

Friend of Fungi Pledge

Fungi are a key part of healthy ecosystems. They connect the plant world through amazing communication networks, as well as helping them to process nutrients. They decompose old organic matter to feed forest floors and make room for new plant life. They provide humans with many resources, from food and medicines, to fabrics and building materials.

We can be friends to these amazing ecosystem partners by protecting their habitats!

Visit these links to learn more about how to defend mushrooms and fungi:

Chicago Botanic Garden, *Protecting the Fungus Among Us*

<https://www.chicagobotanic.org/conservation/fungi>

The Guardian,

If you go into the woods today... don't come back with mushrooms

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/nov/23/if-you-go-down-to-the-woods-today-dont-come-back-with-mushrooms-aoe>



Take the Friend of Fungi pledge on the next page!



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I, _____, pledge to defend fungi!

I will continue to grow in my knowledge of mushrooms and their roles, and I will share this knowledge with others!

I pledge to be a good steward of the forest floor. I will try to leave soil undisturbed, and will keep fallen leaves, twigs, and other organic material available for fungus friends.

I will only forage for mushrooms with a knowledgeable guide, and I will forage with respect to mushroom preservation.

Signature:



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