have attendees sign up using liability form. This can be downloaded and printed from website. *Leaders should consider adding cell # and car license plate numbers to keep track of people at the foray.*
- Leaders should have printed directions for the drivers so no one gets lost. Once at the final destination, leaders wait approximately 15 minutes for the cars to arrive. They give a short introduction which includes a basic lay of the land (so people don't get lost), and then give a designated meeting place and time to meet at the end of the foray. We typically allow participants a full 2 hours of hunting. However, if multiple locations foray locations are possible that day, try to spend at least an hour at each. Carpooling is encouraged- leaders should encourage making a financial contribution to the driver.
- After hunting, people should congregate at a predetermined meeting place, have lunch, socialize, go through each other's finds, and lay out the mushroom finds in a common area. At this time, the identifier(s) assigned to the foray will go through the findings and talk about the mushrooms they know. Participants are encouraged to go through their field guides and keys and work on identifying unknown mushrooms.
- Leaders can choose to properly dispose of mushroom specimens in the woods or take some to the next regular CMS meeting. Mushrooms should not be dumped in a pile that is an eyesore for hikers. Consider bringing mushrooms to the CMS meeting if the foray is the weekend before the Monday night CMS meeting, or the to Denver Botanic Gardens Herbarium (Vera Evenson, Curator of the Herbarium of Fungi at evensonv@botanicgardens.org)