

Butterfly Investigation

For this activity, you will need an adult to take you to the Franklin Creek Headwaters. In order to get to the Headwaters, go into Franklin Grove on Route 38. Turn south onto North State Street. Follow North State Street past the Franklin Grove Cemetery, and take a right onto what looks like a gravel driveway. Then turn left before the “no trespassing” sign. Follow the narrow gravel road until you reach the Headwaters parking lot.

As you walk through the Headwaters trail, keep track of how many different butterflies you spot.

Write down observations about the butterflies you are watching. How big are they? What colors? Are there any special patterns? What are they doing?

Butterflies are important species because of their role as pollinators, the food they provide for other animals, and their presence in an area tell us that the habitat is healthy.

List three ways we can help protect butterfly communities:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

