

Tour Information and Participant Instructions

Fort Indiantown Gap Butterfly Tours

Hello and welcome to Fort Indiantown Gap's Annual Butterfly Tour. This instruction sheet will ensure that you get the most out of your visit, while keeping the tours orderly and you safe.

- It is the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs' policy to promote a safe environment for all tour participants. The Department is committed to maintain an environment free from violence, harassment, and intimidation. Inappropriate conduct or behavior will be reported to lead staff and the Conservation Division Chief.
- The pre-tour meeting location is Strickler Field. There will be "Wildlife Event" signs, staff, and volunteers to direct you to parking. A detailed map can be found at www.FTIG.pa.gov
- The only restroom facilities available before and during the tour will be porta potties.
- We recommend bringing appropriate footwear, sunscreen, bug spray, and a refillable water bottle.
- Carpooling is encouraged. If you plan to leave a vehicle in the lot during the tour, please let a parking attendant know so they may direct you where to park.
- Please arrive by 9:30am to fill out the required paperwork and attend a mandatory safety brief.
****If you have special requirements related to parking, walking, or accessibility accommodations, please see a staff member prior to departing Strickler field.****
- After the safety brief, wildlife staff and volunteers will guide a caravan/convoy in your personal vehicles out into the training corridor (approx. 4-mile drive from Strickler Field). Please follow the car in front of you and drive with caution. Once arrived, you will be directed where to park.
- Minors should always be accompanied by a parent or guardian. If you are participating in the kids' tour, please find your tour leader. The kids' tour will take a different route than the main tour.
- Tour leaders, staff and volunteers will guide you along mowed paths and gravel trails through the fields. You are free to stay with a tour group or go at your own pace BUT please do not wander away on your own without having a staff member or volunteer nearby.
- Do not walk into the fields; stay on the trails and paths.
- Do not touch any animals (especially butterflies!), metal objects, or plants, without staff approval.
- We may encounter ticks, thorns, snakes, poison ivy, and other potential hazards.
- Maximum tour length is approximately 1.5 miles, but may seem much longer because of terrain, elevation changes, and almost zero shade.
- You may leave the tour at any time, but please inform a staff member.
- When you leave the tour, follow the signs directly out of the training area.

Thank you!