



Research Department – Volunteer Opportunities

Ecological monitoring at the *rare* Charitable Research Reserve provides invaluable data about the health of our ecosystems.

Volunteers are welcome and appreciated!

Program: Butterfly monitoring

Overview: Help support *rare*'s annual butterfly monitoring by walking sampling transects, netting and identifying butterflies, and recording data.

Where: We have four butterfly transects at sites located close to the main *rare* office (1679 Blair Rd, Cambridge). Carpooling to sites is available.

When: Each of the four sites is sampled every other week between late May and August. Sites vary in transect duration, ranging from approximately 1.5 h (shortest site) to 3.5 h (longest site). Sampling generally occurs weekdays in the morning and is scheduled week-to-week, weather-dependent.

Preparation: Dress and pack for a few hours hiking outdoors, considering weather, sun, ticks and other biting insects, etc. The transects include both on and off-trail components. A general selection of snacks, hydration, and bug spray and sunscreen will also be available. *No prior butterfly expertise required!*



If interested, please email research@raresites.org for more information and scheduling. Thank you!