

Should I cut mushrooms off at the basis when collecting them?

You shouldn't do that. The basis of the stipe, which remains in the soil when cutting it off, often contains

Can I find mushrooms at the same place next year?

Yes. If the conditions are favorable, the fungus living in the soil will create new fruits in the next autumn

Do I endanger the fungi kingdom when collecting mushrooms?

Who collects now and then his basket mushrooms and when harvesting conscientiously doesn't harm

Can I be poisoned by touching or handling a toxic mushroom?

No. Mushroom toxins are not absorbed through the skin, so you can handle them safely as long as you

How can I learn to identify mushrooms?

The easiest way is to take a course in mushrooms identification from a professional mycologist, but the

What field guide do you recommend?

[David Arora: Mushrooms Demystified \(Ten Speed Press, 1986\).](#) Arora is an excellent writer, and quite
[You can get this book HERE](#)

[Gary Lincoff: The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Mushrooms \(Knopf, 1992\).](#) This is p
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[Gary Lincoff, editor \(Giovanni Pacioni, author\): Simon & Schuster's Guide to Mushrooms \(Simon & Schuster, 1981\).](#) Although this field guide can be found in many stores, I do not recom
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[Kent and Vera McKnight: Mushrooms \(Peterson Field Guides, Houghton Mifflin, 1987\).](#) This field guide
[You can get this book HERE.](#)

[Alexander H. Smith: The Mushroom Hunter's Field Guide \(University of Michigan Press, 1958\).](#) Smith v
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[Roger Phillips: Mushrooms of North America \(Little, Brown, and Company, 1991\).](#) This book, unfortuna
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How can I make a spore print?

This is just a short outline: Take a clean material you want to print on (fresh typing paper, index card