



JDSF Builds on Relationship with Mendocino Coast Mushroom Club

Some mushrooms get all the love. Namely, the edible ones. Two recent events at Jackson Demonstration State Forest focused on some of our region's lesser-known fungi.

In January the [Mendocino Coast Mushroom Club](#) (MCMC) teamed up with CAL FIRE to host a foray leaving from the Caspar Scales, led by Bay Area based mycologist [Allan Rockefeller](#). Allan brings a deep knowledge not only of fungal identification and genetics, but also of nature macrophotography.



Tour participants lucked out with a break in the heavy rain, long enough to get out in the field. After two and a half hours of foraging, we reassembled having collected 90 species of mushrooms to share with the rest of the group. The diversity of sizes and colors of mushrooms spread out on folding tables was a site to behold – various local mushroom identification experts making the rounds.

Once again, on a cold morning in February, the MCMC and CAL FIRE collaborated on a tour for the “myco-curious”. This time we met at Camp One. Robert Douglas, JDSF’s Biologist, and leadership from MCMC shared tips and tricks on getting into mushrooming. Everyone’s favorite ID books were spread out on the table. Then it was into the woods for another day of foraging.

Stay up to date with mushroom events by visiting the MCMC [website](#) or by following the [JDSF Facebook page](#).

