

**MASSACHUSETTS BUTTERFLY CLUB CHAPTER OF THE NORTH AMERICAN BUTTERFLY ASSOCIATION  
2019 SCHEDULE OF FIELD TRIPS AND EVENTS**

**Please call ahead to confirm date, get directions to meeting place and rain date plans, and to let the coordinator know to expect you. In case of inclement weather, check “MassLep” Google Group the night before for postponement or rain date. All levels welcome!**

**Tips for an enjoyable experience:** Bring binoculars, hand lens, field guide(s), sunscreen, water, hat, insect repellent, allergy medicines, snacks and/or lunch, pen/pencil & small pad for recording, camera. Wear comfortable clothing and sturdy walking shoes. Be prepared to have a really good time!

**Club Guidelines for Field Trips and Events:**

- Netting is not permitted.
- Be careful when exploring not to trample butterfly habitat, particularly the host and nectar plants.
- Photographers should allow everyone to see the butterfly before moving in to take pictures.
- Make every effort to share the butterflies that you find so others may see them.
- No dogs (except for service animals).
- No alcohol and illicit drugs.
- No loud music.

**Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am**

Mt. Tom State Reservation in the heart of the Connecticut River Valley

We will search for Mourning Cloaks, Eastern Comma and Compton Tortoiseshell. Meet at the Bray Lake parking lot. Use the Route 5 entrance NORTH of Holyoke, opposite the old SKI OUTLET STORE. Rain date Sunday, April 7. Leader: Tom Gagnon. Contact Tom at (413) 584-6353 or [tombwhawk@aol.com](mailto:tombwhawk@aol.com).

**Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am**

**Arlington's Great Meadows Field Trip**

This 183-acre wet meadow is the largest piece of undeveloped land in the Arlington/Lexington area. Target species: Henry's and Brown Elfins. We'll continue to Horn Pond Mountain in Woburn for more Brown Elfins and other butterflies. Meet in parking lot at Golden Living Center, 840 Emerson Gardens Road, East Lexington (off Maple St). Please park at far end of lot. Contact Tom Whelan at [tom@whelanphoto.com](mailto:tom@whelanphoto.com) or 781-915-9988

**Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.**

**Myles Standish State Forest, Carver**

We will walk the gas pipeline cut through pine and scrub oak woods. The walking is fairly easy but expect some minor inclines. Target species: Eastern Pine, Hoary, Frosted and Brown Elfins and Dreamy, Sleepy and Juvenal's Duskywings. Meet at Forest Headquarters, 194 Cranberry Road, Carver, MA. Contact Barbara Volkle at [barb620@theworld.com](mailto:barb620@theworld.com) or 508-393-9251. Rain date is Sunday, May 5.

**Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am**

**Dinosaur Footprints and Little Mt. Tom, Holyoke**

Join Julie Richburg of Trustees of Reservations in exploring The Trustees Dinosaur Foot prints 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 on Route 5 North of Holyoke at the Dinosaur Footprints parking lot. We will check out the footprints (some of the best in the COUNTRY). Then we drive to a parking area for Little Mt. Tom. Walking distance should be about 1 to 1 1/2 miles. Leaders: Julie Richburg and Tom Gagnon Contact Tom at (413)584-6353 or [tombwhawk@aol.com](mailto:tombwhawk@aol.com).

**Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am**

**Weir Hill Reservation, North Andover**

Join Russ Hopping and Howard Hoople to look for Frosted Elfins and other early species at The Trustees Weir Hill Reservation in North Andover. Russ is particularly interested in having us help survey the area for Frosted Elfins, in support of recent efforts The Trustees have made in managing the habitat at Weir Hill. Meet at the parking area between the American Legion Beach and the electrical substation on Pleasant Street in North Andover (GPS to 535 Pleasant Street in North Andover will be just opposite the parking area!). All participants welcome. Please contact Howard at [hgh@ghhoople.com](mailto:hgh@ghhoople.com) or (978) 604-0454 if you can join us.

**Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am**

Delaney Wildlife Management Area, Stow

Revival of trip from years ago to see early Silvery Blues and some Elfins. Meet in the parking lot off Harvard Road. Long walk but generally flat. Leader: Steve Moore (508) 393-9251 or [barb620@theworld.com](mailto:barb620@theworld.com).

**Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> 9:30 am**

Mt. Greylock State Reservation (Lanesborough) in search of EARLY HAIRSTREAKS.

Meet at the Mt. Greylock Visitors Center parking lot at 9:30 A.M. Be prepared to walk about 3 miles ROUND TRIP on a mostly level dirt road. Bring lunch and water. Afterwards, if time permits, we will try for Arctic Skippers in the town of Windsor, Massachusetts. Rain date Sunday, June 2. Leader: Tom Gagnon (413) 584-6353 or [tombwhawk@aol.com](mailto:tombwhawk@aol.com).

**Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am – 2:00 pm**

McDonald's Preserve, Wilbraham MA

Historical site for Hessel's Hairstreak. Approximately 2 miles round trip on level walkways and occasionally very wet, buggy trail. Sunscreen and bug spray are advised. DIRECTIONS: Best GPS address is 60 Washington Road. From Rt. 20 in Wilbraham, turn onto Grove St. at Crazy Jake's Restaurant (2537 Boston Road). Turn right onto Manchonis Rd. Turn left onto McDonald Way. Take another left onto Washington Rd. There are no restrooms at the parking lot, stop at Dunkin' Donuts on Boston Road a few minutes away. Rain date Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>. \*If few participants, we may be able to move cars much closer to field site. Trip leader: Danielle Desmarais: [dldesmar@hotmail.com](mailto:dldesmar@hotmail.com) or 413-433-2727

**Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am – 2:30 pm**

North Common Meadow, Petersham

We can expect a variety of butterflies at this Trustees of Reservations Property, although it can be hit-or-miss depending upon weather patterns earlier in the season. Refreshments, lunch, and restroom at The Petersham Country Store on Main Street. Parking is not available on-site; meet in front of the Petersham Library, 23 Common St. to arrange car-pooling or walk down to the Meadow. Leader: Wendy Howes [curiousbooks@verizon.net](mailto:curiousbooks@verizon.net) or 413 967-4737

**Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am – 3:00 pm**

Quabbin Gate 45, Hardwick

This area features open roadsides surrounded by mixed forest and three large open fields, one of them recently cleared. There are some sections of the woods that are sun-dappled, and the road eventually brings us down to the reservoir shoreline. We've found a good assortment of butterflies here in the past, but much of the area is an unknown as far as what might turn up. There is a small parking lot at the gate at the end of Lyman Road and no parking along the road. We may need to work out a carpooling plan. Please contact the leader if you plan to attend. No restrooms. Bring snacks/lunch/beverage. Leader: Wendy Howes [curiousbooks@verizon.net](mailto:curiousbooks@verizon.net) or 413 967-4737

**Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am**

Horn Pond Mountain, Woburn

Join Howard Hoople climbing Horn Pond Mountain, which rises only about 285' above sea level in Woburn but has a remarkable diversity of flora, birds, and butterflies! Easy trails reveal as many as six different species of Hairstreaks at this time of year! Meet in the parking lot behind New England Rehabilitation Hospital (near employee parking lot "B") at 2 Rehabilitation Way, Woburn, MA. Contact Howard at [hgh@ghoople.com](mailto:hgh@ghoople.com) or (978) 604-0454. All participants welcome.

**Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am**

Westborough Wildlife Management Area Crane Swamp Trail, Westborough

This property, managed by the Mass Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, offers a combination of open fields, wooded sections and wet swampy areas. Target species include Northern Pearly-eye, Appalachian Brown, Eyed Brown, and Mulberry Wing. Insect repellent is recommended. Meet at Tatnuck Booksellers parking lot, Route 9 & Lyman St, Westborough, MA. Contact Barbara Volkle at [barb620@theworld.com](mailto:barb620@theworld.com) or 508-393-9251. Rain date Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am – 2:30 pm**

Mass Audubon's Lake Wampanoag Sanctuary, Raymond Street, Gardner

Featuring a large expanse of open wildflower fields with mowed pathways. The fields are mowed once in the fall. The property also holds a small pond and a forest with red spruce and balsam fir. We can usually find a good assortment of butterflies here. Bring a lunch and beverage. Directions may be found at <http://www.massaudubon.org/get-outdoors/wildlife-sanctuaries/lake-wampanoag/about>. Plenty of parking at Raymond Street dead-end. No restrooms. Bring snacks/lunch/beverage. Leader: Wendy Howes [curiousbooks@verizon.net](mailto:curiousbooks@verizon.net) or 413 967-4737

**Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am - 12 pm**

Martin Burns WMA, Newbury

In early July, there may be 4 kinds of Hairstreaks and on a good day one may see 18 species. Mid to Late July, one may see 18-22 different species including Common Buckeye, Eastern Comma, Question Mark, Red Spotted Purple, Red Admiral., and several skippers. Directions: From I-95 take Exit 55 (Central St Byfield Exit) and head east on Central Street. At the first Y-intersection, take a left onto Orchard Street. Soon afterwards, take a left onto a dirt road that is the main access point for Martin H. Burns Wildlife Management Area (look for a brown WMA sign). Drive to the 2nd parking lot. (Do NOT park by Orchard Street.) No restrooms. Leader: Marj Watson 978-257-1446 Cell 978-352-7564 Home or [marjwtsn@msn.com](mailto:marjwtsn@msn.com).

**Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am**

Birds & Butterflies with the Forbush Bird Club and the Mass Butterfly Club, Leicester

Join us on this joint walk with the Forbush bird club to look for butterflies AND birds. Last summer's trip yielded 20 species, with surprises such as a common sootywing, Appalachian brown, and silver-bordered fritillary. There were even more birds, with highlights such as bobolinks, veery, chestnut-sided warbler, and American kestrel. Meet in Leicester on the north side of Route 56 overlooking the back side of Worcester Municipal Airport. Contact Dolores Price at (508) 839-2299 or [price.dolores884@gmail.com](mailto:price.dolores884@gmail.com)

**Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> 10:30 am – 2:30 pm**

Exploring Hubbardston Sites, Hubbardston

This trip will explore a variety of habitats, including one location where Silver-bordered Fritillary is likely present. We'll sample various trails, an old gravel pit, and shrubby landscape/hedgerows as well as small hayfields. We can also check a location where Bog Coppers usually occur. As with so many under-explored sites in Central Mass, we never know what we're going to find! Meet at large parking lot of town recreation fields on Route 68, a short distance north of Route 68-Brigham Road-Elm Street crossroads in Hubbardston Center, on the east side of the highway. Bring snacks/lunch/beverage. Restrooms available at Mr. Mike's or Pizza Palace on Route 68. Leader: Wendy Howes [curiousbooks@verizon.net](mailto:curiousbooks@verizon.net) or 413 967-4737

**Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am – 2:30 pm**

High Ridge Wildlife Management Area, Westminster

On this property, MassWildlife has adopted a management plan that delays mowing of open fields and grasslands until August 15th. This WMA holds many other types of habitat, in addition to its many fields. It will be interesting to see what kinds of butterflies are using the area since the new mowing regime began last year. Westminster/Gardner Overlook Road (off Bacon Street). Parking lot with plenty of space is at the (gated) end of Overlook Road. Bring snacks/lunch/beverage. There are places to get out of the sun but no rest rooms. Leader: Wendy Howes [curiousbooks@verizon.net](mailto:curiousbooks@verizon.net) or 413 967-4737

**Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am**

Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield

Meet at The Trustees of Reservations sanctuary, Bartholomew's Cobble 105 Weatogue Road. Sheffield, MA Target species are Giant Swallowtails and Tawny Emperors. Leaders: Bill and Nancy Callahan [wpc3nat@gmail.com](mailto:wpc3nat@gmail.com) or (413) 734-8097

**Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 am - 2:30 pm**

DCR Kristoff Farm Property, Merrill Road, off Redemption Rock Trail (Route 140), Sterling

This large property has extensive open areas with plenty of habitat diversity, so we can expect a good variety of butterflies here. There are also shrubby sections and woodland edges to explore. The parking area is where Merrill Road comes to a gated dead-end. Bring a lunch and beverage(s). There are shady spots but no restrooms. Leader: Wendy Howes [curiousbooks@verizon.net](mailto:curiousbooks@verizon.net) or (413) 967-4737

**Thursday August 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm**

Moore State Park, Paxton

The fields at this attractive park are now being managed for grassland birds and aren't mowed until late in the season. Walking paths around the edges and through the middle of the largest field provide access for observation and photography of butterflies, birds, odonates, and other insects. Meet at the Park, 1 Sawmill Road (Mill Street), Paxton, off Route 31. Restrooms available. Bring snacks/lunch/beverage. Leader: Wendy Howes  
[curiousbooks@verizon.net](mailto:curiousbooks@verizon.net) or (413) 967-4737.

**Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

12th Annual Barbara J. Walker Butterfly Festival, Worcester

Volunteer at the Butterfly Club table, introducing kids and their families to local butterflies! 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, food and much more. Broad Meadow Brook Massachusetts Audubon Sanctuary, 414 Massasoit Road, Worcester, MA Contact Martha Gach at  
[mgach@massaudubon.org](mailto:mgach@massaudubon.org) or 508-753-6087

**Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> 10 am**

Fannie Stebbins Refuge, Longmeadow

We'll be looking for Harvesters, Zabulon Skippers, and Bronze Coppers. Meet at Fannie Stebbins at the end of [Bark Haul Road, off Route 5](#) in Longmeadow. If there is interest, we can also check Forest Park in Springfield for Hackberry Emperors. Rain date will be Sunday August 18th. Leaders: Bill & Nancy Callahan and Karen Parker. Contact the Callahan's at (413) 734-8097 or [wpc3nat@gmail.com](mailto:wpc3nat@gmail.com).

**Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> 10 am**

Nasketucket Bay Reserve, Mattapoisett

[Nasketucket Bay State Reservation](#) has almost 400 acres of coastal forest, set on some of Buzzards Bay's clearest, healthiest waters. We will take an easy hike along the Bridal Trail and part of the Shaw Farm Trail to explore this property in search of Little Yellows. Meet at Nasketucket Bay State Reservation parking lot at 94 Brandt Island Road. Co-leader Rebecca Vasa; 508-999-6363 x223 or [vasa@savebuzzardsbay.org](mailto:vasa@savebuzzardsbay.org)

**Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – 2:30 pm**

Quabbin Gate 49-East Street, Ware/Hardwick

Trails on the eastern edge of Quabbin reservoir pass through both open, sunny patches, shaded forest, and a variety of vegetation and nectar sources. A couple of side trails will take us to wetland edges. In late spring 2018 White M Hairstreaks were observed here; if they are still around and manage to produce a second brood, we may find this species, along with other late summer fliers. Contact leader to sign up and get directions to meeting place. No restrooms. Bring snacks/lunch/beverage. Contact Leader: Wendy Howes [curiousbooks@verizon.net](mailto:curiousbooks@verizon.net) or 413 967-4737

**Wednesday, August 28<sup>st</sup> 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Willow Farm, Ware

Willow Farm is owned by Brian & Martha Klassanos. It seems there is always something of interest here in the way of Lepidoptera. There are changes in the butterflies from year to year since Brian is actively removing non-native, invasive vegetation and restoring much of the acreage to native shrubland. Plenty of native wildflower nectar sources. 25 Hardwick Pond Road, Ware (This road is called Turkey Street in Hardwick but changes name within Ware town lines.) Contact the leader if detailed directions are needed. Bring snacks/lunch/beverage. Restroom at the house. Leaders: Wendy Howes [curiousbooks@verizon.net](mailto:curiousbooks@verizon.net) or 413 967-4737 & Brian Klassanos

**Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> 11:00 am – 1:30 pm**

Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain

Target species, based on the last two years of observation are Red-banded Hairstreak, and the possibility of all five Swallowtails. Visit four especially nice spots in the Arboretum. Walking route is over grassy and paved paths, in a field, and over a few hills. If anyone would like to stay longer to explore more butterfly locations at the Arboretum, Lucy has offered to walk you over to Peters Hill and give you a general description of where to look. Directions: Park at the west end of Bussey Street and meet at the Bussey Street Gate. The Arboretum website has directions, search 'Bussey St. Gate' on <https://www.arboretum.harvard.edu/> Rain date September 1st. Leader: Lucy Merrill-Hills at [lucymerrillhills1@gmail.com](mailto:lucymerrillhills1@gmail.com)

**Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> 10:00 am**

Mass Audubon's Broad Meadow Brook Sanctuary, Worcester

We will look for Leonard's Skipper and other late flying butterflies. Meet at the Sanctuary's Visitor Center at 414 Massasoit Road, Worcester. A fairly long hike along the Cardinal and Powerline Trails. Leader: Steve Moore (508) 393-9251 or [barb620@theworld.com](mailto:barb620@theworld.com).



**Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup> 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Mass Audubon's Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary, Westport

Savor the last remnants of summer, enjoy some time outdoors and learn about butterflies at the annual Allens Pond Butterfly Census! This free annual event welcomes butterfly watchers of all ages and skill levels to help census as many areas of Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary as possible. Members of the Massachusetts Butterfly Club will lead teams into different areas of the Sanctuary and provide expertise in identifying butterflies. After lunch we census Sylvan Nurseries (last year we had long-tailed skipper!). **Rain date will be Sunday** September 1.

Meet at the Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary field station parking lot, located at 1280 Horseneck Rd., Westport, MA at 10am to divide into census teams. Participants should wear long pants, sunscreen and bring water and a snack or lunch. Leader Lauren Miller-Donnelly. If you have any questions, please call the Sanctuary at (508) 636-2437 or email [laurenmiller@massaudubon.org](mailto:laurenmiller@massaudubon.org)  
\*please provide full contact information in case of inclement weather\* \*Census repeats September 7\*

**Sunday September 1<sup>st</sup> 10:30 am**

Northampton Community Gardens, Northampton

We will search for late migrants at the Northampton Community Gardens and then drive over to the Florence Community Gardens in Florence. We hope to find Fiery Skippers, Common Buckeye, Variegated Fritillary, and maybe a Common Checkered Skipper. Leader: Tom Gagnon (413) 584-6353 or [tombwhawk@aol.com](mailto:tombwhawk@aol.com)

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Meet at the Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary field station parking lot, located at 1280 Horseneck Rd., Westport, MA at 10am to divide into census teams. Participants should wear long pants, sunscreen and bring water and a snack or lunch. Leader Lauren Miller-Donnelly. If you have any questions, please call the Sanctuary at (508) 636-2437 or email [laurenmiller@massaudubon.org](mailto:laurenmiller@massaudubon.org)  
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**Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am**

Frances A. Crane Wildlife Management Area, Falmouth

Target species: Leonard's Skipper and possible Variegated Fritillary. Drive on Rte 495 south to Rte. 25 and straight over the Bourne Bridge onto Rte. 28 toward Falmouth. Take the exit for Rte. 151 east. Approx. 1 1/2 miles on the left at the ball field is the main entrance to Crane. Parking is approximately 1/4 mile from the main entrance. Contact Joe Dwelly at [joedwelly@yahoo.com](mailto:joedwelly@yahoo.com) or 508-364-6853.

**Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:30 am**

Northampton Community Gardens, Northampton

We will search for late migrants at the Northampton Community Gardens and then drive over to the Florence Community Gardens in Florence. We hope to find Fiery Skippers, Common Buckeye, Variegated Fritillary, and maybe a Common Checkered Skipper. Leader: Tom Gagnon (413) 584-6353 or [tombwhawk@aol.com](mailto:tombwhawk@aol.com)

**Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am**

Appleton Farms, Ipswich MA

This trip looks for Silver-Bordered Fritillaries, Bronze Coppers and other late season butterflies. Meet at the farm store parking lot, The Trustees of Reservations, Appleton Farms 219 County Road, Ipswich. Russ Hopping and Howard Hoople, co-leaders. Contact Howard Hoople at [hgh@ghoople.com](mailto:hgh@ghoople.com) or (978) 604-0454. All participants welcome.