

# IDLEWILD



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## BUTTERFLY FARM

### **FIELD TRIPS & OTHER ON-SITE GROUP VISITS**

A large part of our mission at **IDLEWILD BUTTERFLY FARM & INSECTARIUM** is to educate the general public in the role that not only **butterflies**, but **all arthropods** play in the natural world. We strive to promote respect and appreciation for these incredibly diverse organisms, and there's no better way of doing that than by letting folks get **up close and personal** with the very creatures that they have sometimes learned to fear.

We give visitors to our butterfly farm & insectarium the chance to interact with some of the most **amazing and beautiful insects in the world** while they learn about the large role these small creatures have in various ecosystems. Visitors are also treated to a walk-through of our butterfly flight house which is home to up to two dozen Kentucky native species of butterfly.

Our field trips are led by **degreed entomologists** with years of education and experience in this specialized field of study. Our philosophy is to provide an approach to butterflies and insects that is both **accessible and scientifically supported**. A field trip to IDLEWILD BUTTERFLY FARM is accessible and entertaining for children and adults alike!



## FIELD TRIPS – from \$150 / hour

**FIELD TRIP ACTIVITIES** – Field trips begin with a showing of a selection of our **exotic insects** – such as large beetles, hissing cockroaches, giant stick insects, praying mantids, and others. Each live specimen’s unique role and physiology is discussed – where is it from, what does it eat, what adaptations does it have? Audiences are encouraged to view the insects up-close – and in some cases, touch and hold them!

After the insect showing, groups are escorted outdoors to the **butterfly flight house\***, which houses up to two dozen species of Kentucky native butterflies. Visitors will learn about the butterfly metamorphosis and life cycle, all while walking among free-flying butterflies and flowering blooms.

Field trips typically last **one hour** for a moderately-sized group. Groups of 40 or more may require additional time and cost.

**RATES** – Groups must total at least **20 participants** in order to qualify for field trip rates. (Groups of less than 20 participants will be charged according to our individual tour prices.)

**20 – 29: \$150 / hour**

**30 – 39: \$200 / hour**

**40+: \$250 / hour**

We welcome classrooms, summer camps, youth programs, scout troops, garden clubs, senior living communities, special needs and assisted living communities, and other special interest or community groups.

*\* Butterfly flight house is available seasonally May-September.*

**TO SCHEDULE YOUR FIELD TRIP** – Call, email, or visit **IDLEWILD BUTTERFLY FARM** for scheduling. Be prepared with:

- A **contact person** for scheduling and communication.
- A method of **payment** (required in advance).
- The **size** and **age range** of your group.
- The prospective **date** for your booking. Be prepared with alternate dates in case of a scheduling conflict.

**EMAIL:** [info@idlewildbutterflyfarm.com](mailto:info@idlewildbutterflyfarm.com)

**TELEPHONE:** (502) 384-8953

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## **BOOKING & INFO**

**SCHEDULING** – Field trips must be **scheduled and confirmed** by a staff member of IDLEWILD BUTTERFLY FARM prior to the date of your visit. Field trips are typically scheduled in the morning before individual walk-in tours begin for the day.

Please call or email to speak with a staff member about scheduling. You will receive an electronic copy of your invoice to confirm your booking.

**PAYMENT** – We kindly request a cash or check payment for field trips. **Payment in full must be tendered before one week of the date of your visit.** IDLEWILD BUTTERFLY FARM reserves the right to refuse service to parties who have not settled their balance.

To render payment, please mail your check to:

**IDLEWILD BUTTERFLY FARM  
1100 LOGAN STREET  
LOUISVILLE, KY 40204**

**CANCELLATION** – We require at least one week’s notice for cancellation of scheduled field trips. Your payment is non-refundable within one week of your scheduled date.

**GROUP SIZE** – Our facility can best accommodate **moderately sized groups**. We recommend groups no larger than 40 total visitors. Groups larger than 40 may be scheduled for additional time or requested to split their group into multiple time slots or consecutive days.

**CHAPERONES & CARETAKERS** – We require at least **one chaperone per ten children**, and we grant **one free chaperone admission per ten children**. Caretakers of medically fragile or special needs visitors are also granted free admission. Chaperones and caretakers must be 18 years or older.

**LOCATION** – We are housed in a 19th-century building near Old Louisville. We welcome visitors to our urban farm and insectarium!

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**DINING** – Our facility has **no dining areas**. Bottled water is permitted but we **do not allow food or snacks** in the facility or garden.

**PARKING** – Parking is available streetside on Logan Street and East Saint Catherine Street.

**ACCESSIBILITY** – Due to the nature of our historic building, the front entrance step may not be accessible to all visitors. Visitors with difficulty navigating the front step may be admitted through the garden entrance. Please let an associate at the front desk know if the garden entrance is needed.

The butterfly garden and butterfly flight house are located in the outdoor garden area. Be advised that all outdoor areas consist of grass and loose gravel paths.

We are committed to doing everything we can to ensure every guest has a fulfilling experience at Idlewild Butterfly Farm. Please let us know your needs so we can take steps to offer accommodations.

**SEASONAL AVAILABILITY** – The butterfly flight house and garden are available May through September. The insectarium is available during all operating times. The facility is closed during the post-holiday winter months but field trips **can** be scheduled during this time!

**INCLIMATE WEATHER** – The butterfly flight house and garden are open-air and may not be available during incimate weather (wind, rain, storm). The insectarium is available regardless of weather. Field trips can still be held during incimate weather and adaptations to the indoor presentation can be made to cover both insects and butterflies.