

Southwest Region Morels

From	From: Debbie W
Subject	Subject: Questionnaire
Response	Response:
Regions	Region: Midwest (lower)
State	State: Texas
State Geo	State Geographic Location: North Central
County	County:
Woods	Woods: Hardwoods with elm, oaks, hickory, hackberry and cedars. Lots of leaf litter but little undergrowth. Generally broken shade from the sun. Most good areas have some slopes.
Vegetation	Vegetation: Elm trees and cedars
Weather	Weather Issues: This area is not great for morels. A good year will see temps in the 70's during the day and the 40's-50's at night with several days of rain. Without spring rain we have no morels.
Competition	Competition: Not too many are familiar with it (thankfully as the growth is sparse at best).
Suggestions:	Suggestion: Lots of patience and prayers for spring rains. We don't live in the best area for finding morels and sometimes you can spend days before you will find a place that is productive. Find an area of hardwoods that is damp with little undergrowth and start looking.
Date Range	Date Range: Here the average time to begin is mid-March to mid-April
Techniques	Techniques: The first thing I look for is the land and if it has that 'look' about it, then I'll check what trees are there. If those things look right I scope it out with fingers crossed.
Challenges	Challenges: The challenges are simply Mother Nature. We have many seasons without rain which equals to no morels.
Other Comments	Additional Comments: The woods in our area are not like the woods most have the fortune of hunting in. They are not the damp woods like Georgia and not the lush woods like the Pacific Northwest. They are hot and dry woods which makes finding a honey hole a big challenge. What most of these other places produce in a day is what we consider a great haul for the entire growing season.