

BERKS COUNTY NATURE

Butterfly Walks in Berks County PA - 2009

Checklists for each location are handed out at these 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 host plants, and use viewing jars so you can get a close look. Some extra nets for use by all in our capture and release. Except for April, there will be caterpillars brought to see and sometimes to give to attendees to rear to adult butterflies.

April 25, 2009 Saturday 10:00 am

Neversink Mountain - Butterflies etc. Meet at S. 10th and South Street Reading. Park on South Street. This is a joint walk of the Mengel Natural History Society and the Baird Ornithological Club. 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, Ken Lebo, 610-856-1413, and Ryan Woolwine, 610-777-2333.

July 11, 2009 Saturday 6:30 / 7:30 pm.

Picnic and "Moth Night" at Nolde. Bring a picnic dinner and meet at 6:30 PM at the picnic site behind the Nolde headquarters building. Drink refreshments will be provided. Around 7:30 PM preparations will begin to attract night active insects including moths. Join us for this annual social gathering and the opportunity to see what really goes "bump in the night" Mengel Natural History Society - Baird Ornithological Club. Leaders: Ryan Woolwine (610-777-2333) and Ken Lebo, 610-856-1413.

August 1, 2009 Saturday 10:00 am

Near Lake Ontelaunee. Meet at Dam Breast on PA-73. We often see 20 species on this walk. Mengel Natural History Society - Baird Ornithological Club. Leaders: Ryan Woolwine, 610-777-2333 and Ken Lebo, 610-856-1413, and Karl Gardner, 610-987-3281.

August 5, 2009 Wednesday 10:00 am (Note Wednesday is correct.)

Blue Marsh Lake. Want to learn how to identify and attract butterflies to your back yard? Join local naturalist Karl Gardner on a guided butterfly walk at Blue Marsh Lake. Bring along your binoculars and guidebooks, and be ready for a fun morning. We typically see 8-10 species of the 37 which have been confirmed at Blue Marsh in recent years. Meeting location: Church Rd. parking lot off Rt. 183 south of Bernville. Church Road is a left turn going north on Rt. 183 before Bernville. Blue Marsh info: 610-376-6337 or the home page of Berks County Nature. Info/weather cancellation 610-987-3281.

August 16, 2009 Sunday 2 pm

Daniel Boone Homestead. The acres of unmowed fields are a good place to see butterflies. At the last walk here in 2004 we saw 10 species. Call the Homestead at 610-582-4500 for more information. Leader: Karl Gardner, 610-987-3281.

August 22, 2009 Saturday 10 am to approximately 12 noon

Union Township Boat Launch Parking Area east of Birdboro. Butterfly, Wildflower, and Bird Walk led by Mike Slater, President of the Muhlenberg Botanical Club. <http://paplantings.blogspot.com/>. Bring binoculars, water to drink, and insect repellent. A Union Township Boat Launch sign marks the entrance on Rt. 724 (E. Main Street), approx. 1 mi. east of Birdboro. Left side going east. The access road is adjacent to Monty's Mulch. Enter at sign and bear right on gravel road, about 0.5 mi. to boat launch parking area. Call 610-796-3687 for more information

September 5, 2009 Saturday 10:00 am

Wyomissing area. Mengel Natural History Society - Baird Ornithological Club. From Reading Museum go west on Parkside Drive South to Old Mill Rd. Turn right and continue a few blocks. Park on left in gravel lot at field next to stone building. Leaders: Karl Gardner, 610-987-3281 and Ken Lebo, 610-856-1413.

September 6, 2009 Sunday 2:00 pm <--- Added 8/14/09

Nolde Forest Environmental Education Center. A one hour walk in the Mansion garden and over to Painted Turtle Pond. Led by Karl Gardner. Part of the Nolde Mansion First Sundays Open House sponsored by "Friends of Nolde Forest." Information at 610-796-3699.

September 12, 2009 Saturday 10 am to approximately 12 noon

Union Township Boat Launch Parking Area east of Birdboro. Butterfly, Wildflower, and Bird Walk led by Mike Slater. Except for date, same as August 22 walk.

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