

**MASSACHUSETTS BUTTERFLY CLUB**  
Chapter of North American Butterfly Association

**2011 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.**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>TRIP DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TRIP LEADER</b>	<b>CONTACT PHONE/ E-MAIL</b>
Mar 19 Sat	5:00 PM to 9:30 PM	Spring Meeting of the Club at Broad Meadow Brook MAS on Massasoit Road in Worcester. Potluck Supper, Tom Murray will lead a presentation on butterfly photography, and Dr. Richard Primack of BU will speak on effect of climate change on various species, including butterflies.	Steve Moore	(508) 393-9251 <a href="mailto:barb620@theworld.com">barb620@theworld.com</a>
Apr 9 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 8th. Rain date Sun April 10.	Tom Gagnon	(413) 584-6353 <a href="mailto:tombwhawk@aol.com">tombwhawk@aol.com</a>
Apr 22 – Apr 25		Travel to wild, wonderful WEST VIRGINIA for an extended weekend of butterflying in a state with a diverse selection of Spring butterflies. Our primary target will be the Dusky Azure which we should see. Other interesting species that will be harder to see include Olympia Marble, Mottled Duskywing, Columbine Duskywing, Appalachian Tiger Swallowtail, West Virginia White, Early Hairstreak, Green and Gray Commas, etc. There is a good 1997 book on WV butterflies by Thomas Allen that is available on Amazon. While details are not settled yet, contact Steve for further information.	Steve Moore	(508) 393-9251 <a href="mailto:barb620@theworld.com">barb620@theworld.com</a>
May 7 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 <a href="mailto:lepid@comcast.net">lepid@comcast.net</a>
May 14 Sat	10:00AM	Visit the newly restored barrens at Weir Hill Reservation in North Andover, Ma for Frosted Elfins and other early species. Meet in parking area between American Legion beach and electrical substation on Pleasant Street. Detailed directions will be posted. Rain date: Sun May 15.	Sharon Stichter  Howard Hoople  Russ Hopping	(978) 465-2902 <a href="mailto:sharonstichter2@comcast.net">sharonstichter2@comcast.net</a>  (978) 475-7719 <a href="mailto:howard@massbutterflies.org">howard@massbutterflies.org</a>  (978) 8490-4446 ext 1927 <a href="mailto:rhopping@ttor.org">rhopping@ttor.org</a>
May 15 Sun	10:00AM	Delaney Wildlife Management area, Stow, Ma for Silvery Blues and other early species. Call Tom for directions.	Tom Murray	(978) 660-6351 <a href="mailto:tmurray74@yahoo.com">tmurray74@yahoo.com</a>
May 21 Sat	10:00AM	Myles Standish Forest. Meet at Forest Headquarters. Possible extension to Ponkapoag Bog for Hessel's Hairstreak.	Erik Nielsen.	(781) 762-7708 <a href="mailto:erik@massbutterflies.org">erik@massbutterflies.org</a>

May 26 Thurs	10:30AM	Join Julie Richburg of Trustees of Reservations in exploring the Dinosaur Footprints property in Holyoke. From the Dinosaur Footprints property we will drive about 2 miles to explore Little Mt. Tom looking for Juniper Hairstreaks. We will meet at 10:30AM on Route 5 NORTH of Holyoke at the Dinosaur Footprints parking lot. We will check out the footprints (very interesting and some of the best in the state and FREE). Then we drive to a parking area for Little Mt. Tom. Walking distance should be about 1 to 1 ½ miles. With a lot of tree-shaking we found 41 Juniper Hairstreaks in 2009. Bring lunch and water.	Julie Richburg  Tom Gagnon	413-532-1631 ext 12 or 413-250-1983 cell  413-584-6353 <a href="mailto:tombwhawk@aol.com">tombwhawk@aol.com</a>
May 28 Sat	10:30AM	Bog Elfin trip to Tom's Swamp in Petersham. Meet at the Petersham Town Common at 10:30AM. Call Tom if you need directions.	Tom Gagnon	(413) 584-6353 <a href="mailto:tombwhawk@aol.com">tombwhawk@aol.com</a>
May 29 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
Jun 4 Sat	9:45AM	Mt Greylock in search of EARLY HAIRSTREAK. Meet at the Mt. Greylock Visitors Center parking lot at 9:45AM. Be prepared to walk 3 to 4 miles roundtrip mostly level. Bring lunch and water. Afterwards, if time permits, we will try for Arctic Skippers in Windsor, Mass. Rain date Sun June 5.	Tom Gagnon	(413) 584-6353 <a href="mailto:tombwhawk@aol.com">tombwhawk@aol.com</a>
Jun 4 Sat	7:00 AM	Cranberry Bog Conservation Land, Carlisle/Chelmsford. Morning. On level trails explore this working cranberry bog and the surrounding network of ponds and woodlands for birds, butterflies, and dragonflies. Meeting place: the small parking area beside the "bog house" (the building with brown weathered shingles) on Curve Street, Carlisle. Take Rt. 225 to the rotary in Carlisle center. Take Lowell Road north at the rotary for 1.8 miles. Turn left onto Curve Street and go 1 mile to the parking area on right. Cosponsored with the Brookline Bird Club.	Jonathan Center	(978) 256-4489 <a href="mailto:jbcenter@verizon.net">jbcenter@verizon.net</a>
Jun 5 Sun		Lauren Miller-Donnelly, of Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary, will lead this walk for MBC and the Paskamansett Bird Club to a undisclosed location in Dartmouth in search of Bobolink and their winged counterparts, butterflies. Call or e-mail for meeting place and time.	Lauren Miller- Donnelly	(508) 636-2437 <a href="mailto:laurenmiller@massaudubon.org">laurenmiller@massaudubon.org</a>
June 25 Sat	10:00AM	Great Blue Hills in Canton is one of the most reliable spots for Oak Hairstreak in the state and great for other Hairstreaks in general. Meet at the parking lot for the Trailside Museum on Route 138.	Erik Nielsen	(781) 762-7708 <a href="mailto:erik@massbutterflies.org">erik@massbutterflies.org</a>
Jul 1 Fri	9:30AM	Fitzgerald Lake Conservation Area, Northampton, MA. Meet at North Farms Road lot. Join us for a half-day hike along this 633-acre protected wetland. The state-endangered Dion Skipper is the prize target, but we also plan to search for what else might be around as we help the Broad Brook Coalition survey the butterfly fauna of this beautiful preserve. Read more about Fitzgerald Lake here: <a href="http://www.broadbrookcoalition.org/fitzgeraldlake.html">http://www.broadbrookcoalition.org/fitzgeraldlake.html</a> If time permits, we may head over to MassAudubon's nearby Graves Farm Preserve to search for Meadow Fritillaries and other open field species as well. Bring lunch if desired. No bathroom facilities available. Call or e-mail Bill to confirm.	Bill Benner	(413) 320-4422 <a href="mailto:billb55@aol.com">billb55@aol.com</a>

Jul 10 Sun	10:00 AM	Smith College's MacLeish Field Station, Whately, MA. Join us for a half-day to help Smith College begin to survey the butterfly fauna in their 200-acre, newly re-opened field station in beautiful Whately, MA. This is a mix of forest and farmland, and we hope to begin to add to their database with our butterfly surveys. Read more about the field station here: <a href="http://www.smith.edu/green/about_macleish.php">http://www.smith.edu/green/about_macleish.php</a> Following the hike we will stop just down the road at Bill and Joe's for some snacks and a tour of the butterfly gardens. No restroom facilities are available at the field station. Call Bill for directions and to confirm.	Bill Benner	(413) 320-4422 <a href="mailto:billb55@aol.com">billb55@aol.com</a>
Jul 10 Sun	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 <a href="mailto:lepid@comcast.net">lepid@comcast.net</a>
Jul 14 Thurs	10:00 AM	Jen Ohop, Staff Naturalist of Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary, and Elise Barry will be doing a butterfly survey at the sanctuary grounds. Unlike previous years, the fields have not been mowed this season. We hope that will help to provide us with some nice surprises. Any census help is welcome. Norcross is on the line in Monson and Wales. See this link for directions: <a href="http://www.norcrossws.org/norcross.htm">http://www.norcrossws.org/norcross.htm</a> For people using a GPS in the car to get there, the address is 30 Peck Road, <b>WALES</b> .	Elise Barry	(508) 795-1147 <a href="mailto:elise@massbutterflies.org">elise@massbutterflies.org</a>
Jul 17 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 <a href="mailto:barb620@theworld.com">barb620@theworld.com</a>
Jul 24 Sun	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
Aug 13 Sat	10:00AM to 4PM	Enjoy educational fun for all ages at the 4th Annual Barbara J. Walker Butterfly Festival (\$5 / person (ages 3 and above); \$20 maximum per family) at Broad Meadow Brook at 414 Massasoit Road in Worcester, where butterflies fly free in their natural habitats. The day's activities include naturalist-led walks, live caterpillars, butterfly art, face painting, children's activities, butterfly garden tours and observation stations, butterfly plant sales, vendors, music, food, and much more. Help plant milkweed for monarchs and a demonstration garden for winged creatures. Learn what you can do to protect and encourage the beautiful butterflies of Massachusetts. Rain date: Sun Aug 14.	Kristin Steinmetz	(508) 753-6087 <a href="mailto:ksteinmetz@massaudubon.org">ksteinmetz@massaudubon.org</a>
Aug 20 Sat	10:00AM	Fannie Stebbins Refuge in Longmeadow and Forest Park in Springfield, searching for Hackberry and Tawny Emperors and Zabulon Skippers. Meet at Fannie Stebbins at the end of Bark Haul Road off Route 5 in Longmeadow. Later we will go for ICE CREAM and then on to Forest Park.	Karen Parker Tom Gagnon	413-525-2230 413-584-6353 <a href="mailto:tombwhawk@aol.com">tombwhawk@aol.com</a>
Aug 26 Fri	11:00AM	NEW TRIP FOR THE CLUB! Explore The Trustees of Reservations property of MOUNTAIN MEADOW PRESERVE in Williamstown in the extreme Northwest corner of Massachusetts. The past two years a Gray Comma has been found in this area, so that will be our target species. We are very fortunate to have two co-leaders that are quite familiar with the area. We will meet in Williamstown in the parking lot for the Preserve. From the intersection of Routes 2 and 7 in Williamstown, take Route 7 NORTH for 1.7 miles, bear right onto Mason Street (steep dirt road uphill) and follow to entrance and parking. Room for about 10 vehicles. Register with Pam or Bo.	Pam Weatherbee Bo Zarembo Tom Gagnon	413-458-3538 978-462-1856 413-584-6353 <a href="mailto:tombwhawk@aol.com">tombwhawk@aol.com</a>

Sept 4 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 <a href="mailto:lepid@comcast.net">lepid@comcast.net</a>
Sept 10 Sat	10:00AM	In conjunction with MAS Allen's Pond Wildlife Sanctuary, Dartmouth. Help census butterflies on this 796 acre seaside sanctuary – many late summer immigrants are possible, including migrating Monarchs. In past years we have discovered American Snout, White M Hairstreak, Leonard's Skipper, and Zabulon Skipper. Meet at APWS Field Station, bring lunch or snacks.	Lauren Miller-Donnelly	(508) 636-2437 <a href="mailto:laurenmiller@massaudubon.org">laurenmiller@massaudubon.org</a>
Sept 11 Sun	10:00AM	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.	Tom Gagnon	(413) 584-6353 <a href="mailto:tombwhawk@aol.com">tombwhawk@aol.com</a>
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Sept 24 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 <a href="mailto:erik@massbutterflies.org">erik@massbutterflies.org</a>
Oct 29 Sat	5:30PM	TENTATIVE DATE! ANNUAL MEETING Broad Meadow Brook MAS, Worcester. Potluck dinner at 5:30 PM. Check <a href="http://www.massbutterflies.org">www.massbutterflies.org</a> for details later in the year.	Steve Moore	(508) 393-9251 <a href="mailto:barb620@theworld.com">barb620@theworld.com</a>

**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