

MASSACHUSETTS BUTTERFLY CLUB
(Chapter of North American Butterfly Association)

2009 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
Apr 4 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 3 rd . Rain date April 5.	Tom Gagnon	(413) 584-6353 tombwhawk@aol.com
May 9 Sat	10:00AM	Sherborn Power Line at Fessenden Field, Sherborn, Ma. 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 Fessenden Field.	Bob Bowker	(508) 653-3656 lepid@comcast.net
May 16 Sat	10:00AM	Delaney Wildlife Management area, Stow, Ma for Silvery Blues and other early species. Call Tom for directions.	Tom Murray	(978) 660-6351 tmurray74@yahoo.com
May 23 Sat	10:00AM	Explore the newly restored barrens at Weir Hill Reservation in North Andover, Ma and help count the Frosted Elfins for The Trustees of Reservations. Co-sponsored with The Trustees. Meet at the entrance sign on Stevens Street off Routes 125/133 east. Detailed directions will be posted. Rain date May 24	Sharon Stichter Russ Hopping	Sharonstichter2@comcast.net (978) 465-2902
May 23 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 24 Sun	12:30PM	Barneys Joy Heathlands for Elfins and other early species. Meet at the Demerest Lloyd State Park entrance	Lauren Miller	(508) 636-1378 laurenisquax@yahoo.com
May 25 Mon	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 tombwhawk@aol.com

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June 6 Sat	10:00AM	Mt Greylock in search of EARLY HAIRSTREAK. Meet at the Mt. Greylock Visitors Center parking lot. Be prepared to walk 3 to 4 miles roundtrip. Bring food and water. Afterwards, if time permits, we will try for Arctic Skippers in Windsor, Ma. Rain date Sunday June 7	Tom Gagnon	(413) 584-6353 tombwhawk@aol.com
Jun 7 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. Call Dolores for directions.	Dolores Price	(508) 839-2299
Weekend of Jun 13 & 14		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 21 Sun	10:00AM	Martin Burns Wildlife Management Area, Newbury. Harris' Checkerspot and other species. After a snack lunch, we will go to the Mill Pond Recreation Area in West Newbury for Baltimore Checkerspot. Beginners welcome. Meet at Martin Burns at the second parking area a quarter mile from the gate. Rain date Sunday June 28.	Sharon Stichter & Doug Savich	(978) 465-2902 sharonstichter2@comcast.net
Jun 27 Sat	10:00AM	Horn Pond Mt., Woburn and Great Blue Hills, Milton. We will look for Hairstreaks in the morning at Horn Pond Mt. and possible Oak Hairstreak in the afternoon at the Great Blue Hills. Meet in the back parking lot of the New England Rehabilitation Hospital which is on Route 3 near the Winchester/Woburn town line.	Eric Nielsen	(781) 762-7708 erik@massbutterflies.org
June 26, 27 and 28	TBA	Cape May, NJ. We will visit the CMBO gardens at Goshen in Southern New Jersey to look for Rare Skipper, Saltmarsh Skipper, Hayhurst's Scallopwing among other species. Will be led by a local NJ butterfly enthusiast. Contact Steve Moore well in advance for details.	Steve Moore	(508) 393-9251 barb620@theworld.com
Jul 3 Fri	10:00AM	Western 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 billb55@aol.com

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Jul 9 Thu New Listing!!!	10:00 AM	We'll visit two sites [Tom's Swamp, Petersham and Sweezy Pond, New Salem] to hunt for the elusive two-spotted skipper. Other species likely include white admiral, Appalachian brown, eyed brown, black dash, and mulberry wing. We'll meet on the Petersham Common [opposite the General Store], planning to head out to Tom's Swamp at 10:00 a.m.	Frank Model	If you have questions, please email Frank at fsmodel@aol.com, or, if you do not have email, call Frank at 413-549-9690.
Jul 11 Sat	10:00AM - 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
Jul 17 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 billb55@aol.com
Jul 18 Sat	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 barb620@theworld.com
Jul 25 Sat	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
Jul 26 Sun	10:00AM - 1PM	Royalston Ramble - The Mass Butterfly Club and ABNC Many-eth almost annual butterfly extravaganza. Royalston area 10:00 - 1:00. This year we will meet at the Millers River Environmental Center, 100 Main St, Athol.	Carl Kamp	(413) 244 2560 cell (978) 249-9675 carlkamp@lightband.com
Aug 15 Sat	10:00AM to 4PM	Second Annual Barbara J. Walker Butterfly Festival. Broad Meadow Brook MAS, Massasoit Road, Worcester. Raindate August 16.	Kristin Steinmetz	(508) 753-6087 ksteinmetz@massaudubon.org
Aug 21 Fri	10:00AM	Join the Trustees of Reservations in exploring new territory. We will explore the Naumkeag Reservation in Stockbridge where there are formal gardens around an historic home plus a calcareous meadow & pasture. We will then go to Project Nature's farm in Housatonic where they raise native plants. Bring lunch & water. From the MassPike take Exit 2 and go west on Route 102 toward Stockbridge. At the intersection of Routes 7 & 102 in Stockbridge Center go right on Pine Street; then bear left on Prospect Hill Road and follow for 0.5 mile to entrance on left where parking is available. Call Julie for details.	Tom Gagnon Tom Tynning Julie Richburg	(413) 584-6353 tombwhawk@aol.com (413) 236-4502 ttynning@berkshirecc.edu (413) 532-1631 ext 12

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Aug 23 Sun	10:00 AM	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
Aug 30 Sun	10:00AM	Sherborn Power Line at Fessenden Field, Sherborn, Ma. Open fields, trail through the woods, and power line offer varied habitats and vegetation for a good variety of late Summer butterflies. Just as the Cobweb Skipper was first to greet us in May, Leonard's Skipper will kiss the Summer goodbye. Meet in the parking lot at Fessenden Field.	Bob Bowker	(508) 653-3656 lepid@comcast.net
Sept 6 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 area. We will meet at the Gardens. For directions call Tom Gagnon at 413-584-6353. Possible Monarch tagging project demonstration at noontime.	Tom Gagnon Bill Benner	(413) 584-6353 tombwhawk@aol.com (413)-320-4422
Sept 12 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 13.	Lauren Miller	(508) 636-1378 laurenisquax@yahoo.com
Sept 19 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 20.	Lauren Miller	(508) 636-1378 laurenisquax@yahoo.com
Sept 26 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 20 Sun Note New Date	10:30AM	NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY GARDENS in Northampton. We will search for late and rare migrants. Later we will go to the Northampton West Meadows area. See description above for Sept. 6.	Tom Gagnon Bill Benner	(413) 584-6353 tombwhawk@aol.com (413)-320-4422
Nov 14	5:00PM Note new time!	ANNUAL MEETING Broad Meadow Brook MAS, Worcester. Potluck dinner at 5:00PM. Annual meeting at 7PM followed by the evening program and member digital or slide images. See website for details.	Bill Benner	(413) 320-4422 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 / lunch, pen/pencil & small pad for recording