

Be sure to stop by the Trailside Nature Museum and visit the demonstration Butterfly Garden which attracts parades of butterflies. During the summer months, butterfly and moth hatcheries are maintained inside the museum for a close look at the miracle of metamorphosis.

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Butterflies of Ward Pound Ridge Reservation
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Butterflies

WARD POUND RIDGE RESERVATION



Butterflying Locations at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation

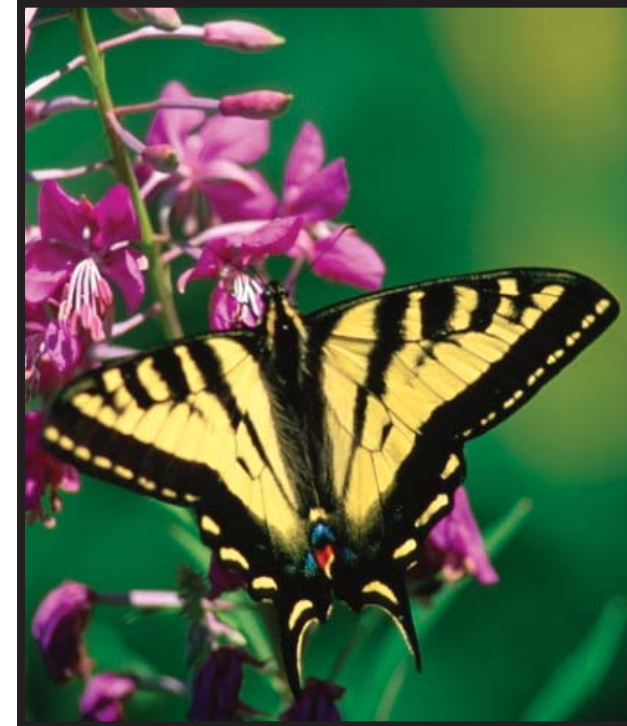
Because a significant portion of Ward Pound Ridge Reservation is maintained on a mowing schedule that is highly favorable for butterflies, it is one of the premier butterfly locations in the Northeastern United States. Some especially good areas within the Reservation are as follows:

The area at the end of Michigan Road provides exceptional butterfly habitats from spring through mid-summer. This is the best area in the park for the Meadow Fritillary and Appalachian Azure.

The Azures can often be found in late May coming to damp sand along the trail in the woods. Appalachian Browns can also be seen here. A good-sized colony of Harris' Checkerspot occurs here (mainly in the wet areas to the southeast), along with Mulberry Wings and Black Dashes. The extensive stand of dogbane east of the end of the road often swarms with skippers, hairstreaks and other butterflies in season.

The moist area to the northwest of the Meadow parking area often has a good selection of species and is usually the only place where one

can find the rare Leonard's Skipper. The trail into the woods from the northwest corner of the parking area often has Least Skippers and an occasional Red-spotted Purple.



The field on the north side of Boutonville Road, between the Meadow and Trailside Museum, comes into its own late in the summer. Then, the swamp milkweed, thoroughworts, and joe-pye-weed have some of the major concentrations of Black Dashes, Great Spangled Fritillaries and Viceroy's as well as other late summer species.

Pell Hill usually has some hill-topping species and the only colony of Silvery Checkerspots (nectaring on dogbane along the upper rock outcrops or ovipositing

on the larval food plant, woodland sunflower). A through the woodlands in May may bring a sighting of one of Westchester's few colonies of Brown Elfins.

The 83 species* of butterflies listed below have been seen at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation. Abbreviations are:

A - Abundant, likely to see more than 10 individuals per visit.
 C - Common, likely to see 4-20 per visit
 U - Uncommon, likely to see 0-3 individuals per visit
 R - Rare, unlikely to see any
 S - Stray, not seen in most years
 H - Historically recorded but not now known to occur
 E - Early month
 M - Mid month
 L - Late month
 Numbers refer to months.

Because butterfly abundances and times of appearance are highly variable, depending strongly upon climatic and other factors, the abundances and times of appearance listed below should be used as a rough guide only. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT NETTING OR OTHERWISE CAPTURING THE BUTTERFLIES IS NOT ALLOWED.

Papilionidae: Swallowtails

	Frequency	Season
<input type="checkbox"/> Swallowtail, Black	U	5-9
<input type="checkbox"/> Swallowtail, Eastern Tiger	C	4-9
<input type="checkbox"/> Swallowtail, Pipevine	S	6-9
<input type="checkbox"/> Swallowtail, Spicebush	C	5-9

Pieridae: Whites and Sulphurs

<input type="checkbox"/> Cabbage White	U	4-10
<input type="checkbox"/> Sulphur, Clouded	C	4-10
<input type="checkbox"/> Sulphur, Orange	C	4-10



Lycaenidae: Gossamer Wings

<input type="checkbox"/> American Copper	C	5-7-9
<input type="checkbox"/> Azure, Spring	C	4-5
<input type="checkbox"/> Azure, Summer	U	6-9
<input type="checkbox"/> Azure, Appalachian	U	L5-E6
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Tailed Blue	C	5-9
<input type="checkbox"/> Elfin, Brown	U	M4-5
<input type="checkbox"/> Elfin, Eastern Pine	R	5-6
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairstreak, Acadian	U	L6-7
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairstreak, Banded	C	M6-7
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairstreak, Coral	C	M6-7
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairstreak, Edwards'	C	M6-7
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairstreak, Grey	R	5-10
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairstreak, Hickory	U	M6-7
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairstreak, Olive	R	L4-5, M7-M8
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairstreak, Southern	R	M6-M7
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairstreak, Striped	U	M6-7
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairstreak, White M	R	4-5
<input type="checkbox"/> Harvester	R	5-9

Nymphalidae: Brush-Footed Butterflies

<input type="checkbox"/> American Snout	S	7-9
<input type="checkbox"/> Checkerspot, Baltimore	R-U	L6-7
<input type="checkbox"/> Checkerspot, Silvery	U	M6-M7
<input type="checkbox"/> Checkerspot, Harris'	U-C	6
<input type="checkbox"/> Comma, Eastern	U	4-9
<input type="checkbox"/> Comma, Gray	S	8-10
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Buckeye	R	6-10
<input type="checkbox"/> Compton, Tortoiseshell	R	4-10
<input type="checkbox"/> Fritillary, Variegated	S	6-9
<input type="checkbox"/> Fritillary, Great Spangled	A	M6-M9
<input type="checkbox"/> Fritillary, Aphrodite	R	M6-M9
<input type="checkbox"/> Fritillary, Regal	H	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fritillary, Silver-boardered	H	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fritillary, Meadow	C	5, M6-9
<input type="checkbox"/> Lady, American	U-C	4-10
<input type="checkbox"/> Lady, Painted	R-U	4-10
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Cloak	U	4-10
<input type="checkbox"/> Pearl Crescent	A	5-10
<input type="checkbox"/> Question Mark	U	5-10
<input type="checkbox"/> Red Admiral	U	4-10
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-Spotted Purple	R	5-9
<input type="checkbox"/> Tawny	S	7-9
<input type="checkbox"/> Viceroy	U	L5-E10

Satyridae: Satyrs and Wood Nymphs

<input type="checkbox"/> Brown, Eyed	R	M6-7
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown, Appalachian	U-C	M6-E8
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Ringlet	C	6, 8
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Wood-Nymph	A	L6
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Pearly-eye	U	7
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-Satyr, Little	A	L5-6
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-Satyr, Summer	C	L6-7

Danaidae: Milkweed Butterflies

<input type="checkbox"/> Monarch	U-C	6-10
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Hesperiidae: Skippers

<input type="checkbox"/> Black Dash	C	7-E8
<input type="checkbox"/> Cloudywing, Southern	R	M6-M7
<input type="checkbox"/> Cloudywing, Northern	U-C	L5-M7
<input type="checkbox"/> Dotted	H	M6-E7
<input type="checkbox"/> Duskywing, Dreamy	U	5-6
<input type="checkbox"/> Duskywing, Juvenal's	C	L4-E6
<input type="checkbox"/> Duskywing, Wild Indigo	U	M5-9
<input type="checkbox"/> Hoary Edge	R	M6-M7
<input type="checkbox"/> Little Glassywing	A	M6-7
<input type="checkbox"/> Long Dash	C	6
<input type="checkbox"/> Mulberry Wing	C-U	M7-E8
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Broken-Dash	A	M6-7
<input type="checkbox"/> Skipper, Broad-winged	S	M7-8
<input type="checkbox"/> Skipper, Cobweb	U	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Skipper, Crossline	U-C	M6-7
<input type="checkbox"/> Skipper, Delaware	C-A	L6-E8
<input type="checkbox"/> Skipper, Dion	S	E7
<input type="checkbox"/> Skipper, Dun	A	L6-E7
<input type="checkbox"/> Skipper, Dusted	U	L5-M6
<input type="checkbox"/> Skipper, European	A	6-E7
<input type="checkbox"/> Skipper, Fiery	S	8-10
<input type="checkbox"/> Skipper, Hobomok	C	L5-E7
<input type="checkbox"/> Skipper, Indian	C	L5-6
<input type="checkbox"/> Skipper, Least	U-C	6-9
<input type="checkbox"/> Skipper, Leonard's	R	L8-M9
<input type="checkbox"/> Skipper, Peck's	C	L5-6,7-9
<input type="checkbox"/> Skipper, Pepper and Salt	S	6
<input type="checkbox"/> Skipper, Silver-spotted	A	5-9
<input type="checkbox"/> Skipper, Swarthy	S	6,8-9
<input type="checkbox"/> Skipper, Tawny-edged	C	5-6,7-9
<input type="checkbox"/> Skipper, Two-spotted	H	M6-E7
<input type="checkbox"/> Skipper, Zabulon	C	5-6,7-10

*Although Summer Azure and Summer Wood Satyr are probably distinct species, they are still considered to be conspecific with Spring Azure and Little Wood Satyr respectively.

Notes: