

Learn to Identify Wild Mushrooms With Marcia Peeters!

These third annual mushroom outings with Hemlock Ridge Excursions offer a great line-up of expert identifiers and superb cooks. Join Marcia Peeters, Jared Pruch, Cheshire Mayrsohn & April-Dawne Christen for an experience you won't forget!



Mountain Mushroom Excursion
Clear Lake Resort (HWY 126)
October 21-23, 2011
\$175 (+ \$35/night lodging)
Register by Monday, October 18, 2011



Oregon Coast Mushroom Excursion
Tugman State Park (HWY 101)
November 4-6, 2011
\$175 (+ \$25/night lodging)
Register by Monday, October 31, 2011

These weekend workshops are hosted at beautiful sites selected for their proximity to great mushroom hunting locations. Participants are introduced to all aspects of “mushrooming” culture, from field identification techniques, family characteristics, wild edible harvesting, mushroom dyeing and cooking, and basic cultivation techniques. Classes emphasize a mix of hands-on identification practice, short lectures and in-the-field mushroom forays. If you have never experienced this type of adventure you are in for a real treat!

Workshops are led by **Marcia Peeters**, a co-founder of the [Cascade Mycological Society](#) and former Mushroom class instructor at Lane Community College. Marcia has been studying and collecting mushrooms recreationally for 35 years. She and Cheshire Mayrsohn have been involved in the Mt. Pisgah Arboretum Mushroom Festival since its inception 31 years ago.

Jared Pruch, Berggren Demonstration Farm Coordinator at Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation and Development assisted Marcia Peeters with her Lane Community College classes and is an integral part of the Hemlock Ridge Mushroom Excursions. Jared is currently taking care of much of the publicity for the Mt. Pisgah Arboretum/Cascade Mycological Society Mushroom Festival.

April-Dawne Christen, our amazing chef, emphasizes organic, locally grown, locally produced and wild-crafted ingredients in all her meals. A former participant stated: "We can't say enough about April Dawn ... she made sure that hot coffee was always available, catered to a variety of dietary preferences, and prepared meals that tasted like we were dining in a 5-star restaurant - absolutely delish!."

Cheshire Mayrsohn, Botanist and recreational mushroom picker for the past 30 years will be joining us and sharing her expertise. As Cheshire puts it: “Western Oregon is one of the most diverse areas for mushrooms on the planet. I, personally eat 44 different species.” In addition to her mushroom knowledge, Cheshire also specializes in lichen identification.

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