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Butterfly Count at Wehr, Select Milwaukee County Parks June 26

Franklin, WI (June 20, 2016) – Butterfly enthusiasts are invited to participate in the 29th Annual Butterfly Count, Sunday, June 26 from 9-11:30 a.m. at Wehr Nature Center, located at 9701 W. College Ave. in Whitnall Park. Additional sites along Lake Michigan will be visited in the afternoon. The program is designed for adults and children in Grade 6 and up.

A short introduction to common local butterflies and ways to identify them will be presented by Pat Fojut, retired director of Nature in the Parks. Then, participants will go outside to inventory butterflies along Wehr's trails. Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars or cameras; a limited number of binoculars will be available for use during the program.

The program's afternoon session, from 1-3:30 p.m., will inventory butterflies along trails at Grant, Warnimont, and Sheridan parks. Carpooling from Wehr can be arranged.

Past counts have documented Monarch, Cabbage White, Eastern Tiger Swallowtail, and Red Admiral butterflies in Milwaukee County.

Results of monitoring will be published along with the other Fourth of July Butterfly Counts of the North American Butterfly Association at naba.org.

The program fee is \$5 per person. The parking fee is \$3 per car. Donations will be accepted for NABA.

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