

FUNGI DETECTIVE

Unlike plants, fungi cannot gain their energy directly from the sun by photosynthesis. Instead, they feed by absorbing nutrients from their environment.



CHILDREN'S NATURE WATCH

BRITISH IRONWORK CENTRE & SCULPTURE PARK

Fungi have a vital role in natural woodland; they help recycle and reuse important minerals to nourish other plant life in the forest.

Here are some of the fungi that can be found around the Ironworks, how many can you spot today?

OYSTER MUSHROOM
Pleurotus Ostreatus
When to see: All year round

CHICKEN OF THE WOODS
Laetiporus Sulphureus
When to see: June to November

PINK WAXCAP
Porpolomopsis Calyptiformis
When to see: September to November

BIRCH POLYPORE
Piptoporus Betulinus
When to see: January to December

ST GEORGE'S MUSHROOM
Calocybe Gambosa
When to see: April to May

SHAGGY INKCAP
Coprinus Comatus
When to see: May to November

CANDLESNUFF FUNGUS
Xylaria Hypoxylon
When to see: January to December

VELVET SHANK
Flammulina velutipes
When to see: November to February

TURKEYTAIL
Trametes versicolor
When to see: January to December

PORCELAIN FUNGUS
Oudemansiella mucida
When to see: July to October

WOOD BLEWIT
Lepista Nuda
When to see: September to December

RUBY ELFCUP
Sarcoscypha Coccinea
When to see: November to March

ANGEL'S WINGS
Pleurocybella Porrigens
When to see: September to November

CEDAR CUP
Geopora Sumneriana
When to see: December to May

FLY AGARIC
Amanita Muscaria
When to see: August to November

STINKHORN FUNGUS
Phallus Impudicus
When to see: June to October

HARE'S EAR
Otidea Onotica
When to see: June to November

REMEMBER
Some fungi can be very poisonous, so never touch them!

HOW MANY DID YOU FIND?

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