

Northeast Region Morel Hunting

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<p>Woods: Ash trees, tulip poplars, undergrowth typical with mayapples around. North slope and level areas. Definitely a three zoned forest with a weakening upper zone and strengthening lower zone. Find Half frees first in mid to late april, then some very small blacks and greys accompanied by medium to small sized yellows. Usually done by third week of May. Never find the big huge yellows as seen on photos posted from other states. The morels in our woods are great hiders and it takes a slow eye to find them. We also look at a few pictures on them before heading out to get our eyes trained.</p>	<p>Woods: I look every where in the spring, along roads, peoples yards, golf courses, in the woods I am in mixed hardwoods and some</p>	<p>Woods: Actually the area that I hunt years ago was an old landfill that has since been covered up and basically grows wild now.</p>	<p>Woods: Hilly to flat areas, mostly exposed to south sun. Search around hardwoods, particularly old abandon apple orchards (which are plentiful in this area) or scrub apples. Look for lots of deep organic matter, like peat.</p>	<p>Woods: deciduous forests, moist soils with low acidity, shady but warm areas (south side of hills)</p>	<p>Woods: Wet run off areas adjacent to the tree's listed below.</p>
<p>Vegetation: Yes, usually a level sub area on a slope. areas where there may have been some disturbance in the past, also when you find one, there can usually be one or two more nearby.</p>	<p>Vegetation: old apple orchards, elm trees if I can find them</p>	<p>Vegetation: There are a few old apple trees where we start looking, then progress to the hardwoods. Also, watch for (I believe they're called) mayapples. Usually when the mayapples are approximately 12 " high, seems to be the apex of the season.</p>	<p>Vegetation: Apples, apples, apples... sometimes if a live spring, follow the stream as it is a warmer through the winter and early spring. (hint, look at google maps, set season to winter and look for green patches in the middle of hardwood stands).</p>	<p>Vegetation: hardwood forests, no specific undergrowth because once I found them in a gravel driveway</p>	<p>Vegetation: Tree's: Cherry and Tulip Poplar</p>
<p>Weather Issues: love to see a few warm days with a rain or two. ideal situation is when there is an unusually warm rainy night. If no rain, then the morels are too small to find. If too much rain or not enough warmth (70 degree days), then they don't seem to grow at all.</p>	<p>Weather Issues: it has been around 2nd week in May when I have found a few morels. it is usually when soil gets up around 50F. I have found them in my yard while weed wacking along the road growing near a telephone pole.</p>	<p>Weather Issues: I usually go every weekend regardless of weather conditions because one thing for sure is, if you not out there you surely won't find anything.</p>	<p>Weather Issues: Start looking mid-April to mid-May depending on early or late spring, about two weeks after you would plant peas. Even if the days are now really warm, really sunny days make up for the temp. Better in well drained areas that get a lot of southern sun.</p>	<p>Weather Issues: after rain, high humidity, 60+ degrees F</p>	<p>Weather Issues: Temps and moisture don't always work out at the same time.</p>
<p>Competition: We only hunt on our own property so no competition.</p>	<p>Competition: I do not hear many people discussing morels, not very popular.</p>	<p>Competition: Seems to be gaining popularity a little bit the more that people taste them.</p>	<p>Competition: Most competition is from the damn squirrels and deer. The squirrels are the worst, because they dig up the the areas where the Morels come back year after year.</p>	<p>Competition: not very, to my knowledge</p>	<p>Competition: My area is not known for them, and I don't advertise my spots. I have only seen one other person walking the woods with what I thought was a mushroom bag. I gave a polite head nod and kept about my business. Luckily I found a shed antler earlier in the day and I hope he thought I was just shed hunting.</p>
<p>Suggestion: Be vigilant of ticks and lymes disease!!!!!! Don't waste your time in swampy areas or places that are too thick to penetrate. Find a trail and slowly walk along it, looking into the woods on both sides and even right on the edge of the trail. Slow eyes is the most important. If you find your eyes are darting around quickly, you will not have much success.</p>	<p>Suggestion: don't give up</p>	<p>Suggestion: Don't give up, GET OUT THERE (It's a great time to be in the woods), just use tick repellent, and watch the progression maps online.</p>	<p>Suggestion: In the spring, before the green really pops, look for the white stems, sometimes easier to see than the brown caps against the brown forest floor. Also, if you fond some, and want to find more, know direction of the spring time winds, kind of go up wind and down wind... the spores came from somewhere and will end up down wind.</p>	<p>Suggestion: same as above</p>	<p>Suggestion: Slow down and look at small patches of ground at a time.</p>
<p>Date Range: mid april to late may</p>	<p>Date Range: beginning of May to end of May</p>	<p>Date Range: Usually start in April as soon as we get favorable conditions.</p>	<p>Date Range: Mid-April through end of May.</p>	<p>Date Range: 2 weeks before and after mother's day, and when ramps are ready</p>	<p>Date Range: Start looking Mid-April, and only known to last three weeks over the last 3 years.</p>
<p>Techniques: walk our trail and look on both sides.</p>	<p>Techniques: I just start walking in woods behind the house or across the road and hope I find some but never do most of time.</p>	<p>Techniques: Generally hunt under trees, also hunting doubles as a run for the dog, he's a very smart springer and trying to train him to find shrooms.</p>	<p>Techniques: Past known areas, land first, trees second.</p>	<p>Techniques: not really, I have tried apple orchards and scorched forests in vain, and now I'm just counting on good fortune during my hikes</p>	<p>Techniques: Look for the tree's then hope they are close to areas that hold the moisture. Our Morel temps don't always synch up with rain.</p>
<p>Challenges: thick underbrush and ticks and lyme disease</p>	<p>Challenges: this year there was still snow on ground on April 12th and spring was a couple weeks behind</p>	<p>Challenges: Challenges consist of trying to find time to locate new spots. When you have to work full time you don't want to waste time looking for new spots when you have confirmed spots.</p>	<p>Challenges: Suurbn areas, and if you ask and are granted access to land (always ask for permission) and you are successful, word gets out and a lot of time, you never find them at that spot again. Additionally, squirrels and deer are crazy everywhere around here and can hunt Morels all day everyday. I only have weekends.</p>	<p>Challenges: a lot of conifer forests, very hilly, inconsistent weather, looong winters... great scenery but admittedly not the best for morel hunting</p>	<p>Challenges: The dry Spring can be a deal buster!</p>
	<p>Additional Comments: I wish somebody would show me a mother load</p>	<p>Additional Comments: Just GET OUT THERE and don't give up !!!!</p>		<p>Additional Comments: Since I have not been terribly lucky in finding morels so far, I also focus on ramps and later on other edible mushrooms. I must admit that for the few morels that I have plucked and consumed I was not very impressed by their taste and prefer chanterelle varieties. No wonder some folks smother morels in an omelette and cheese :)</p>	<p>Additional Comments: I don't think you are representing the east coast geography very fairly. I would say I am in the Mid-Atlantic Region. That is located in between the N. East and S. East. All three are very different regions with their own weather patterns. Google it and see for yourself. It may help segment the 'fringes' better. Good luck with the study.</p>
				<p>I enjoy browsing your web site, keep up the good work!</p>	