

Firefly Sighting Datasheet

Have you seen fireflies in Colorado? Use this datasheet to collect information about fireflies throughout the summer season and share it with scientists at Butterfly Pavilion!

Where to look: Fireflies thrive in wetland areas, such as ponds, streams, rivers, and marshes. Females will sit on vegetation and flash to attract males. Look for open areas with short vegetation, like wet meadows.

When to look: Fireflies like warm evenings. The best time to see adults flashing in Colorado is late June through July. Around 9-10 PM, fireflies will start to flash! The flashing may last about an hour and a half to two hours.

What to do next: When you return home, go to: https://nhmu.utah.edu/citizen-science/fireflies and click the "Submit a Sighting" button to enter your data. The data for fireflies observed in Colorado will be saved by the Western Firefly Project and Butterfly Pavilion and used to inform future firefly research and conservation efforts!

Scientist's first name:	
Scientist's last name:	

Observation Number	Date	Time	County	City	Latitude/Longitude or Cross Streets	Habitat	Blinks per second	Notes



Public Locations for Firefly Viewing

Some parks are not open late enough for visitors to see fireflies during public hours, however they may host guided walks to view fireflies afterhours. Please respect the posted hours of all parks.

Riverbend Ponds Natural Area in Fort Collins, CO

- Open until 11 pm
- Fireflies flash along the boardwalk in the northeastern side of the natural area
- Fort Collins Natural Area volunteers lead guided firefly walks in June and July

Morey Wildlife Reserve in Loveland, CO

- Open from dawn to dusk
- The City of Loveland hosts Fireflies in the Meadows walks in June and July
- Bicycles and dogs are prohibited

Sawhill Ponds Open Space, Boulder, CO

- Open until 11 pm
- Fireflies have been spotted on the south side of the open space near the railroad tracks

Fountain Creek Regional Park in Fountain, CO

- Open until 9 pm
- The Fountain Creek Nature Center offers firefly hikes in June and July

Filoha Meadows Nature Preserve in Redstone, CO

- No access in the evenings
- Roaring Fork Conservancy leads guided firefly walks in July

Chatfield State Park, Littleton, CO

- Open until 10 pm
- Firefly walks are sometimes hosted by the Denver Audubon Society Nature Center