

ROCHESTER BUTTERFLY CLUB 2017 FIELD TRIPS and ACTIVITIES

www.rochesterbutterflyclub.org

Our field trips are free and will take place rain or shine, but not during thunder storms. On cloudy or showery days, we will have a general nature walk, and look for caterpillars, hiding butterflies and plants that butterflies use. With luck the sun will come out and with it, the butterflies.

Our morning field trips last about 2 hours. Some trips have an option to continue into the afternoon, and others are all day trips, returning some time after 4p.m. End times of outings are approximate.

Bring a cold drink and for the longer trips, your lunch and folding chair.

****** Long pants and appropriate footwear are strongly recommended, as there is often poison ivy ******

We have provided contact numbers (all area code **585**) in case you would like more information about a field trip. For most of our field trips, just come along to the meeting place listed. Also for most field trips, an alternate meeting place may usually be arranged, if needed, via one of the contact numbers. A few field trips do require pre-registration, as noted.

Please bring close focusing binoculars, a field guide and your camera, but leave your butterfly nets at home, because they can injure wings, legs and antennae.

Non-members, beginners and children accompanied by an adult are welcome at all of our activities.

During recent years there have been deer ticks in the area and cases of Lyme disease contracted here. Because of this, we recommend you wear long pants tucked into socks, and use insect repellent.

All phone numbers are area code 585

MAY 20 **GENESEE LAND TRUST NATIVE PLANT SALE** Brighton Town Hall Sat. 8:30 am to 2:00pm
Details at www.geneseelandtrust.org – Events and Activities – Special Events. Also check this web site for other nature field trips.

JUNE 15 **WESLEY HILL PRESERVE Near Naples, for early meadow butterflies**
Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Meet at the Park and Ride parking lot by the Bushnell's Basin Exit of Route I-490.
Directions, take I-490 East to Bushnell's Basin / route 96 exit. At exit light, turn left, parking lot is on the left. We will car pool from there, a one hour drive to Wesley Hill.
Bring lunch and a folding chair. Contact: 385-4725

Note: Due to bridge work on I-490 at Marsh Road bridge, please allow extra driving time to meeting place

JUNE 23 **ROCHESTER AREA "4th OF JULY" COUNT (Rain Date, Saturday June 24)**
Friday 10 a.m. **Note this year the count is scheduled on a FRIDAY** Locations include Mendon Ponds Park, Powder Mills Park, and Thousand Acre Swamp.
If you would like to help, call 385-3907.

JUNE 24 **GENESEE LAND TRUST BACK YARD HABITAT TOUR** Sat. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m
Details at www.geneseelandtrust.org – Events and Activities – Special Events.

JUNE 29 **GANONDAGAN STATE HISTORIC SITE Mid-Summer Butterflies**
Thurs. 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Meet in parking spaces nearest Boughton Hill Road at Seneca Art & Culture Center at Ganondagan, 7000 County Road 41 (Boughton Hill Road) Victor, NY 14564
Directions: Take Rt 490 east to Victor exit (last exit before Thruway). Continue east / south on Rt 96 to light in the middle of Victor, then right (south) on Rt 444 (East St.) up the hill to light at intersection, then right (west) onto Boughton Hill Rd (Rt. 41). Parking lot is about a half mile on the right.
Optionally, bring lunch and a folding chair. Contact: 425-2380

JULY 1 **LETCHWORTH STATE PARK 4th OF JULY COUNT (Rain Date, Sunday July 2)**
Sat. from 10 a.m. Several different locations and car pooling available from Rochester. If you would like to participate, contact Douglas Bassett, Park Naturalist at 493-3625.

JULY 11 HI TOR AREA, near Naples for Hairstreaks and higher elevation species
 Tues. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Meet at the Park and Ride parking lot by the Bushnell's Basin Exit of Route I-490. Directions, Take 490 East to Bushnell's Basin / route 96 exit. At the light, turn left, the parking lot is on the left. We will car pool from there. About one hour drive to Hi Tor. Bring lunch and a folding chair.
 Contact: 383-8168.

Note: Due to bridge work on I-490 at Marsh Road bridge, please allow extra driving time to meeting place

JULY 13 BLACK CREEK PARK Butterflies and summer wildflowers
 Thurs. 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with possible afternoon extension. Joint trip with Burroughs Audubon Nature Club. Meet in the parking lot near Sunnyside Lodge in Black Creek Park 3835 Union St, North Chili, NY 14514.
Directions, take Route I-490 west to exit #4, go south on Union Street (Rt. 259) approx. 1 mile. Enter park, and at the T junction, turn right (north) and meet near restrooms. We will carpool from there to a nearby area of the park. If the weather is good, we may visit another part of the park in the afternoon. Optional, bring lunch and folding chair for possible afternoon butterflying.
 Contact: 383-8168.

JULY 16 MENDON PONDS PARK butterfly beginners walk Joint trip with the Bird House
 Sun. 10am to noon Meet in the Visitors Center / Wild Wings parking lot, 27 Pond Road, Honeoye Falls, NY 14472, just off Clover St. (Rt. 65). We will explore the butterfly garden and nearby meadows.
 Contact: 383-8168 or Bird House 264-1550.

JULY 22 MOTH NIGHT OPEN HOUSE Learn about moths and how to attract them
 Sat. 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Joint event with Burroughs Audubon Nature Club. at 301 Railroad Mills Road, Pittsford NY 14535. We will use various techniques to attract moths and other nocturnal insects. Jay Greenberg will also join us to share photography tips For more information, and a link to map and directions, visit <http://www.bancny.org/> About Us / BANC 2017 programs. Optionally bring a picnic dinner to enjoy on the BANC clubhouse porch. Indoor presentation will take place if raining.
 Contact: 383-8168 or 385-3907.

JULY 29 GANARGUA CREEK MEADOW PRESERVE Mid-Summer Butterflies
 Sat. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Joint event with Genesee Land Trust. Meet at Creek-side entrance near intersection of Wilkinson and Victor Rd. in Wayne County, 727 Wilkinson Rd, Macedon NY 14502. about 30 minutes from Rochester. From Route 31 in Macedon, turn south onto Route 306 (Wayneport Road). Turn east onto Wilkinson Road, and drive to the parking lot on the right, just before T intersection with Victor Rd. Wear long pants and appropriate footwear, as there is poison ivy. Optional bring lunch and folding chair.
 Contact: 383-8168.

AUG 15 RATTLESNAKE HILL Wildlife Management Area Grand tour, for higher elevation butterflies
 Thurs. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Meet at the Park and Ride lot at Rt. 15 and Rt. 251 off I-390, exit 11 for Rush. About a one hour drive from Rush. Bring lunch and a folding chair.
 Contact: 383-8168.

SEPT 5 BUTTERFLY CLUB POT LUCK PICNIC with POT LUCK PICTURES Rain or shine!!!!
 Tues. 6 to 8 pm Join us for an evening social gathering at the lovely grounds and clubhouse of Burroughs Audubon Nature Club. 301 Railroad Mills Road, Pittsford NY 14534. For a link to map and directions, visit www.bancny.org/ Programs and click on one of the links to BANC Sanctuary. Bring a pot luck dish to pass, your own plate, cup and silverware, and a lawn chair. Show and tell of photographs and butterfly related topics encouraged. **More details will be e-mailed in August.** Contact: 385-3907.

AUG. 1 thru OCT. 15 MONARCH COUNT
Please send your Monarch counts and all your other butterfly sightings during the season to Bill McCleary, wmcclary@rochester.rr.com or 3247 Bronson Hill Rd., Livonia, NY 14487