



# Lepidoptera!

## *A Family Trip to a butterfly house*

Where can you go to learn more about butterflies? A great place to observe and study Lepidoptera is at a butterfly house, where live butterflies are in an enclosure and you can walk through their habitat. Or you can visit a public butterfly garden to see live butterflies visiting native plants. These exhibits educate and encourage people to support the creation and preservation of native butterfly habitats. The following places to visit are arranged alphabetically by state.

The Butterfly Place is an indoor living environment which has been carefully designed for the propagation and development of some of nature's most colorful living creations. This wonderful man-made habitat is contained within a 3,100 sq. ft. glass atrium building towering to a height of over 27 ft. at its peak. Within this atrium's living butterfly environment can be found a variety of colorful plants and shrubs, each of which has been selected as a source of nectar for the butterflies.

At any given time, the atrium may contain up to 500 butterflies representing as many as 50 different species from around the world, although butterflies which are native to the New England region are featured whenever possible.

You may walk within the atrium itself on a winding pathway or you may choose to view nature's guests through the windows of our observation room. Either way, be sure to take time to visit the convenient display cases which are interspersed within the observation area, each containing butterflies and moths at various stages of development. Designed to make your self-guided visit all the more enlightening, each exhibit includes an explanation regarding the case's occupant(s). This area also includes a 15-minute video presentation, featuring the life cycle of a butterfly, running continuously and also designed to further enhance your visit. Finally, if you still have questions or would simply like to learn more, we encourage you to stop by our "Show & Tell Bench", where a member of our staff is always available to be of help and to share his knowledge of these fascinating creatures.

Everything at The Butterfly Place is accessible to the handicapped, including our picnic area. Our observation room and gift shop are air-conditioned, whereas the atrium area is maintained at a temperature of approximately 80 degrees, considered ideal for meeting the warmth requirements of the butterflies.

Our gift shop features our own Papillon Hatching Kits. Each kit contains a chrysalis, cocoon or caterpillars, allowing

you to continue enjoying the miracle of nature at home. Many of our most popular gift shop items – including many new items – can now be ordered online by clicking on the "Online Shopping" link below.

The Butterfly Place offers a truly unique opportunity to photograph or videotape butterflies in a natural environment. Please do not forget to bring your camera!

### Massachusetts

#### The Butterfly Place.

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**Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory & Gardens** Educates and encourages individuals to support the creation and preservation of native butterfly and moth habitats throughout the Pioneer Valley of Western Massachusetts. South Deerfield, MA. Phone 413-665-2805.

**The Monarchy Butterfly Farm** Educational activities for children and adults in Massachusetts and New England. This butterfly farm exhibit is set in the woodlands of Wilbraham Mountain in western Massachusetts, looking out over a beautiful pond. Tour the exhibit, learn more about the life cycle of the monarch, see the rearing areas, and get a closer look at butterflies in various stages. A 30-minute slideshow presentation, offered several times throughout the day, describes the life cycle of the butterfly. Wilbraham, MA. 413-599-1285.

### Pennsylvania

**Hershey Gardens Butterfly House** Their goals are to introduce the public to as many as 25 species of butterflies, many of which are found in PA, and to educate the public about and explore the relationships between plants and butterflies through interpretive pamphlets and signs. Hershey, PA.

### Rhode Island

**Newport Butterfly Farm and Zoo** At a butterfly zoo, visitors mingle with the butterflies and do not have to hide in our jungle foliage to get up close. On a warm, sunny day, visitors to a zoo can see butterflies lay eggs before their eyes! Tour

guides introduce visitors to these endearing creatures and visitors are educated on all aspects of butterfly life, if they wish. There is always a world-class lepidopterist present to fathom a myriad of questions. 1038 Aquidneck Avenue, Middletown, RI.

### Washington, D.C.

**The Smithsonian Butterfly Habitat Garden** The Butterfly Garden at the Smithsonian was installed in the summer of 1995. Once a typical strip of urban land this space has been transformed into a beautiful urban habitat for butterflies as well as many other creatures. Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Tenth and Constitution Avenues, NW,



## Field Trips

# Butterfly Attractions and Exhibits

### Around the World

- Canada Biodome de Montreal, Montreal, Quebec
- Crystal Garden, Vancouver, B.C.
- Metro Toronto Zoo, Toronto, Ontario
- Niagara Falls Parks Commission, Niagara Falls, Ont.
- Vancouver Aquarium, Vancouver, B.C.
- USA Audubon Institute, New Orleans, LA
- Butterfly Pavilion, Westminster, CO
- Butterfly World, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- Bronx Zoo, Bronx, NY \*
- Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA
- Cincinnati Zoo, Cincinnati, OH
- Cockrell Butterfly Center, Houston
- Museum Natural Sciences, Houston, TX
- Columbus Zoo, Columbus, OH
- Cypress Gardens, Cypress Gardens, FL
- Detroit Zoo, Detroit MI
- Mackinac Island Butterfly Exhibit, Mackinac Island, MI \*
- Marine World Africa USA, Valejo, CA
- Moody Gardens, Galveston, TX
- San Diego Wild Animal Park, San Diego, California
- The Butterfly Place, Westford, MA
- Great Britain London Butterfly House, Syon Park, London
- Stratford-upon-Avon Butterfly Farm, Stratford-upon-Avon
- Edinborough Butterfly House, Edinborough, Scotland
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