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Black Hill Regional Park is in Montgomery County, in Boyds, Maryland, located about 30 miles northwest of Washington, D.C. The wooded park surrounds Little Seneca Lake and includes wildflower gardens and meadow habitats. Little Bennett Regional Park is Montgomery Parks' largest park, just 6 miles north of Black Hill, adjacent to Frederick county. Little Bennett Creek and several of its tributaries run through the park valley, surrounded by forest and meadow habitats.

The information provided is based on observations of staff and visitors to the parks and data from iNaturalist (<https://www.inaturalist.org>) that were recorded from Spring 2019 to early Fall 2021. Common names and families are based on information from BUTTERFLIES OF MARYLAND: A BIOLOGICAL SUMMARY AND CHECKLIST dnr.maryland.gov)

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Black Hill and Little Bennett Regional Parks

BUTTERFLY CENSUS



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Species	BH	LB	Flight Period	Habitat	Adults Visit	Larval Host Plant	Last Observed	Occurrence
WHITES AND SULPHURS								
Clouded Sulphur	X		early April to November	open fields, lawns, and gardens	clovers, vetch, asters, dandelion	clovers	2021	common
Cloudless Sulphur		X	early to mid September	open fields, gardens	sennas, partridge peas	sennas	2021	wanderer/com
European Cabbage White	X		March to October	fields, lawns, gardens	wintercress, Canada thistle	wintergrass, peppergrass	2021	common
Sleepy Orange	X	X	July to September	wet meadows, open fields	clovers, asters, goldenrods	sennas	2021	uncom/wander
BLUES, HAIRSTREAKS AND COPPERS								
Banded Hairstreak		X	late May to July	woods and edges	dogbane, sumac, milkweed	oaks	2020	uncommon
Eastern Pine Elfin		X	mid April to mid June	old fields w/young pines, oak-pine forest	black/blueberry, milkweeds, fleabane, white sweet clover	pinces, esp. virginia pines, white pines	2021	uncommon
Eastern Tailed Blue	X	X	late April to early October	open fields, gardens	white clover, butterfly weed	clovers, vetch, trefoils	2021	common
Gray Hairstreak		X	late April to early October	open fields, gardens	white clover, butterfly weed	clovers, vetch, trefoils	2021	common
Juniper Hairstreak		X	late April and mid July	fields with eastern red cedar	eastern red cedar treetops, mountain mint, pussytoes	eastern red cedar	2021	uncommon
SWALLOWTAILS								
Black Swallowtail	X		May to August	fields and marshes near woods	swamp milkweed, thistles	Queen Anne's lace, carrot family	2021	common
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	X	X	late April to September	fields, gardens, wood edges	milkweeds, Joe-Pye weed, thistles	tulip poplar, wild cherry	2021	common
Spicebush Swallowtail	X	X	early May to early September	woods, edges, and gardens	jewel weed, cardinal flower butterfly weed, honeysuckle	spicebush, sassafras	2021	common
BRUSHFOOTS								
Great Spangled Fritillary	X	X	mid June to early September	open fields, gardens	milkweeds, thistles	violets	2021	common
Common Buckeye	X	X	late May to early October	open fields, dirtroads	goldenrod & other composites	plantain, foxglove, Gerardia	2021	wanderer/com
Eastern Comma		X	April, June, & early September	woods and roads/parks w/open space	rotting fruit and sap/animal dung	nettles, false nettle, elm, hops	2021	uncommon
Hackberry Emperor		X	June/August early September	woodland edge with hackberry trees	moists and or mud	hackberry	2019	uncommon
Painted Lady	X		late April, June to September	weedy fields, gardens	milkweed, thistles	thistles, mallows	2021	wanderer/com
Pearl Crescent	X	X	May to November	open fields, gardens	butterfly weed, milkweed, asters	asters	2021	common
Red Admiral	X		March, June to early September	woods, near streams, edges	sap flows, Joe-Pye weed	nettles, false nettles	2020	wanderer/com
Red-spotted Purple	X	X	early June to early October	wood edges, dirt and gravel roads	dung, rotting fruit, carrion, sap	wildcherry, willow, oak, poplar	2021	common

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Question Mark		X	April, June and early September	woods, parks with trees/open space	rotting fruit and sap, animal dung	nettles, false nettles, elm, hops	2019	uncommon
Silvery Checkerspot		X	May to September	moist woodlands, streams	red clover, common milkweed, dogbane	black-eyed susan, wing stem	2020	uncommon
Viceroy	X		early June to early October	pond, marsh and stream edges	bird droppings, dung	willow, poplar	2021	common
SATYRS AND WOOD NYMPHS								
Common Wood Nymph		X	July and August	grassy fields near woods	sap, rotting fruit	grasses	2019	common
Little Wood Satyr		X	late May to early July	brushy woods, edges	aphid honey dew	orchard grass	2020	common
Northern Pearly Eye	X	X	late May to early August	damp woods near streams	tree sap flows	grasses	2021	uncommon
MILKWEED BUTTERFLIES								
Monarch	X	X	mid April to mid October	open fields, gardens	milkweeds, goldenrod, Joe-Pye weed, tickseed, dogbane	milkweeds	2021	common
SPREAD-WINGED SKIPPERS								
Horace's Duskywing	X		early May to early September	woods, marshes	dogbane, goldenrod, buttonbush, mountain mint	oaks	2021	common
Common Checkered Skipper	X		April, late August to early October	open fields, gravel/dirtroads	aster, tickseed, sunflower	mallows, hollyhock	2020	common
Long-tailed Skipper	X		August to October	roadsides, brushy fields, streamsides	lantana, pentas	hog peanut, other climbing legumes	2020	rare wanderer
Silver-spotted Skipper	X	X	May to September	wood edges, fields, gardens	many wild and garden flowers	black locust, legumes	2021	common
Wild Indigo Duskywing	X		June and August	brushy fields, open areas	blackberry, dogbane	crown vetch, blue false indigo	2021	common
GRASS-SKIPPERS								
Little Glassywing	X		mid June to August	meadows, fields, streams, wood edges	ironweed, Joe-Pye weed, swamp milkweed	purple top grass	2021	common
Northern Broken Dash		X	mid June to early August	weedy fields	dogbane, milkweed, mint, buttonbush, mountain mint	panicgrasses	2019	common
Peck's Skipper	X		May to mid June, August	fields, wet meadows, gardens	ironweed, dogbane	grasses	2021	common
Sachem	X		mid July to September	lawns, fields, gardens	tickseed sun flower, dogbane,	crab grass, bermuda, other grasses	2020	wanderer/com
Zabulon Skipper	X	X	late May to June, August	wood trails and edges	honeysuckle, vetch, heal-all	purple top grass, love grass	2021	common