



Know Before You Go

Blooms & Butterflies is one of the most popular exhibitions at the Conservatory for good reason: it's a magical experience! In order to keep our butterflies happy and safe, please adhere to the following policies.

TICKETING

All guests are encouraged to reserve tickets in advance. Please contact tc@fpconservatory.org with any ticketing concerns.

BUTTERFLY SAFETY

At the Conservatory, butterflies receive all the care and nutrition necessary to live long lives—typically longer than they'd live in the wild. This is only possible if our guests comply with the following procedures.

- 🌻 **Do not touch or catch butterflies.**
Butterfly wings are made of millions of powdery scales that can be damaged when touched.
- 🌻 **Do not attempt to have butterflies land on you.**
If a butterfly lands on you, a gentle blow will encourage it to fly off. Butterflies do not bite or sting.
- 🌻 **Do not disturb the feeders or pick flowers off plants.**
Butterflies will not fly to you if you're carrying around their food but you may damage their food sources.
- 🌻 **Do not spray yourself with sugar water, Gatorade or perfumes in an attempt to attract butterflies.**
It's unlikely to attract butterflies and more likely to create a mess.
- 🌻 **Do not bring any food or drinks into the Pacific Island Water Garden Biome, per the USDA.**
They may be harmful to the butterflies and butterflies could introduce contaminants into your food or drink.
- 🌻 **Stay on the paths.**
Entering plant beds or climbing rocks is strictly prohibited.
- 🌻 **Consider leaving strollers outside of the Biome.**
Strollers may be difficult to navigate during busy days on the curving paths.
Please speak with a staff member about the best place to park a stroller.
- 🌻 **Do not remove any butterflies, dead or alive, or plant materials.**
Please honor the double door system and check the mirrors for hitchhikers.
The Conservatory is required to use a scientific removal process.

BEST TIME TO SEE BUTTERFLIES

Blooms & Butterflies is included in admission from February 25–May 29, 2023.

- 🌻 Butterflies are most active during periods with bright, clear sunlight.
- 🌻 The Conservatory recommends visiting during General Admission (10am–5pm) to see the most active butterflies.
- 🌻 The exhibition is included in admission to evening Special Engagements and events (after 5pm), but butterflies may not be as active.