

South Vancouver Island Mycological Society

Policy for Mushroom Forays (and other outdoor activities)

Upon joining SVIMS or renewing membership, members will sign a waiver which will be witnessed and filed by the Executive member responsible for memberships. It is SVIMS policy that to participate in a SVIMS foray it is required that the participant:

1. Is aware that there are risks to a foray;
2. Has been made aware of some pertinent examples such as getting lost, injured or attacked by an animal;
3. Agrees to abide by the rules as outlined below;
4. Assumes the unavoidable risks in return for the foray experience and
5. Agrees not to hold the organizers responsible for any unfavorable outcomes as a result of these unavoidable risks;
6. Is a SVIMS member, and
7. Must not consume mushrooms during forays without checking first with the foray leader.

SVIMS-organized forays are open to paid (current) members and their immediate families (for family memberships).

Foray Procedure:

The following steps will be taken at the beginning and end of each foray either by the Foray Leader(s) or a member designated.

SVIMS forays will have a sign-in/out process:

1. Each participant/family group signs in on a form with a heading stating that the signee is familiar with the SVIMS waiver. The form will be monitored and kept by the Foray Leader (or designate).
2. Dogs are not permitted on forays without prior approval by the Foray Leader.
3. Foray participants are encouraged to travel in groups of 2 or more (buddy system).
4. After the foray, each participant signs out with the Leader (or designate).
5. The Foray Leader(s) (or designate) states a time the participants are to be back to the foray starting area.
6. The Foray Leader (or designate) will wait a stated time after the agreed reassembly, after which the missing participant is assumed lost or injured and appropriate emergency steps taken and family and rescue agencies alerted.