

Additional Information

Tips For Observing Butterflies

Look for adult butterflies on flowers, on pavement and on damp dirt. Approach the butterflies slowly and try not to move your hands too quickly gesturing or pointing. Use your voice instead; it will not frighten the butterfly. Wait until everyone in your group has seen the butterfly before you try to photograph it. Look for butterfly eggs and caterpillars on the leaves and flowers of plants.

Tips for Photographing Butterflies

It is easier to photograph butterflies early in the morning when they are cool. Use a flash if possible to give greater detail. Use different angles to get different views of the wings. Start from a few feet away and move in closer with each photo.

Recommended Field Guides

- Glassberg. 1999. *Butterflies Through Binoculars, The East*. Oxford University Press.
- Brock and Kaufman. 2003 *Butterflies of North America*. Houghton Mifflin Company.
- Allen et al. 2005. *Caterpillars in the Field and Garden*. Oxford University Press.
- Wagner. 2005. *Caterpillars of Eastern North America*. Princeton University Press.

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About ATBI

This brochure was compiled and developed by the All Taxa Biodiversity Inventory (ATBI) group. ATBI is an on-going project in Tennessee State Parks and State Natural Areas. The goal of ATBI is to document all species in Tennessee State Parks, monitor long-term trends in specific taxonomic groups, and promote education about and preservation of all biodiversity with increased science and citizen education efforts. To access the ATBI database, go to www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/atbi.

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Butterfly Organizations

North American Butterfly Association
Middle Tennessee Chapter
www.nabamidtn.org

North American Butterfly Association
Tennessee Valley Chapter
Email: wgh@tnaqua.org
Phone: (800) 262-0695 x 4056

Mountain Empire Butterfly Club
www.friendsofstelecreek.net Click on "Butterfly Club"

Butterflies and Moths of North America at www.butterfliesandmoths.org will give you a county by county butterfly species list.

Collecting of plants or animals in state parks and natural areas is prohibited. Please help preserve Tennessee's natural heritage by leaving plants and animals for others to enjoy.

PARIS LANDING STATE PARK

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Butterflies of Paris Landing State Park



Photo © Marty Silver

Welcome to the wonderful world of butterflies at beautiful Paris Landing State Park! Of the approximate 135 species of butterflies in Tennessee, 40 have been documented in this park.

Above is a picture of a Zebra Swallowtail, the state butterfly of Tennessee. Mrs. Sherrill Charlton and her biology students at Gallatin High School led the way to name the Zebra Swallowtail the state butterfly by researching the species that have been documented in Tennessee. They chose the Zebra Swallowtail because it is abundant in the South, and the caterpillars only feed on the leaves of pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*), a native tree found throughout Tennessee.

The class contacted their state senator, Don Wright, who initiated a bill in January 1994. The Tennessee legislature discussed and passed the bill, and the Zebra Swallowtail became the official state butterfly of Tennessee on May 9, 1994.

Butterfly Checklist of Paris Landing State Park

Swallowtails

- Pipevine Swallowtail
- Black Swallowtail
- Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
- Spicebush Swallowtail

Whites & Sulphurs

- Clouded Sulphur
- Orange Sulphur
- Cloudless Sulphur
- Little Yellow
- Sleepy Orange

Lycaenids

- Gray Hairstreak
- Red-banded Hairstreak
- Eastern Tailed-Blue
- Spring Azure

Brushfooted

- American Snout
- Gulf Fritillary
- Variegated Fritillary
- Great Spangled Fritillary
- Pearl Crescent
- Question Mark
- Eastern Comma
- Red Admiral
- Common Buckeye

- Red-spotted Purple
- Viceroy
- Hackberry Emperor
- Gemmed Satyr
- Carolina Satyr
- Monarch

Skippers

- Silver-spotted Skipper
- Hoary Edge
- Horace's Duskywing
- Common Checkered-Skipper
- Clouded Skipper
- Least Skipper
- Fiery Skipper
- Crossline Skipper
- Little Glassywing
- Sachem
- Zabulon Skipper
- Dun Skipper

Habitat

Paris Landing State Park is located on the western shore of the Tennessee River which has been dammed to form Kentucky Lake. This 841-acre area is near the border of the Western Highland Rim and the Western Tennessee Uplands physiographic provinces. The golf course is Audubon Certified. Wildflowers along the lakeshore and tributaries are attractive to nectaring butterflies and provide the best places to look for them. The planted meadows near the office is also a good place to look.

Good spots

Visitor's Center meadows and gardens

Lakeside & creekside

Roadside

Unmowed fields

Golf course & surrounds (when not in use by golfers)

Notes
