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## **Butterfly, Moth, Dragonfly & Wildflower Walks in Berks Co., Pennsylvania - 2023**

All walks are free. In case of bad weather you may call one of the leaders. (Updated: August 1, 2023)

Location specific checklists are handed out at most walks so you can record what you see.

All levels of interest are welcome: children, adults of all ages, novices and advanced.

We will watch for butterflies and caterpillar host plants and use viewing jars so you can get a close look. We have extra nets for use by all (adults & children) in our capture and release. Except for April, there will be caterpillars brought to see and (usually) to give to attendees to rear. Bring a camera to record what you see and binoculars as well if you have them.

April 29, 2023 Saturday 10 AM

**Neversink Mountain - Butterflies, Birds and Botany.** Meet at S.10th and South Street Reading. Park on South Street. Some butterflies fly only in early spring and this is one of the few County locations to see them. Leaders: Karl Gardner, 610-987-3281 and Ryan Woolwine, 484-883-6461. -- (59 species recorded for this location.)

June 10, 2023 Saturday 10 AM

**Butterfly Identification Walk at Green Hills Preserve** (550 Gunhart Rd. Mohnton, PA 19540) Take PA-10 south to PA-568. Turn right (west) for 1/2 mile to Gunhart Rd. Turn right. Park on right in about 1/4 mile. Leaders: Karl Gardner 610-987-3281 and Ryan Woolwine 484-883-6461. -- (40 species recorded for this location.)

June 17, 2023 Saturday 10 AM

**Dragonflies/Damselflies (and Butterflies) - Bartram Trail/Kernsville Dam.** Follow PA-61 north, right on Jetson Dr (across from Cabelas), right on Industrial Dr, left on Kernsville Dam Rd. The parking area is on the right. (25 Kernsville Dam Rd.) Leader: Mike Slater 610-775-3757. (51 dragonflies and damselflies plus many butterflies recorded for this location.)

June 24, 2023 Saturday 8:30 PM to ?? **"Moth Night"** moved to August 19, 2023, due to weather.

July 15, 2023 Saturday 10 AM

**Wildflowers and Pollinators** at Union Meadows West. A meandering path through this former ball field converted to a pollinator meadow provides good access for observing and netting a variety of species. Route 724 (East Main St., Birdsboro) Turn opposite St. Michael's Cemetery and park in the ball field lot. Leader: Mike Slater 610-775-3757. Coordinator: Linda Ingram.

August 5, 2023 Saturday 10 AM

**Butterfly Identification Walk at Blue Marsh Lake.** Meet at the Blue Marsh Visitor's Center off Palisades Drive. Leaders Karl Gardner 610-987-3281 and Ryan Woolwine 484-883-6461. (48 species)

August 19, 2023 Saturday 10 AM

**Butterfly Identification Walk at Angelica Park** Take PA-10 south from Lancaster Avenue 1-1/4 miles. Turn right at the park entrance road at the big masonry sign for Alvernia University. Park at the first parking area on the right. Leaders: Karl Gardner 610-987-3281 and Ryan Woolwine 484-883-6461. (32 species recorded for this location.)

August 19, 2023 Saturday 8:00 PM to ?? (Moved from June 24, 2023)

**"Moth Night" at Nolde Environmental Education Center.** Jim Eckert will present "Introduction to Moths" in McConnell Hall (2910 New Holland Road, Reading, PA) at 8:30 PM followed by walk. Bring flashlight. Meet at main parking lot. Leaders: Jim Eckert 610-401-1695, Ryan Woolwine 484-883-6461, and Karl Gardner. All welcome. We see 50-100 species on these nights.

This page available at: [www.berkscountynature.org/bwalks2023.pdf](http://www.berkscountynature.org/bwalks2023.pdf).

To receive an email reminder of butterfly walks in Berks County send request to [kgard@dejazzd.com](mailto:kgard@dejazzd.com).

Baird Ornithological Club activities including many bird walks are at: [www.bairdornithological.club](http://www.bairdornithological.club).