**BUTTERFLIES OF SANDHILL WILDLIFE AREA (WOOD COUNTY)**

**Saturday, July 6, 2024**

**10:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.**

The Sandhill State Wildlife Area covers more than 14 square miles and is an outstanding place for butterflies. This area has large marshes and many flowages, interspersed with low sandy uplands, pine and oak barrens and restored prairies. Butterfly expert **Ron Arnold** will lead us in finding such beauties as Acadian and Coral Hairstreaks, Aphrodite Fritillary, Bronze “Copper, Eyed Brown, Northern Pearly-eye, White Admiral and many others. The abundant skippers usually include Black Dash, Broad-winged, Dion, Long Dash and possibly the rare Two-spotted. Bring a lunch and water for this long trip. Around 2 PM we will take a side trip to look for Bog Coppers.

Long pants and long shirt sleeves, a hat, insect repellent, and hiking shoes are recommended. Ticks and mosquitoes will be there. Bring binoculars—the closer they focus, the better!

**ACCESSIBILITY:**

If you would like to be contacted in case of cancellation or other changes, please register your intent to attend with Pam Skaar (hyndla53704@yahoo.com).

**DIRECTIONS:** Estimated travel time from Madison is 1 hour 45 min. to the Sandhill Headquarters parking lot. Meet at 10:00.

Take I-90/94 north to the New Lisbon area in Juneau County and get on Hwy 80 going north. In Wood County, just 1/3 mile before Babcock, turn left onto County X. Go 1.25 miles to the Sandhill entrance.