

FUNGI DISCUSSION

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- NB:** 1 **Much applies to all macro and close up photography!**
- NEED:** 2 Camera, Lens, Tripod, White Card
A4 paper
- FOCUS:** 3 DOF limited closer you get.
F22 Suggested. Sharpness falls off past there.
4 Focus 1/3 way in. Modify if too close. Front of fungi needs
be sharp.
Focus manually.
- EXPOSURE:** 5 Exposures will be long – up to 30 secs, perhaps.
Use self timer or remote – manual or electronic
6 Use mirror up facility.
Switch off VR or IS.
ISO – As low as you can go.
- LIGHTING:** 7 Do not use flash – dark backgrounds, etc.
Use natural lighting. Still subtly directional.
8 Don't photograph in bright light – can't control highlights,
particularly in background.
9/10 Note direction of light – overhead or contre jour (subtle).
Reflector – yes. A4 paper or matt card. Silver paper??????
11 Try to throw reflected light into underside – gills, stems, etc
- COMPOSITION:** 12 Look for groups, good arrangements. 3's, 5's, 7's.
13 Normal guidelines apply – 1/3's etc.
14 Try to make pictorially interesting as well as N/H factual.
15 Try for natural looking background but out of focus.
16 Include environmental information/patterns/texture.
- OTHER:** Clean up before taking – light brush.
17 Try photograph underside.
18 Try to get natural background, preferably with light fall off.
Don't dig up – fungi will die.
19 Look out for other N/H things – moss/ orchids, etc.
- 20>29 Images to: **The End.**

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