

**MASSACHUSETTS BUTTERFLY CLUB  
CHAPTER OF THE NORTH AMERICAN BUTTERFLY ASSOCIATION  
2022 SCHEDULE OF FIELD TRIPS AND EVENTS**

**Please contact the leader ahead of time to let them know to expect you. In case of inclement weather, contact the leader to find out about postponement or rain date. All levels welcome!**

**Tips for an enjoyable experience:** Suggested materials include binoculars, sunscreen, water, hat, insect repellent, allergy medicines, and a camera. Wear comfortable clothing and sturdy walking shoes. You may also want to bring field guides, a hand lens, a pen/pencil & pad for recording, and snacks and/or lunch.

**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.
- Respect property guidelines, e.g. one-way trails, parking limitations, etc.
- No dogs (except for service animals).

**\*\* Covid-19 Guidelines for Mass Butterfly Club Trips and Counts \*\***

**Leaders:**

- Leaders may choose to ask participants to mask up, and should ask whether the group is comfortable with or without masks.
- Trips are held at the discretion of the leader. If a leader isn't comfortable and an alternate leader isn't found, the trip can be cancelled.
- Leaders are responsible for the group following the property guidelines of the site. These may include one-way trails, parking limitations, etc.

**Participants:**

- Contact a leader the day before a trip to let them know you will be participating.
- Participants do not have to wear masks, but should bring a mask in case the group determines that they're more comfortable masking.
- Make every attempt to keep a social distance of 6+ feet and take turns to photograph butterflies.
- If you need a mask break or a water break, move to a location that's far away from the group.
- Enjoy the socially-distanced butterflies!

**Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10 am - CANCELED**

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. **No rain date.** Leader: Tom Gagnon. Contact Tom at (413) 584-6353.

**Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 10 am**

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. **Rain date is Sunday, May 1.** For meeting location, contact leader Barbara Volkle at [barb620@theworld.com](mailto:barb620@theworld.com) or (508) 393-9251.

**Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 11 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. For meeting location, contact leader Tom Whelan at [tom@whelanphoto.com](mailto:tom@whelanphoto.com) or (781) 915-9988.

**Friday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 am**

Dinosaur Footprints, Holyoke

Join Julie Richburg of the Trustees of Reservations in exploring the Trustees Dinosaur Footprints property in Holyoke. (The footprints are some of the best in the country.) From the Dinosaur Footprints property we will drive about 2 miles to explore Little Mt. Tom Walking distance should be about 1 - 1.5 miles. Co-leader: Tom Gagnon (413) 584-6353.

**Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 10 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. All participants welcome. For meeting location, contact leader Howard Hoople at [hgh@hghoople.com](mailto:hgh@hghoople.com) or (978) 604-0454.

**Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup>, noon- 2 pm**

Breakneck Hill, Southborough

Join us as we explore this grassland property to see what butterflies we can find. Past visits at this time of year have yielded such species as Silvery Blue, Eastern-Tailed Blue, Viceroy, Northern Cloudywing, Zabulon Skipper, Little Wood Satyr, Red-Spotted Purple, and Black Swallowtail. Meet at the parking lot across from 75 Breakneck Hill Road, Southborough. Overflow parking available nearby at Community Gardens parking lot. Contact leader Dawn Vesey at [dawnvzp@gmail.com](mailto:dawnvzp@gmail.com).

**Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am**

Mt. Greylock State Reservation (Lanesborough) in search of Early Hairstreaks.

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. For meeting location, contact leader Tom Gagnon at (413) 584-6353.

**Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 10 am**

Mass Audubon's Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary, Worcester

We will look for Hoary Edge skipper and possibly Harris checkerspot. A fairly long hike along the Cardinal and Powerline Trails. **Rain date is Sunday, June 13.** For meeting location, contact leader Martha Gach at [mgach@massaudubon.org](mailto:mgach@massaudubon.org) or (508) 981-8833.

**Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>, 10 am**

Myles Standish State Forest, Carver

Visit several relatively unexplored fields rich in blooming milkweed. We'll seek a variety of skippers, hairstreaks (including Edward's), and more. **Rain date is Sunday, June 26.** For meeting location, contact leader Andrew Griffith at [andrewphoto@comcast.net](mailto:andrewphoto@comcast.net) or home: (508) 291-6091 cell: (774) 766-9880.

**Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10 am**

Horn Pond Mountain, Woburn

Join Howard Hoople in climbing Horn Pond Mountain, which rises only about 285' above sea level in Woburn and has a remarkable diversity of flora, birds, and butterflies! Easy trails at the top reveal as many as six different species of Hairstreaks at this time of year. All participants welcome. For meeting location, contact leader Howard Hoople at [hgh@hghoople.com](mailto:hgh@hghoople.com) or (978) 604-0454.

**Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup>, 10 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. For meeting location, contact leader Barbara Volkle at [barb620@theworld.com](mailto:barb620@theworld.com) or (508) 393-9251.

**Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup>, 9 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. We will meet at the Route 56 overlook to Worcester Airport in Leicester at 9:00 a.m. We will also drive over to Mulberry St. to walk the wooded trail to Kettle Brook/Manville St. Prior years' highlights have included fritillaries, monarchs, swallowtails, Black Dash skipper, and Appalachian Brown. Contact leader Dolores Price at [pricedolores884@gmail.com](mailto:pricedolores884@gmail.com) or (508) 887-3928.

**Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup>, 10 am**

Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield

Explore the area around Bartholomew's Cobble, a Trustees of Reservations property, in search of Giant Swallowtails, Hackberry Emperors, Tawny Emperors, and American Snouts. Contact Michael Newton at [newt3d@gmail.com](mailto:newt3d@gmail.com) or (617) 320-3183.

**Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>**

15th Annual Barbara J. Walker Butterfly Festival, Worcester

The Annual Barbara J. Walker Butterfly Festival is a celebration of butterflies at Mass Audubon's Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary in Worcester. Look for details on Broad Meadow Brooks' site and on [masslep](http://masslep) in early August.

**Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 am**

Nasketucket Bay State Reservation, 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. For meeting location, contact leader Andrew Griffith at [andrewphoto@comcast.net](mailto:andrewphoto@comcast.net) or home: (508) 291-6091 cell: (774) 766-9880.

**Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am**

Fannie Stebbins Refuge, Longmeadow and Forest Park, 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 at 10:30 am. Later we will go to Forest Park in Springfield.

**Rain date: Sunday August 21.** Contact leader Tom Gagnon at (413) 584-6353.

**Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 9 am - 11 am**

Mass Audubon's Broad Meadow Brook Sanctuary, Worcester

We will look for Leonard's Skipper and other late flying butterflies. **Rain date is Sunday, August 28.** For meeting location, contact leader Martha Gach at [mgach@massaudubon.org](mailto:mgach@massaudubon.org) or (508) 981-8833.

**Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10 am - 2 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. **Rain date is Sunday, September 5.** Meet at 10 am to divide into census teams. Participants should wear long pants, sunscreen and bring water and a snack or lunch. For meeting location, contact leader Lauren Miller-Donnelly at [laurenisquax@gmail.com](mailto:laurenisquax@gmail.com).

**Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 10 am - 2 pm**

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**Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10 am**

Northampton Community Gardens, Northampton

We will search for late and rare migrants at the Northampton Community Gardens. Contact leader Tom Gagnon at (413) 584-6353.

**Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 10 am**

Appleton Farms, Ipswich MA

This trip looks for Silver-Bordered Fritillaries, Bronze Coppers and other late season butterflies. Co-leaders are Russ Hopping and Howard Hoople. All participants welcome. For meeting location, contact leader Howard Hoople at [hgh@hghoople.com](mailto:hgh@hghoople.com) or (978) 604-0454.