

Louisiana Firefly Day

July 2

Celebrate wonder. Protect the glow.

Remember Fireflies?

For many of us, fireflies are part of summer memory: warm evenings, dark yards, bare feet in the grass, and tiny lights blinking along the edge of the woods.

But fireflies are more than a beautiful childhood memory. They are living creatures that depend on healthy nighttime habitat — dark skies, damp soil, native plants, leaf litter, and safe natural spaces.

Louisiana Firefly Day is a chance to celebrate these little living lanterns and learn how families can help protect the places where they glow.



Firefly Facts

- Fireflies are beetles, not flies.
- Their glow is called bioluminescence.
- Many fireflies use flashes to communicate and find mates.
- Firefly larvae often live close to the ground in damp soil, grasses, and leaf litter.
- Too much artificial light at night can make it harder for fireflies to find each other.
- Pesticides and habitat loss can harm fireflies at different stages of life.
- Louisiana's woods, wetlands, gardens, and rural edges can provide important firefly habitat.

How You Can Help Fireflies

-  Turn off unnecessary outdoor lights during firefly season.
-  Close curtains or blinds at night to reduce light spilling outside.
-  Avoid spraying pesticides when possible.
-  Leave some leaf litter or natural edges undisturbed.
-  Plant native plants.
-  Keep damp, shaded areas where possible.
-  Watch fireflies gently and release them where you found them.
-  Share sightings through citizen-science platforms like iNaturalist or Firefly Atlas.

★ A Simple Family Challenge ★

-  On July 2, step outside at dusk.
-  Turn off one unnecessary light.
-  Let your eyes adjust.
-  Listen to the night.
-  Watch the grass, trees, and edges of the yard.

You may notice something still glowing.

Visit: www.FindTheFireflies.org/Louisiana-Firefly-Day for info.