

## **What to record for mushroom identification:**

Was it growing on wood or soil?

What species of trees was it growing on or near?

What was the pattern of growth (single, with a few others, with a lot of others)?

What does it smell like?

If it has a cap, gills, or stem, what color are they?

What color is the flesh in the cap or stem when freshly cut open?

Is that color maintained, or does it start to turn into different colors?

What color is the underside of the cap?

What color is the underside of the cap when bruised?

What shape is the base of the stem?

What color is the spore print?

How tall is it?

How wide is the cap?

What kind of spore releasing structure does it have? (gills, tubes, ridges, pores, teeth, smooth)

Can you easily peel the skin of the cap off?

Can you easily separate the cap from the stem?

When you squeeze or cut the cap, does a milky substance ooze out?

How does the cap surface feel?

How does the stem surface feel?

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