

2016 Second Annual
Wisconsin Mycological Society – Minnesota Mycological Society
Bayfield County Foray

When: September 1 - 4, 2016

Where: Cable Museum of Natural History and Cable Community Centre, Cable, Wisconsin,
Namekagon Town Hall, and Lakewoods Resort, Lake Namakagon, Wisconsin

Coordinators:

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Brief overview

Foray goers needing lodging in town should plan to stay at the Lakewoods Resort, 21540 Co Hwy M, Cable, WI 54821. (715) 794-2561. For views and info see their website

<http://www.lakewoodsresort.com/>. This year Lakewoods has put together a really nice package that can save you money on lodging or meals, or both. And they're even offering to pack sack lunches for those who are interested. The accommodations are very nice there, as are the meals.

Lodging only:

- Double occupancy.3 nights...\$255.00 plus tax
- Single occupancy 3 nights....\$200.00 plus tax

Meal Package: Add \$90.00 per person

- 3 breakfast
- 3 dinners
- 3 nights lodging
- Plus tax and gratuity

You can also get **sack lunches** for \$10.00 per person to include beverage of water or soda.

Arrival: Foray goers can plan to arrive as early as Thursday, Sept 1; we can meet for dinner at 6 pm at the Rivers Eatery (inside the Ideal Market) right in “downtown” Cable.

<http://www.theidealmarket.com/Pages/Stoneovenmenu.aspx>

For early birds, there will be a mushroom basket-weaving workshop to be held at the Museum all day (9 am – 4 pm) on Thursday. There is a fee for this event and spaces are limited and reservations are required. Email Emily Stone at the Cable Museum for info and reservations (emily@cablemuseum.org). Workshop is led by an expert artisan in the area and the finished product will be treasured and last a lifetime!

We'll plan to use the Cable Community Centre (0.2 miles east of the Museum; 3 min walk) **or** the Namekagon Town Hall (slightly further east) as our home base and for our mushroom displays and ID. Still working on which site for home base at time of writing. **We will have firm plans by summer and announcements with final plans will go out to all members.** Plan to convene at 9 am on Friday Sept. 2 for introductions and all information on where we will be foraging etc.; forays will depart at 10 am. We will have morning and afternoon forays on **Friday and Saturday**. Most of the foray sites are a short drive from the town; the farthest is about one hour. Foray sites will be scouted in the days leading up to the foray and chosen at that time.

We will plan for evening dinners together on Friday and Saturday at Lakewoods Resort. If you prefer to eat in Cable, dining in Cable is excellent and ranges from mid to upper range in price.

On Saturday, forays will be open to the public and arranged by Emily Stone of the Museum; members of the WMS and MMS can serve as “experts” and to help with mushroom ID in the woods.

There will be no fees to attend this foray for members of WMS or MMS. Meals and lodging costs are responsibilities of foray goers. There are plenty of rooms at Lakewoods Resort currently but it’s recommended to book a room soon if you plan to attend. **Let them know you’re with the Foray to get the discount rate.**

More about Bayfield County

Although one of the largest counties in Wisconsin, Bayfield County (I’m told) has not one stoplight. It’s mostly National Forest, and in September the forests are carpeted with mushrooms. The habitat is mixed forest: black, red, and white oak species; red, sugar, and mountain maple; birch (paperbark, yellow) and poplar; hornbeam and hophornbeam; basswood; tamarack and black spruce; red pine; and white pine. This is the westernmost limit of the eastern hemlock; they’re common here. There are bogs to investigate with pitcher plants and some of the largest populations of lady slipper orchids I’ve ever seen. Northern Wisconsin’s wolf population is increasing steadily (though you may not see any); you will certainly see and hear loons on Lake Namakagon daily; black bear and elk are commonly seen, moose less so; this is about the only place in the USA east of the Rockies where you are likely to see fisher and marten. Lake Namakagon is really huge and is one of only three lakes in Wisconsin managed as a “trophy musky lake.” The world record musky was caught nearby.

Historically, the “Northwoods” drew sawyers to the area to fell the massive white pines that abounded. You will get a chance to see giant old growth white pines in several areas; many of these sentinels have been fostering mushrooms for several centuries. Some of our forays will pass along the North Country Trail; this is the longest National Scenic Trail in the USA (4,600 miles) and stretches from NY to ND, linking seven northern states.