

# MUSHROOM NATURE WALK IN BRIDLE TRAILS STATE PARK

Join mycologist Luke Bayler for a nature walk in Bridle Trails State Park on Saturday, November 1. Learn about the natural history of the park, explore the diversity of fungi in the park's forest, learn how to identify mushrooms, and learn about their biology. You will learn the names of different fungi, the important roles they play in forest ecosystems, and how fungi contribute to overall biological diversity.



*Luke Bayler is a graduate student in the Department of Biology at the University of Washington, studying under Professor Joe Ammirati, a regional expert in fungi. Luke has spent many years studying fungi, and has been identifying mushrooms in the park for the past several years. He has developed an on-line database of fungi found along several trails in the park (<http://fungabase.org/location>).*

The nature walk will be limited to 25 people, and **you must sign up in advance**. To sign up, please contact Jim Erckmann at: [erckmann1@comcast.net](mailto:erckmann1@comcast.net) or (425) 827-6595. Information at [www.bridletrails.org](http://www.bridletrails.org).

**When:** The walk will be from 9 till noon on Saturday, November 1

**Where:** The walk will start near the main entrance to Bridle Trails State Park, on 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE at about NE 53<sup>rd</sup> Street. Take Exit 17 off I-405 (NE 70<sup>th</sup> Place), turn south onto 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue (just east of 405), and travel south about 1/2 mile to the park entrance. We will gather in the picnic area, just northeast of the entrance.

**Parking:** Parking is available for free in the parking lot.

**Preparation:** Trails may be muddy, and it could rain, so wear hiking boots and clothing for wet and cold weather. Bring your field guides and your questions.