

MASSACHUSETTS BUTTERFLY CLUB

(Chapter of North American Butterfly Association)

2008 FIELD TRIPS, EVENTS, & ANNUAL MEETING

Please call ahead to confirm dates, to get meeting places and rain plans, and to let the leader know to expect you.

DATE	TIME	TRIP DESCRIPTION	TRIP LEADER	CONTACT PHONE/E-MAIL
Tuesdays May -September	10:00AM	Tuesday Butterfly Field Trips. After checking the weekend sightings and the weather reports, we will post a notice for a Tuesday field trip on the listserv. Please help us with suggestions of new locations, hot spots or to volunteer to share your favorite butterfly spot with retired (or hooky playing) MBC members. Check the listserv on Monday. Trip frequency will all depend on interest.		Anyone interested in coordinating these trips please contact Bill Benner (413) 320-4422 billb55@aol.com
Apr 5 Sat	10:30AM	Mt. Tom State Reservation in the heart of the Connecticut River Valley. We will search for Mourning Cloaks, Eastern Commas and Compton Tortoiseshells. Meet at the Bray Lake parking lot at 10:30Am. Use the Route 5 entrance North of Holyoke, opposite the Ski Outlet Store. Questions call Friday evening April 4th	Tom Gagnon	(413) 584-6353 (note updated number)
May 4 Sun	10:00AM	Sherbourne Power Line at Fessendon Field, Sherbourne. Open fields, trail through the woods, and power line offer varied habitats and vegetation for good variety of spring butterflies including many Elfins. Meet in the parking lot at Fessendon Field.	Bob Bowker	(508) 653-3656 lepid@comcast.net
May 24 Sat	10:00AM	Myles Standish Forest. Meet at Forest Headquarters. Possible extension to Ponkapoag Bog for Hessel's Hairstreak.	Erik Nielsen and Tom Murray	(781) 762-7708 erik@massbutterflies.org
May 25 Sun	10:30AM	Bog Elfin trip to Tom's Swamp in Petersham. Meet at the Petersham Town Common at 10:30AM. Call Tom for directions.	Tom Gagnon	(413) 584-6353 (note updated number)

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June 1 Sun	10:00AM	Mt. Greylock is still CLOSED to the public, so we will search elsewhere in Berkshire County for Early Hairstreaks in hopes of finding a NEW location. Call Tom for meeting location, probably at the Moran Wildlife Management Area off of Route 8A in Windsor.	Tom Gagnon	(413) 585-6353
Jun 7 Sat	10:00AM	Come with us as we add new species to the town lists for Rehoboth and Dighton. The highlight of the trip will be a visit to the powerline break behind the high school. Meet at the Dunkin Donuts at the intersection of Routes 44 and 118 in Rehoboth.	Lauren Miller	(401) 924-1880 laurenisquax@yahoo.com
Jun 8 Sun	9:30AM	Dauphainais Park, Grafton. A former gravel mining site that includes open fields, small pine barren and Blackstone River floodplain. Variety of spring butterflies, many skippers.	Wendy Miller	(508) 869-6039 wmiller29@verizon.net
Jun 12 Thurs This walk has been cancelled.	7:30PM	Ro Wauer, for many years the chief naturalist at Big Bend National Park in Texas and author of many books on birds and butterflies, will present "The Natural Superlatives of the Texas-Mexico Border" in which he will discuss plants, birds and butterflies from that area. This event will be held at Massachusetts Audubon Society's facility at Broad Meadow Brook in Worcester.	Steve Moore	barb620@theworld.com, or 508-393-9251 in the evenings for directions or further information
Weekend of Jun 14 & 15		Western Maine (near Errol, NH) for Bog Fritillary, Jutta Arctic and Arctic Skipper. You will need waterproof boots to explore this swamp. We will plan an overnight stay near Errol, NH. Contact Steve for further information.	Steve Moore	(508) 393-9251 barb620@theworld.com
Jun 15 Sun	1 – 3PM	Broad Meadow Brook Audubon Sanctuary. Last fall the power line was mowed for a second time. On this trip we will be monitoring the Harris' Checkerspot population.	Martha Gach	(508) 753-6087 x22 mgach@massaudubon.org
Jun 22 Sun	10:00AM	Martin Burns Wildlife Management Area, West Newbury. Harris' Checkerspots and other species. After a snack lunch, we will go to the Mill Pond Recreation Area in West Newbury for Baltimore Checker- spots. Beginners Welcome. Meet at Martin Burns at the second parking area a quarter mile from the gate. Rain date Sunday June 29.	Sharon Stichter & Doug Savich	(978) 465-2902 sharonstichter2@comcast.net

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Jun 28 Sat	TBA	Club members are once again invited to attend a field trip at 'Adams Farm' on 28 June 08 (1st rain date will be 29 June 08). After a successful 07 breeding season yielding a couple dozen strong overwintering clusters many Baltimore Checkerspots should be out in force, and hopefully many other butterflies and Silkmoths as well. Cheryl and I will walk through and describe our 3 acres of plantings for butterfly nectar sources and larval hostplants. Please call for time, directions and to confirm.	Don Adams	(508) 588-0038 bankercheryl@comcast.net
Jul 4 Fri	10:00AM	Northern Connecticut for Northern Metalmark. Meet at Bartholomew's Cobble and bring lunch. Call or email to confirm and get directions.	Bill Benner	(413) 320-4422 (note updated phone number) billb55@aol.com
Jul 5 Sat	10:00AM-2PM	Horn Pond Mountain in Woburn for hairstreaks. Horn Pond Mountain (probably better called a hill) attracts a wide variety of butterflies (49 species logged) but hairstreaks are its specialty. The rocky southwest side runs under a powerline so vegetation is routinely cropped to maintain low growth, allowing the many rare and unusual wildflowers to flourish. On July 1, 2004 we counted seventy individual hairstreaks of five species. Join us to see if we can break this record!	Erik Nielsen	(781) 762-7708 erik@massbutterflies.org
Jul 13 Sun	10:00-3:00PM	World's End Butterfly Census. This 251 acres Trustees of the Reservations property offers 4 miles of walking paths through fields overlooking Hingham Harbor. (fee is waived for the day)	Bob Bowker	(508) 653-3656 lepid@comcast.net
Ju118 Fri	10:00AM	Graves Farm in Williamsburg. This Mass Audubon Sanctuary is a mix of wet and dry upland fields, where we can look for hairstreaks, late Meadow Fritillaries and a variety of other species. Call Bill for directions and to confirm. No bathroom facilities are available.	Bill Benner	(413) 320-4422 (note updated phone number) billb55@aol.com
Jul 20 Sun	9:00AM	Westborough, Ma. Wildlife Management Area. Meet at Tatnuck Bookstore on Lyman St in Westborough at 9AM. Looking for Northern Pearly-eye, both browns, Mulberry Wing, etc. Morning walk.	Barbara Volkle	(508) 393-9251
Jul 26 Sat (note updated time)	9:00AM	Birds and Butterflies with both the MBC and Forbush Bird Club. Meet in Leicester on the north side of Rt 56 overlooking the back side of Worcester airport.	Dolores Price	(508) 839-2299

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Jul 27 Sun	9:00AM - 1PM	Royalston Ramble - The Mass Butterfly Club, Royalston Library and ABNC Many-eth almost annual breakfast and butterfly extravaganza. Start the day with breakfast provided by our generous host co sponsor Kathy Morris and the Royalston Library 9-10 for breakfast and slides; things we might see on the walk and a few Nicaraguan things we won't see on the walk. Followed by a search of the local area 10:00 - 1:00	Carl Kamp	(413) 244 2560 cell (978) 249-9675 carlkamp@lightband.com
Aug 3 Sun (note updated date)	10:00AM	Gloucester area. We will be visiting a swampy area with substantial numbers of Mulberry Wing and Black Dash. Long pants and mosquito repellent recommended. Meet at Para Research Building parking lot. Rain date Sunday Aug 3.	Doug Savich	(978) 283-7869
Aug 9 Sat	10:00AM	Sherbourne Power Line at Fessendon Field, Sherbourne. Open fields, trail through the woods, and power line offer varied habitats and vegetation for good variety of late summer butterflies including Leonard's and Mulberry Wings. Meet in the parking lot at Fessendon Field.	Bob Bowker	(508) 653-3656 lepid@comcast.net
Aug 16 Sat Rain date: Aug 17	10 AM - 4 PM	Barbara J. Walker Butterfly Festival. Come celebrate butterflies and Barbara's life at this all day affair at Broad Meadow Brook. 5 walks; 4 talks; art/photo display; family activities; food. Visit BMB web site in future for details.	Martha Gach	(508) 753-6087 x22 mgach@massaudubon.org
Aug 17 Sun	10:00AM	FANNIE STEBBINS REFUGE in Longmeadow and FOREST PARK in Springfield searching for Hackberry and Tawny Emperors and Zabulon Skippers. Meet at 10:00 at Fannie Stebbins Refuge parking lot at the end of Bark Haul Road, off Route 5 in Longmeadow. Later we will go to Forest Park.	Tom Gagnon Karen Parker	(413) 584-6353 tombwhawk@aol.com (413) 525-2230
Sept 7 Sun	10:30AM	NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY GARDENS in Northampton. We will search for late and rare migrants. Later we will go to the Northampton West Meadows. Directions from Mass Pike are: take Route 91 North, and take exit 18 (Northampton), turn left at the end of exit ramp (North) on Route 5. Go about 1 mile and the Bowling Alley is on the left. Meet at 10:30.	Tom Gagnon	(413) 584-6353 tombwhawk@aol.com

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Sept 13 Sat	10:00AM	Butterfly Census – in conjunction with MAS Allen’s Pond Wildlife Sanctuary, Dartmouth. Help census butterflies on this 396 acre seaside sanctuary – many species, including migrating Monarchs. Rain date Sunday Sept 14.	Madeline Champagne Lauren Miller	(508) 543-3380 madelinechampagne@comcast.net (508) 636-1378 laurenisquax@yahoo.com
Sept 20 Sat	10:00AM	Butterfly Census – in conjunction with MAS Allen’s Pond Wildlife Sanctuary, Dartmouth. Help census butterflies on this 396 acre seaside sanctuary – many species, including migrating Monarchs. Rain date Sunday Sept 21.	Madeline Champagne Lauren Miller	(508) 543-3380 madelinechampagne@comcast.net (508) 636-1378 laurenisquax@yahoo.com
Sept 20 Sat	10:00AM	Sudbury River Valley. Chance for Bronze Copper and other late butterflies. Meet at the Cow Common Conservation Area parking lot on Rte. 27 in Wayland, adjacent to the Community Gardens.	Erik Nielsen	(781) 762-7708 erik@massbutterflies.org
Sept 21 Sun	10:30AM	NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY GARDENS in Northampton. We will search for late and rare migrants. Later we will go to the Northampton West Meadows. Directions from Mass Pike are: take Route 91 North, and take exit 18 (Northampton), turn left at the end of exit ramp (North) on Route 5. Go about 1/10 th of a mile and the Bowling Alley is on the left. Meet at 10:30.	Tom Gagnon	(413) 584-6353 tombwhawk@aol.com
Nov	5:30PM	ANNUAL MEETING Broad Meadow Brook MAS, Worcester. Potluck dinner at 5:30PM. Annual meeting at 7PM followed by the evening program and member digital or slide images. Date in Nov and speaker TBA.	Bill Benner	(413) 320-4422 (note updated phone number) billb55@aol.com

CHECKLIST FOR FIELD TRIPS:

CALL AHEAD – In consideration for the field trip leader, call ahead to let the trip leader know that you plan to attend, to confirm meeting time and place, to find out how long the trip will be (i.e. should you bring lunch, etc.), to check for changes in plan, and to check for a rain date.

BRING: binoculars field guide(s) suntan/block lotion water
hat insect repellent snacks and/or lunch pen/pencil & small pad for recording