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Morel Sightings Winners



Kent Wible and Cody Garrett are the winners of The Sightings Page \$50 gift certificates for Morel Mania merchandise. Their names were drawn at random from all hunters that submitted reports.

The Morel Sightings page at <http://www.morelmania.com> (click on the Sightings link at the left) is the original with records starting in 1998.

Reports are sorted by state and date. The 2017 morel season will be here soon. Submit your reports for a chance to win.

Midwest Morel Fest Wrap-Up

The Ottawa, Illinois Midwest Morel Fest held on May 7, 2016 was a super success! The day started with approximately 120 students in attendance at Morel University. It was late in the season and the groups found many and big morels.

Scenes from Morel University



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The day continued with the Morel Auction and the Morel Mash-Up. Both events draw such big crowds to the festival in the afternoon that we've had to get bigger tents.

At right: Morels waiting to be sold to the highest bidder. It's supply and demand in its purest, simplest form.

Click on this link to view a video of the auction.



<https://www.facebook.com/robert.keller.56614/videos/230359950673836/>

The afternoon grand finale was the Illinois State Morel Mushroom Hunting Championship. The competitors found more mushrooms than we'd seen in quite a while.

The winners:

Grand Champion
Randy DeDecker, of Silvis
84 morels

Men's First
Jeff Davis, of Crown Point, Ind.
40 morels

Men's Second
Nathan Knoblanck, of Meta-
mora 37 morels

Women's First
Liza Walner, of Milwaukee,
Wis. 17 morels

Women's Second
Sue Brackney, of Pekin
12 morels

Humongus Fungus Randy
DeDecker, of Silvis 12.5
inches (length plus girth)



Mushrooms turned in at the competition site.



Tammy and Kurt count the mushrooms.



Randy DeDecker's winning two bags of morels.

Information for the 2017
Midwest Morel Fest

is at

<https://pickusottawail.com>

**Where the Morel Mania
Traveling Roadshow Will Be
in February/March**

Michigan Deer & Turkey Expo

February 17-19

The Lansing Center
333 E Michigan Ave
Lansing, MI 48933

<http://www.deerinfo.com>

Indiana Deer & Turkey & Waterfowl Expo

February 23-26

Indiana State Fairgrounds
1202 eE. 38th St
Indianapolis, IN 46205

<http://indianadeerandturkeyexpo.com/>

Tom Nauman of Morel Mania, Inc. will be giving seminars at the Indiana Deer, Turkey & Waterfowl Expo. Check the schedule for times

Ohio Deer & Turkey Expo

March 17-19

Bricker Building Ohio Expo Center
(State Fairgrounds)
717 E. 17th Ave
Columbus, OH 43211

<http://www.deerinfo.com>

Wisconsin Deer & Turkey Expo

March 31-April 2

Alliant Energy Center
1919 Alliant Energy Center Way
Madison, WI 53713

<http://www.deerinfo.com>