

Hawai`i Volcanoes Institute 2009

A Mushroom Hunt with Don Hemmes

January 24, Saturday, 8:30 AM – 1 PM

Spend a morning in coastal *Casuarina* (Australian Pine) groves at MacKenzie Beach Park with Don Hemmes, co-author of the authoritative identification guide, Mushrooms of Hawai`i.



Hemmes & Desjardin



Berk & Broome

We will find and identify fascinating and often spectacular specimens that may include Beaked Earthstars, the deadly poisonous *Amanita marmorata*, or perhaps a fairy ring of *Gymnopus menehune*.

One is never assured of finding a wild species, but Don anticipates that an early-morning foraging expedition at MacKenzie, where he holds a permit to collect, will be productive.

Participants convene at the Beach Park in the early morning, before the sun's heat takes its toll on the fungus. Don will provide an overview of the various introduced and endemic species that we might expect to find in this Oceanside habitat, and then the search will begin. After a period of locating and/or collecting, within parameters that Don provides, we will compare and learn about the mushrooms we find there.



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Your Leader:

Don Hemmes, PhD., known for engaging students of all ages, received the University of Hawai`i's highest honor, the Regent's Excellence in Teaching Award. Recently retired Chair of the Natural Sciences Division at UH Hilo, Hemmes has enriched the lives of Big Island residents for years, acquainting them with the biological treasures found here. Don Hemmes is currently the President of the Mycological Society of America.

Seminar agenda: Program participants convene at MacKenzie Beach Park at 8:30AM. After Don acquaints us with species generally found in that location and provides instructions for collecting and identifying, we spread out and begin our search. At a specified time, we reconvene to see and hear about what has been discovered. Participants may wish to bring a lunch to enjoy at that stunning windward coastal location.

Who should attend?

This program is ideally suited for those interested in discovering and identifying mushroom species found in this coastal area. Children under 13 must be accompanied & supervised by an adult.

Expect an **easy, self-paced** foraging expedition. Wind and rain are possible, but will not cause program cancellation.

What to bring: Wear good walking shoes. Bring a rain shell as well as sun protection, as January weather on the coast is variable. Bring water, a magnifying glass, and lunch.

Transportation: Participants arrange their own transportation to MacKenzie. With prior consent by the participants, the Coordinator will provide contact information to enrollees wishing to carpool.

Tuition: Friends' members - \$40 Non-members - \$50

Timeline for payment/cancellation: Cutoff for registration, receipt of payments, or requests for refunds is January 17, one week before the seminar.

The seminar will be held, rain or shine. In the unlikely circumstance that Don Hemmes must cancel, participants will be notified and money refunded.

To register: Call the Friends' office at (808) 985-7373. The office is staffed part-time, so leave a message and your call will be returned. Or e-mail your enrollment information to ainahou2@aol.com.

