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**Hear bats chat during summer “Bat Watch!” programs**

GENEVA, IL —Come hear bats talk with the Forest Preserve District “bat detector” device during Aug. 6 and 8 “Bat Watch!” programs.

The normal human ear is not able to hear the sounds that bats use to communicate with each other. But, with a “bat detector”, the bat clicks used in echolocation communication can be heard. During the “Bat Watch!” programs, the detector will be used to first locate the bats, and then follow their movements.



Photo by Mike Greer  
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“Bats are unique in many different ways,” said Naturalist Jaclyn Olson. “We will discuss some of these interesting abilities, as well as search for bats during the ‘Bat Watch!’ program. The bat detectors will help us locate this sometimes elusive animal,” Olson said.

The first program takes place on Saturday, Aug. 6 at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve. The second takes place on Monday, Aug. 8 at Hannaford Woods-Nickels Farm Forest Preserve. Both programs run from 7:45 - 9 p.m. and cost \$5 per person or \$20 per family of four or more.

LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve is located at 37W370 Dean St. in St. Charles. Hannaford Woods-Nickels Farm Forest Preserve is located at 5S002 Merrill Rd. in Sugar Grove.

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