

Mothapalooza celebrates the fantastic diversity of Ohio's moths

June 27th – 29th, 2014: Burr Oak State Park in Athens and Morgan counties

Everyone is familiar with colorful day-flying butterflies, but far fewer are tuned into the darker side of the Lepidopteran world: moths. Yet moth species outnumber butterflies by a factor of 22. Most moths fly under cover of darkness, and are harder to observe. Making a special effort to find moths pays off, as this is a group filled with extraordinary beauty, fantastic adaptations, and unbelievable behavior. Because of their often exceptional beauty, moths have become enormously popular subjects for photographers.

Sponsored by the Ohio Division of Wildlife, Mothapalooza is an event geared towards all levels of interest and ability, featuring guided outdoor experiences. Topnotch experts will man nocturnal light traps that are guaranteed to attract blizzards of moths of many species. There will also be daytime field trips to some of the most interesting habitats in eastern Ohio. Professionals will present programs, and conduct workshops. This is sure to be an interesting weekend full of exciting finds and unique experiences.

Mothapalooza will be based out of Burr Oak State Park Resort in Morgan County. Trips will range throughout the 2,500+ acre state park, and also the adjacent Wayne National Forest in Athens County. Lodging is available at Burr Oak Lodge, or in nearby Athens.

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