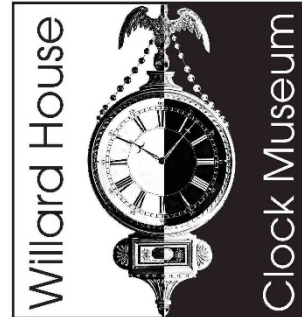


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Willard House & Clock Museum and Mass Audubon Host Evening Family Bat Walk

North Grafton MA, August XX, 2021 - Willard House and Clock Museum and Mass Audubon are teaming up to host an evening bat walk on the museum grounds.

On Friday night, August 27th at 7:30 PM, visitors of all ages can join experts from Mass Audubon to walk the property using bat detectors and in real-time, listen to and identify the bats flying overhead.

“Bats are the most interesting, flying mammals known and the Willard House property is an ideally suited bat habitat,” says Mass Audubon Education Manager and Conservation Coordinator, Martha Gach. “We will have a chance to learn and hear how bats use a time-centric tool, echolocation, to navigate the Willard House surroundings and capture mosquitoes as a meal.”

According to Mass Audubon, there are nine bat species specific to Massachusetts. “Bats have used the land habitat of the Willard property before it ever was established,” comments Willard House Program Coordinator, Beverly Snow. “I hope we will get to listen to the ultrasonic calls of an Eastern Red, Hoary or Little Brown bat.”

Cost is \$6.00 per family group. The money will go into continuing family programs.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their iPhones or iPads as they can have the chance to download a free bat detector app and go home with a bat recording from the evening. And don't forget to pack mosquito repellent.

The rain date for the bat walk will be Saturday evening, 7:30PM August 28th.

This unique event was made possible by a generous donation from the [Wegmans of Northborough Community Giving Program](#).

About Mass Audubon

Mass Audubon protects more than 40,000 acres of land throughout Massachusetts, saving birds and other wildlife, and making nature accessible to all. As Massachusetts' largest nature conservation nonprofit, we welcome more than a half million visitors a year to our wildlife sanctuaries and 20 nature centers. From inspiring hilltop views to breathtaking coastal landscapes, serene woods, and working farms, we believe in protecting our state's

two extraordinary Boston women.

Today, Mass Audubon is a nationally recognized environmental education leader, offering thousands of camp, school, and adult programs that get over 225,000 kids and adults outdoors every year. With more than 135,000 members and supporters, we advocate on Beacon Hill and beyond, and conduct conservation research to preserve the natural heritage of our beautiful state for today's and future generations. We welcome you to explore a nearby sanctuary, find inspiration, and get involved. Learn how at massaudubon.org.

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About Willard House and Clock Museum

Located at 11 Willard Street in North Grafton, MA, the Willard House and Clock Museum exhibits more than 90 Willard clocks in the birthplace and original workshop of the Willard clockmakers, along with family portraits, furnishings and other family heirlooms. Works by all three generations of Willard clockmakers, including the next generation, Simon Willard Jr and Benjamin Franklin Willard, are displayed. The Museum tour includes the original Willard House, built about 1720, the clock-making workshop, and several modern galleries. Visit the Willard House and Clock Museum website at www.willardhouse.org. Follow, like and share Willard House on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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