

Participant Instructions: Fort Indiantown Gap Annual Butterfly Tours

Hello and welcome to Fort Indiantown Gap's Annual Butterfly Tour.

The Wildlife Section is always excited to have the opportunity to show the public the regal fritillary butterfly and its habitat, as well as the numerous plants and animals that we may encounter on the tour. While we do enjoy showing the public their lands, we need your cooperation to help the tours run smoothly and safely. This instruction sheet will ensure that you get the most out of your visit, while keeping the tours orderly and keeping you safe.

- In 2018, we will have two pre-tour meeting locations. There will be "Wildlife Event" signs, staff, and volunteers to direct you to parking. We will also provide a detailed map on the FTIG.pa.gov website.
- After the initial meeting and mandatory safety brief, a caravan/convoy in your personal vehicles will drive out into the training corridor.
- A wildlife staff vehicle will head the caravan. As vehicles line up, we will stage wildlife vehicles in the caravan periodically. Staff or volunteers will direct traffic at intersections; please be aware and follow their directions, and remember to use your turn signals.
- Carpooling is encouraged to keep the number of vehicles to a minimum. If you can coordinate with a friend, please drive out together.
- Once the caravan is lined up we will slowly drive out, ~ 1.5 miles into the training corridor. Please be aware, in places the roads are uneven and full of potholes so drive with caution.
- Follow the car in front of you. Staff and volunteers will direct you where to park. Do not park or drive in the unmowed grasslands. ****If you have special requirements related to parking, walking, or accessibility accommodations, please see a staff member prior to departing for the tour.****
- Once the group is assembled at Range 23, the tour leader will address the entire group for 5 minutes and give some background information about the site. We will then begin walking down mowed paths and gravel trails through the fields. Stay on the trails or paths.
- Please do not wander away on your own without having a staff member with you. Please do not walk into the fields or pick any plants. We may encounter ticks, thorns, snakes, and poison ivy. Stay on the trails and do not touch the plants to minimize possible exposure. Also, please do not touch any metal objects you may encounter. If you have any questions feel free to ask a staff member.
- You may leave the tour at any time, provided that you inform a Wildlife staff member. You may be asked to stay a few extra minutes until we can coordinate a staff member to safely escort you out of the area.
- When you leave the tour area, follow the signs out of the training area. Do not drive on any other gravel trails. Gates will be locked after the tour.

Thank You.