

## Northern Ireland Fungus Group

### Forays 2010

#### Foray layout:

A days foraying begins, for those wanting a full day, at 11am at the designated meeting point. Returning to the car park for lunch between 12.30 & 1pm. Then foraying again from 1 – 4pm. You are welcome to join at either of these starting times.

1. We recommend highly that you WEAR SUITABLE OUTDOOR CLOTHING.. that is sensible footwear (high heels or sandals are not recommended). Trainers, wellies or waterproof walking boots are a must for some sites. Please bring a raincoat and/or waterproof bottoms. It can suddenly start raining and you'll regret not having some form of waterproofs with you. If you don't need them at least you've come prepared.

2. Some sites may be hilly! Please do check the sites before you plan to come along. We have tried to give you as much detail regarding the site ie grid ref and O.S. map no's so you can find them and check the terrain on your maps. If you need more advice please contact us. It can be off putting if you arrive to find a mountain site and you are unable to cope physically with it.

3. If you are planning on spending the whole day with the group do bring a packed lunch as some venues are 'out of the way' and may not have shops nearby.

4. If you are wishing to collect a few specimens to take home and identify yourself bring a collection container of basket (mushroom boxes from your local green grocers are good! And you are recycling which is good for the environment too!!! 🍄) Craft tubs or small plastic tool boxes from your local hardware shop are good as they have handles as well and are relatively cheap.

5. A small guide book is also recommended. These can be obtained from any local bookstore. The Collins Field Guides are very good but will only have the very commonly found species in them. This is good for beginners and helps you establish which ones you may come across on a regular basis. Once you feel more confident you can invest in more advanced books.

Apart from those main points the day is pretty relaxed.

Join in, make friends and have fun and learn a bit about our environment and habitats while your there.

8<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Stradkilly Nature reserve. UWT Reserve. OS map No. 9. D306160



Follow to Larne. Along the Coast road to Glenarm. Pass the harbour, turn right. At the stone wall follow to the left. Pass the entrance to Glenarm Estate and road to B'mena on left. Continue on. On the small country road, you will pass a large farm shed on your left. Layby in front of this building and on the opposite side of road also. Entrance to the reserve 20yds in front.

From the North. Follow the main road to Ballymena. On the M2 take B'shane jct. Continue left to Glenarm/Carnlough, A42. Follow rd for some miles to split in road. Take B97 (right) to Glenarm. At end of road turn left. Follow to the layby as above.

24<sup>th</sup> July 2010

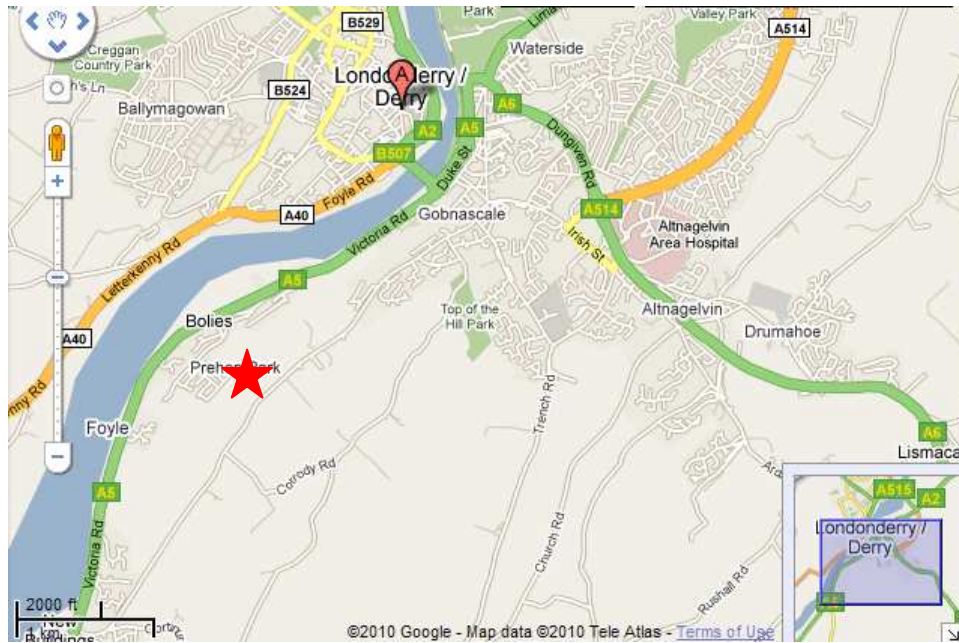
Holymount Forest, Downpatrick, OS map No.21 460430



From Belfast. Follow A24 to Carryduff, then take left A7 to Saintfield to crossgar to Downpatrick. From West, follow M1 to H'borough. Follow signs for B'hinch. Follow for Downpatrick. Once at main r'bout. Take right, town centre. Continue through 1st traffic lights. Veer left at 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic lights, Take immediate right for Clough (market St. becomes Ballydugan road. Continue on, pass the racecourse on your left. Take next right onto Drumcullen rd. Pass Ballydugan Mill and follow short distance to the reservoir, turn left onto Lake Rd Park here near the pub.

7<sup>th</sup> August

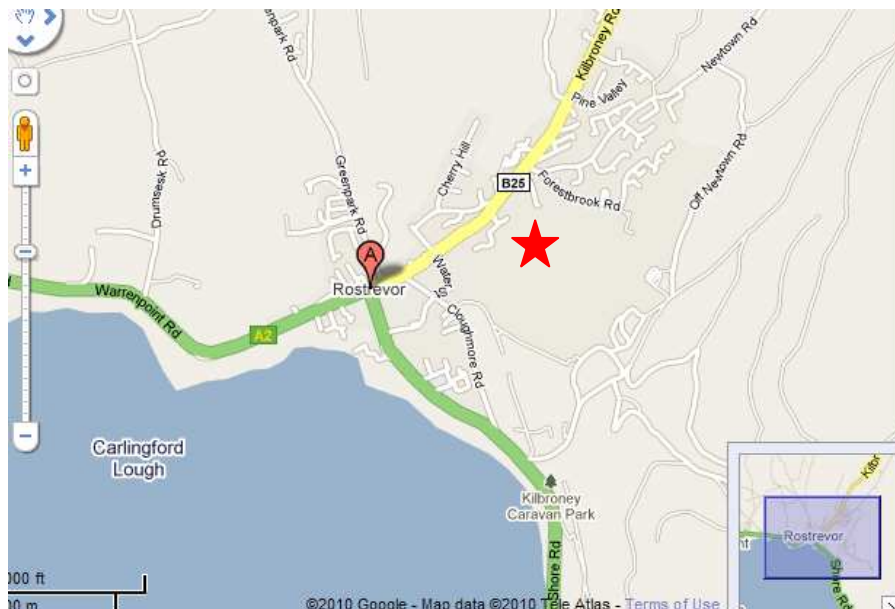
Prehen Wood., Co. Londonderry.. OS map No. C424148



Follow all directions to Derry. If approaching from E/NE/SE on the Glenshane Pass. Follow to the final roundabout. Take left. Keep to the left, passing the bridge, follow directions for Strabane. Onto Victoria Road. Pass the Lough's Agency Centre on right. On left look for Prehen Road (2 entrances to same road) turn into Prehen park. Park on this street, near forest entrance. From South/West Follow through Omagh to Strabane A5. Once through New Buildings, Look for Prehen road on left. Follow as above.

21<sup>st</sup> August

Kilbroney Centre/Carrickbawn wood. OS map No. 29, J181185



Follow all roads to Newry. Once in Newry follow signs for Rostrevor/Warrenpoint A2. Once on Warren point road, follow Straight at all roundabouts. In W'point, follow signs for Rostrevor. In town, follow up main street onto B25 Church Street. Kilbroney Centre on your right. Signposted.

4<sup>th</sup> September 2010

Peatlands Park, Co. Tyrone. OS map. No. 19 H898603



Follow from your location onto the M1. Follow either direction to J13 (Loughall). Take J13. Peatlands Park is signposted from this junction on the North side of the Motorway. Meet at the carpark.

18<sup>th</sup> September 2010-04-20

Brantry Lough, Co. Tyrone OS Map No. 19 H750535



From North/East, Follow M1 west. Pass J15, M1 ends. Take B45 on left for Eglis. Continue through Eglis. Road forks keep right, just after fork take nest right onto Carrycastle Road. 3<sup>rd</sup> main rd on left is Brantry Road. Follow down here to the carpark on your right at Lough.

From West follow north towards Belfast. Pass Ballygawley, after 1<sup>st</sup> main road to Dungannon on left, carry on until the Eglis Road on right. Follow as above.

26<sup>th</sup> September 2010 Carfunnock Country Pk (not part of the main group timetabled forays.)

OS map No. 9 D385068



Group asked to guide walk. Chairperson will guide the walk. Members are welcome to attend. Follow roads to Larne. Carry on Coast road until you come to the Country park on your left.

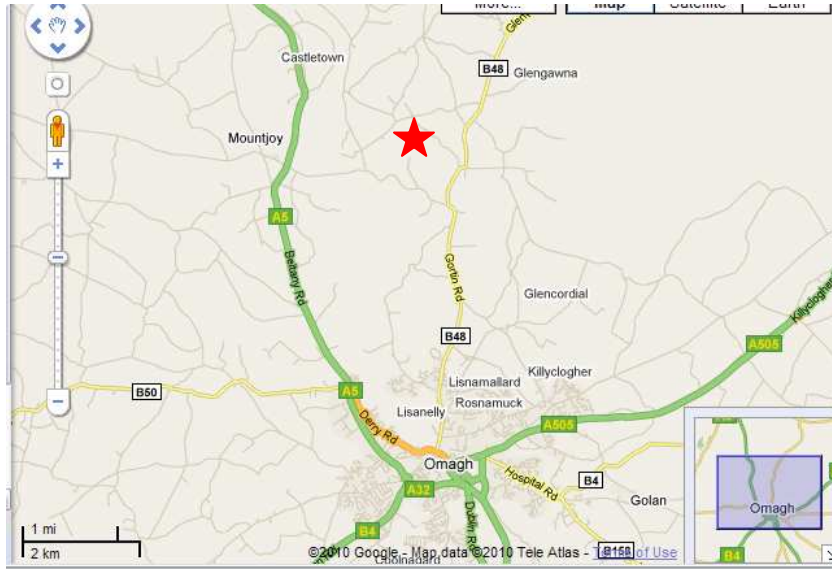
2<sup>nd</sup> October 2010. Clondeboye Estate. Joint with Belfast Naturalists Field Club

OS map No. 15 J474800



From North and West. Follow either M1 or M2 to Belfast. Once in Belfast, follow directions for Bangor A2. Once on A2 continue past Hollywood, continue straight. Pass Ballyrobert Car sales. Through lights. Continue on until passing Garden Centre on left. Move to right hand lane. Keep straight. After Junction 50yds, indicate right. Entrance to Estate is through large stone pillars. Continue on through estate over ramps until main buildings appear on your right. Pull into large Carpark. Park at the right beside grass bank.

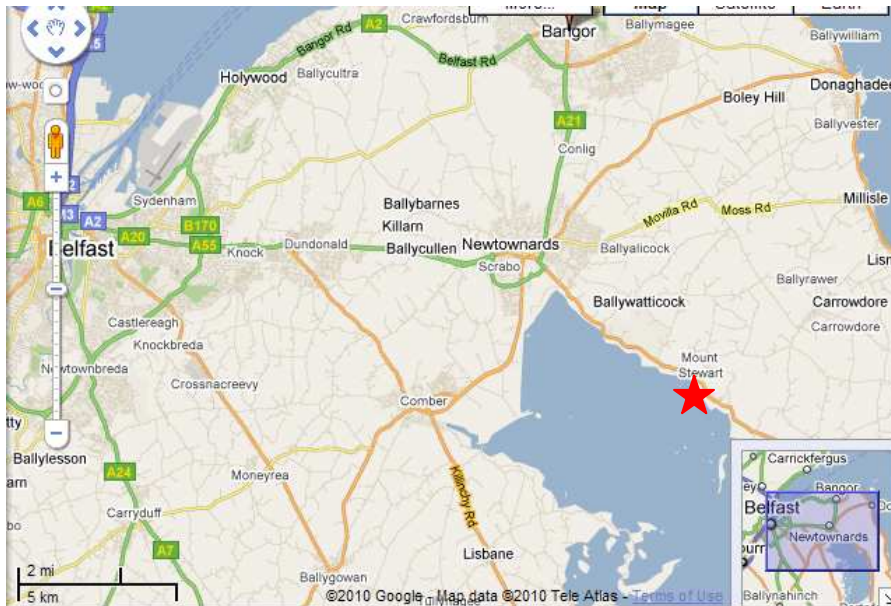
9<sup>th</sup> October 2010 Cottage Farm Reserve, Omagh OS Map No. 12 H448779



Take A5 north from Omagh for 3 miles and turn right along minor road signposted to Gortin (Gortnagarn Road). After crossing Knockmoyle Bridge, turn left and continue for a mile to farm.

22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>d</sup> October 2010.. NIFG Residential. Venue To be Confirmed

6<sup>th</sup> November 2010. Mount Stewart National Trust. OS Map No. J550702



Follow to Belfast. Form your direction, continue along road posted for Newtownards. Once in Newtownards follow signs for Portaferry, A20. Once on the A20 continue straight. Strangford Lough will be on your right hand side. Continue on. Mount Stewart is well signposted from the road and entrance is wide.



Follow from your location to the M2 and continue to Ballymena. Once At Ballymen. From South, take M2 back onto ring road/M'way. Take junction 11 (Broughshane). From North, follow to Ballymena and take J11. Follow direction for Broughshane A42. Once in the town pass up Main St. On R take the B94, Rathkeel road. From here follow signs for Slemish.