



8th Annual Sub-alpine Mycology Workshop

Programme and Registration Information

September 19 and 20, 2026

Strathcona Park Wilderness Centre, Nordic Way, Mt Washington

Strathcona Wilderness Institute is hosting a one-day Mycology Workshop on Saturday, September 19, 8:30 am till 5:00 pm, in the Strathcona Park Wilderness Centre located at the Paradise Meadows trailhead in Strathcona Park. The SPWC is adjacent to the Raven Lodge on Mt. Washington. For interested participants, the workshop is complemented with an **optional** one-day hike into the spectacular old-growth Divers Lake area on Sunday, September 20 (9 am to 4 pm).

The workshop consists of basic and advanced presentations on mushroom ecology, morphology and identification by some of Vancouver Island's best-known mycologists (listed below) followed by in-class hands-on ID sessions and short field trips into Paradise Meadows and beyond.

Team of experts:

Erin Feldman, MSc - research scientist turned mushroom cultivator and educator with over 10 years sharing fungal facts through classes, forest walks & biodiversity surveys.

Melanie Hesz - B.C. born & raised all-round outdoorswoman, amateur Mycologist, local mushroom ID educator and forager; SVIMS Past President.

James Holkko - award-winning Research Photographer of fungal species for Vancouver Mycological Society & Environment Canada's Manning Park survey.

Juliet Pendray - nature educator with over 20 years learning & sharing knowledge of fungi and lichen by leading classes, walks, talks, skits, and participating in research projects.

Thom O'Dell, Ph.D.- Mycologist with over 35 years experience collecting, studying, growing and eating mushrooms, who loves teaching people about fungi.

Registration limited to 16 [payment in advance is required to confirm registration.]

Cost: \$75 per person; students & seniors \$25

FMI & TO REGISTER email: strathconawilderness@gmail.com

DETAILS: See SWI website <http://strathconapark.org/>

Fee includes breakfast snacks, beverages and lunch featuring Wild Mushroom soup.

[Please note Registrants are responsible for their own transportation and accommodation]

ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION by EMAIL : strathconawilderness@gmail.com

Please EMAIL us with subject line *SWI MYCOLOGY WORKSHOP 2026*

Include : First Name, Last Name, Mailing Address & Number of Participants.

***We will email you instructions for making an Etransfer of your Registration Fee.
Registration is limited to 16, on a "first-come, first-paid" basis.***

Registration will only be confirmed as valid on receipt of payment.

Further inquiries at: strathconawilderness@gmail.com