

ROCHESTER BUTTERFLY CLUB web site

2018 FIELD TRIPS and ACTIVITIES

www.rochesterbutterflyclub.org

Our field trips are free and will take place rain or shine, but not during thunderstorms. 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 two hours. Some trips have an option to continue into the afternoon, and others are all day trips, returning some time around 4 p.m. End times of outings are approximate. Bring a cold drink and for the longer trips, your lunch and folding chair.

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.

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

JUNE 23 ROCHESTER AREA "4th OF JULY" COUNT (Rain Date, Sunday June 24)
Sat. 10 a.m. Locations include Mendon Ponds Park, Powder Mills Park, and Thousand Acre Swamp.
If you would like to help, please call 383-8168.

JUNE 27 GANARGUA CREEK MEADOW PRESERVE For mid-summer butterflies
Wed. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 727 Wilkinson Rd., Macedon NY 14502. Joint event with Genesee Land Trust.
Meet at Creek-side entrance near intersection of Wilkinson and Victor Rd. in Wayne County, about 30 minutes from Rochester. **Directions:** 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.

JUNE 30 LETCHWORTH STATE PARK 4th OF JULY COUNT (Rain Date, Sunday July 1, one week earlier than initially scheduled.)
Sat. from 10 a.m. Several different locations and car pooling available from Rochester. If you would like to participate, contact 383-8168.

JULY 8 MENDON PONDS PARK For butterfly beginners walk
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). Joint trip with the Bird House. We will explore the butterfly garden and nearby meadows.
Contact: 383-8168.

JULY 11 BLACK CREEK PARK For butterflies and summer wildflowers
Wed. 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with possible afternoon extension. Meet in the parking lot near Sunnyside Lodge in Black Creek Park 3835 Union St, North Chili, NY 14514. Joint trip with Burroughs Audubon Nature Club.
Directions: Take Route I-490 west to Exit #4, go south on Union Street (Rt. 259) approx. one 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 other parts of the park in the afternoon. Optional, bring lunch and folding chair for possible afternoon butterflying.
Contact: 383-8168.

- JULY 17 HEMLOCK CANADICE STATE FOREST AREA For mid-summer butterflies and birds**
 Tues. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **++ see note below for shorter option**
 Meet at Rush Park and Ride, then car pool to explore roadsides and visit a private property.
Directions: Rush Park and Ride lot is at Rt. 15 and Rt. 251 off I-390, Exit 11 for Rush. State Forest area is about a half hour drive from Rush. Bring lunch and a folding chair. Contact: 385-3907.
- JULY 21 GENESEE LAND TRUST BACK YARD HABITAT TOUR Sat. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m**
 Details at <http://www.geneseelandtrust.org/> Visit seven amazing gardens around the Rochester area. The Genesee Land Trust web site is currently under reconstruction. Please go to their Facebook page for details, <https://www.facebook.com/geneseelandtrust/> or follow the Facebook symbol ("f" at top right of home page) then "events." No need to be a registered Facebook member for this.
- AUG. 6 MONTEZUMA WETLANDS COMPLEX For butterflies, flowers and birds**
 Mon. 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. **++ see note below for shorter option**
 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 Montezuma area. Bring lunch and a folding chair
 Contact: 385-3907.
- AUG. 12 CHRISTINE SEVILLA WETLANDS PRESERVE For wetland butterflies and wildflowers**
 Sun. 10 a.m. to noon 3728 Iroquois Rd., Caledonia NY 14423. Joint event with Genesee Land Trust.
Directions: The preserve is located about two miles east of Caledonia on the south side of Iroquois Road (County Rt 21) between Wheatland Center Road and Feely Road. Please follow parking instructions upon arrival. Please be punctual. Once we leave the cars to follow the access easement, we will not be visible from the road. Wear waterproof boots or footwear you do not mind getting muddy and wet. Lunch optional. Contact: 383-8168.
- AUG. 25 BUG HUNT *****NEW*******
 Sat. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Look for insects on the lovely grounds and trails of Burroughs Audubon Nature Club. 301 Railroad Mills Road, Pittsford NY 14534. Joint trip with Burroughs Audubon Nature Club.
Directions: For a link to map and directions, visit <http://www.bancny.org/> Programs and click on one of the links to [BANC Sanctuary](#) . Bring bug boxes and magnifiers. We will temporarily capture and examine the insects around the nature sanctuary and learn fun facts about them along the way.
 Contact: 383-8168.
- SEPT 4 BUTTERFLY CLUB POT LUCK PICNIC 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](#). Please bring a pot luck dish to pass, and your own plate, cup and silverware. We will share reflections on the butterfly season and on butterfly related topics.
More details will be e-mailed in August. For more information, contact: 385-3907.
- SEPT. 10 BURGER PARK (in Greece) For migrating Monarchs in lakeshore parks**
 Mon. 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Meet in the parking lot at Braddock Bay Park, near the lodge. 199 E Manitou Rd, Rochester, NY 14612.
Directions: Take Lake Ontario Parkway west and exit at East Manitou Road. Go north to the park entrance, then follow the park road to the north. About 30 minutes drive from Rochester. We will car pool from here. Optional bring lunch for possible butterflying in the afternoon.
 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 us via our web site.

++ For all day field trips, if you can only stay for the morning, you may opt to drive yourself to the beginning location rather than carpool.