

WMBA 2021 Butterfly Counts

5 July 2021 (Mon) 9:00 AM Rogue River Butterfly Count - Kent Co. Leader: Ranger Steve (Mueller) Meet at Long Lake County Park south of 17 Mile on the east side at the beach parking area. odybrook@chartermi.net

7 July 2021 (Wed) 9:00 AM Allegan Butterfly Count – Allegan Co. Leader: Ronda Spink. Meet at the Allegan State Game Area, Fennville Farm Unit, 6013 118th Ave, Fennville butterflynetwork@naturecenter.org

10 July 2021 (Sat) 9:00 AM Greater Muskegon Butterfly Ct - Muskegon Co. Leader: Dennis Dunlap. Meet on Mill Iron Road north from M-46 (Apple Ave.) east of Muskegon at second set of power lines that cross the road north of MacArthur Road. dunlapmd@charter.net.

12 July 2021 (Mon) 9:00 AM Newaygo County - Manistee National Forest Butterfly Count. Leaders: Ronda Spink and Ranger Steve (Mueller). Meet at Leppink's Grocery parking lot at the corner of M 82 & M 37 in Newaygo. butterflynetwork@naturecenter.org or odybrook@chartermi.net

Contact Ranger Steve to sign up at Odybrook@chartermi.net so unexpected changes can be shared. There is a \$3 charge sent to the North American Butterfly Association to participate. Rain day alternates will likely be the next day. Any questions can be directed to his email or to the other leaders. Steve's phone is 616-696-1753.

Note: Last year Covid-19 restrictions resulted in people driving to survey sites in separate vehicles. This year we will determine whether it is safe to carpool when the dates approach.

Bring a bag lunch and plenty of water. We eat lunch in the field. Dress appropriately with long trousers to protect legs from raspberry thorns or leg grabbing plants. Light weight long sleeves protect from sun. Bring insect repellent but in most locations is it not essential but always good to have. Restrooms are limited.

Bring close focusing binoculars and butterfly field guides if you have them. WMBA members will share and help with identifications. Ranger Steve will have the Michigan Butterfly and Skipper book for sale for those wanting one.

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