

Fungi hunt

Every species of fungi is unique. Your challenge is to find as many species of fungi as possible and collect the most points! Record the GPS location of the fungi, and the data will be sent to the Dynamic Dunescapes project and the National Trust to improve the state of our dunes.

Some species of fungi are poisonous, all are special – please do not touch any mushrooms!

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Waxcap - *Hygrocybe coccineocrenata*

Location: Found in low-lying dune slacks, where it is very wet. Often grows within the short grass.

Special features: The mushrooms are a waxy texture with greasy and shiny cups.

12 POINTS

Image: Bryan Edwards



Dune Cup - *Peiziza ammophila*

Location: A strictly coastal fungus, found in patches of bare sand near marram grass from June to November.

Special features: A small fungus, as it becomes older the mushroom grows out of the sand and splits. Some know this fungus as the sand tulip.

10 POINTS

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Dune Brittlestem - *Psathyrella ammophila*

Location: Found in patches of bare sand near marram grass from May to November.

Special features: feeds on the decaying roots of marram grass. The cap and stem are easily crumbled.

18 POINTS

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Earthtongue - *Geoglossum arenarium*

Location: Found in bare sand or among mosses. It often grows near heather from early October to December. The mushroom can grow in clusters or individually, to about 8cm high.

Special features: Studland Bay is the only site in England where you can find it!

100 POINTS

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Sand stinkhorn - *Phallus hadriani*

Location: Found on sand dunes between decomposing roots.

Special features: Very rare species! As the mushroom grows it has a subtle odour that becomes very smelly as it decomposes.

50 POINTS

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Fly Agaric - *Amanita muscaria*

Location: Found on heathland with host trees dotted around, can be seen from late summer to early winter.

Special features: Highly poisonous... It can grow up to 30cm tall and has a savoury smell, but not for eating!

20 POINTS



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Sand Mushroom - *Agaricus devonieris*

Location: Found on the lower slopes of dunes, in the wet areas known as dune slacks.

Special features: The cap will start to convex, then flatten and become concave as it becomes older.

8 POINTS

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Moor Club - *Clavaria argillacea*

Location: Found on the boundary of the marram grass dunes and the dune heathland comprised of heather.

Special features: Grows up to 5cm tall, a very distinctive pale-yellow club fungus.

30 POINTS

Image: Bryan Edwards



Mycena chlorantha

Location: Found on sand dunes, growing in sandy spaces between the marram grass.

Special features: A rare and small fungus, has pale gills which make it distinguishable from Brittlestem.

38 POINTS

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Pink moss-pin - *Roseodiscus formosus*

Location: Found from January to March. Lives and parasitises on dying clumps of the moss *Ceratodon purpureus* in very open, early successional acid environments.

Special features: Shell Bay is the only place it has ever been recorded in the whole of the UK!

200 POINTS

Fungi Species	GPS (SZ XXXXX XXXXX)	Points

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