

Monarch Waystation

To offset the loss of milkweeds and nectar sources due to development, use of herbicides, and roadside management practices, we need to create, conserve, and protect milkweed/monarch habitats.

Monarchs need resource patches - lots of them which are called "Monarch Waystations".

We need you to help us and help monarchs by creating "Monarch Waystations" in home gardens, schools, parks, zoos, nature centers, field margins, along roadsides, and on other unused plots of land.

This effort won't replace the amount of milkweed that has been lost or even keep pace with the habitat losses each year; however, without a major effort to restore milkweeds to as many locations as possible, the monarch population is certain to decline to extremely low levels.



The monarch begins its life as an egg. The eggs, layed on milkweed leaves, hatch into caterpillars. The baby caterpillars eat the milkweed, and grow very quickly. The milkweed contains a poison that the monarchs use as a defense. While the poison doesn't hurt the monarchs, it makes them taste bad to birds and other predators. Predators soon learn to avoid the bright colors of the monarch caterpillars and butterflies.

Hours

Thursday, Friday and Saturday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday : noon to 4 p.m.

Memorial Bricks Available

Scheduled Group Tours Available

Admission Free—Donations Appreciated

Handicap Accessible

The Panhandle Butterfly House is a program of:

Santa Rosa Clean Community Systems,
Inc.



UF/IFAS Cooperative Extension
Service



Florida Master Gardeners



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P.O. Box 5208
Navarre, FL. 32566

Located in Navarre Park on Hwy. 98 at the
foot of the Navarre bridge

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A Zebra longwing drinks nectar from a flower

When the Navarre Chamber of Commerce created a Nature Walk at Navarre Park, Mr. Jack Wetherell persuaded the Chamber to add a butterfly house.

With the help of the Chamber, Santa Rosa Clean Community Systems, Inc., UF/IFAS Cooperative Extension, Florida Master Gardeners, garden clubs, businesses and community volunteers, the Panhandle Butterfly House became a reality. It opened on Memorial Day, 1997.

Our native habitat is slowly disappearing and numerous efforts are being made globally to preserve and enhance butterfly habitats. The Panhandle Butterfly House is a local effort to educate the public on butterflies, habitat conservation and ecosystem management.

The Panhandle Butterfly House is an educational and interactive exhibit. It teaches us to become more aware of the importance of preserving our habitats and to use appropriate integrated pest management. But above all, the Panhandle Butterfly House is a place to simply enjoy the elegant flight of the butterfly, to delight in their brilliant colors and to become immersed in the fragrances of the flowers.

Mission

The mission of the Panhandle Butterfly House is to provide a premier teaching facility, to offer an interesting destination for tourists and to maintain a facility that evokes community pride.

Objectives

The objectives of the Panhandle Butterfly House are:

- To foster a better understanding and increased awareness of our natural world
- To stimulate the pursuit and enjoyment of sciences and natural history education
- To inspire students and teachers in all grade levels
- To promote environmental stewardship
- To foster a better understanding of butterflies and increase awareness of the natural habitat in which butterflies thrive
- To assist with butterfly conservation efforts
- To provide family recreation



Join the Kaleidoscope Society

A group of butterflies is called a 'Kaleidoscope'. Please join our kaleidoscope of individuals wishing to support the Panhandle Butterfly House.

The Panhandle Butterfly House operates only through donations made by generous people like you. Join us in working to preserve and support our butterfly exhibit. Membership donations to the Kaleidoscope Society are fully tax deductible. Send your name, address and phone number, with a check or cash for one of the following membership categories to:

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Memberships:	Donation
<input type="checkbox"/> Skipper	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Buckeye	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Swallowtail	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf Fritillary	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> American Lady	\$250.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Viceroy	\$500.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Zebra Longwing	\$1000.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Monarch	\$1500.00

Name _____

Address _____

email _____

Phone _____

Method of Payment

Check

Cash

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