



Celebrating the thousands of mushroom species in BC and the many ways to study, harvest and enjoy them.

AN EXHIBITION BY THE ROYAL BC MUSEUM



BC's marvellous mushrooms



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SUMMARY

This exhibition accompanies the newly released Royal BC Museum publication *Mushrooms of British Columbia* by Andy MacKinnon and Kem Luther. It explores the science and uses of these fungal fruiting bodies, highlighting some of the most fascinating of the 3,400 known species in the province. Mushrooms are a subject of scientific study; a source of food, dyes, and medicine; and an object of ceremony and beauty. This exhibit delves into the many facets of these fabulous fungi.



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Mushroom forager's field kit

PURPOSE

This exhibition encourages visitors to learn more about BC mushrooms and their versatility. It introduces a cross-section of different species—some familiar, some bizarre, some delicious and some deadly. Their lives are interwoven with every part of British Columbia ecosystems. Human interaction with mushrooms range from the scientific to the hedonistic to the artistic, blending traditional and experiential knowledge with the frontier of technology.

Featuring interpretive graphic panels, mushroom models and foraging equipment, this exhibit enhances visitors' understanding of BC mushrooms and their many uses as well as their ecological and cultural roles.



CONTENT

This exhibition is presented on the Royal BC Museum's self-supporting exhibition framework. It contains:

- Twelve interpretive graphic panels on canvas.
- Two showcases featuring 10 life-like models of some of British Columbia's edible mushrooms.
- A showcase showing a mushroom forager's field kit.



Showcase featuring life-like mushroom models



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About the Royal BC Museum

The Royal BC Museum is one of Canada's greatest cultural treasures. The museum was founded in 1886; the Archives, in 1894. In 2003, these two organizations joined to become British Columbia's combined provincial museum and archives, collecting artifacts, documents and specimens of British Columbia's natural and human history, safeguarding them for the future and sharing them with the world. Through research and learning, the museum strives to broaden understanding about our province and inspire curiosity and wonder. We are passionate about sharing British Columbia's story with the millions of visitors who walk through our doors and explore our website each year.

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PARTICIPATION

Mushrooms of British Columbia can be booked for two- to four-month long showings for a rental fee of \$1,200 plus inbound shipping and handling. This display may be eligible for a Museums Assistance Plan – Exhibitions Circulation Fund grant.

EXHIBITION VENUE REQUIREMENTS

This exhibition is intended for interior use only. The adaptable design of the exhibition framework allows for a variety of arrangements. It requires external lighting and 400 to 500 square feet to accommodate the three showcases and six sections of double-sided panels. Electrical outlets are not required. Once in position, this exhibition should not be moved for the duration of its booking.

ACCOMPANYING MATERIAL

A media package with sample media release, poster, advertisement and wordmark. A graphics package with typeface and colour palette to allow for local and regional content additions.

COMPANION PUBLICATION

This exhibit may be accompanied by the popular new handbook *Mushrooms of British Columbia* by Andy MacKinnon and Kem Luther (Royal BC Museum 2021, 504 pages, CA\$34.95). Royal BC Museum books are distributed by University of Toronto Press with sales representation from Ampersand Inc. *Mushrooms of British Columbia* may be purchased through UTP/Ampersand with usual industry discounts and terms.

