



Around & About – Cost - \$23.00

Thursday, February 18, 2027

10:30am – 12:30pm

Butterfly World

3700 W. Sample Road

Coconut Creek, FL

Signup deadline: February 5, 2027

Carpool: Meet at carpool location at 9:00am - depart at 9:30am - arrive 10:30am

About & What You Will See: (We will have a tour guide)

Butterfly World is the result of one man's hobby gone wild. Ronald Boender grew up in Illinois and had always been fascinated with butterflies. He retired and moved to Florida in 1968. As a retiree, he decided to actively pursue his interest in butterflies, beginning by raising local butterflies and butterfly food plants in small numbers at his home.

When he learned there was a market for "farmed" butterflies for sale to Universities and Zoos, Boender established a commercial butterfly farm, in 1984, that produced up to 1000 butterfly pupa per week and established methods of butterfly rearing that **Butterfly World** uses to this day. Eventually, Boender learned of attractions called "butterfly houses" springing up overseas, particularly in the United Kingdom. Intrigued by the possibilities, he went to England in 1985 and met Clive Farrell, founder and owner of the London Butterfly House. They became friends and soon partners in the venture that became Butterfly World, the first butterfly house in the United States and the largest in the world.

Butterfly World encompasses acres of butterfly aviaries, botanical gardens and a working butterfly farm and research center. The park has expanded to include aviaries for tropical birds, an interactive lorikeet encounter, and a skilled aviculture care and research staff to support these endeavors.

Lunch: Maraposa Café at Butterfly World

(Lunch cost is at the individual's expense).

(\$23.00 cost is a group rate - late sign up cost per person is \$33.00)