



Sara Dykman is the founder of beyondabook.org, which fosters lifelong learners, boundary pushers, explorers, and stewards. She works in amphibian research and as an outdoor educator, guiding young people into nature so they can delight in its complicated brilliance.

In 2017 Sara became the first person to follow - by bicycle - the eastern population of monarch butterflies on their roundtrip, multinational, multigenerational migration. From Mexico to Canada and back, her 10,201-mile adventure, on a beat-up bicycle, was a call to action. “The monarchs need us,” Dykman explained, “they can’t call politicians to demand healthy prairies or rally for native gardens. But we can. We might not be able to fly like butterflies, but we can bike alongside them, and be their voice.”

In 2021 Sara published, *Bicycling with Butterflies* (Timber Press) combining her inspirational ride alongside the monarch into part travel memoir and part scientific inquiry and part love letter to nature.

During the City of Norman’s Monarchs in the Park Festival on October 2nd at 3 p.m. at the Norman Central Library Sara will share her improbable adventure. Sara’s enthusiasm will inspire young and old alike to dream big to protect the monarch and other threatened systems of nature that affect the survival of us all.

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