



Bat Walks

The Donna O'Neill Land Conservancy

LEARN ABOUT BATS!

Every summer, bat biologist Stephanie Remington leads bat walks at *The Conservancy*. Stephanie has been studying the 16 species of bats which frequent Orange County for many years. Bats currently face a variety of survival challenges, the most important of which is habitat destruction. Stephanie welcomes any opportunity to share her knowledge about these fascinating, often misunderstood animals.

To locate *The Conservancy's* bats, Stephanie will use "bat detectors," devices which translate ultrasonic echolocation sounds—used by bats to hunt insects—into frequencies audible to humans.

To learn more, please join us on one of *The Conservancy's* upcoming bat walks!

RESERVATIONS & ADMISSION

Reservations required for all *Conservancy* events. Bat walk admission is \$15/non-member, \$10/member. Pricing is the same for adults and children. **Children under the age of 8 are not admitted.**

Become a *Conservancy* member onsite by filling out an application and paying membership dues of \$25/individual or \$45/household. A household includes all family members who reside at the same address.

Upon reservation confirmation, you will receive directions to *The Conservancy*.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Please arrive promptly, as *The Conservancy* is located on private land behind a locked gate. Latecomers will be unable to get in!

Upon arrival, you will sign in, pay admission—exact change or a check made out to "TDOLC" appreciated—and park temporarily.

Every adult attendee must sign a **release waiver**. The 2-sided form contains space for 2 signatures for a two adult (same address) household, and names of 3 children under the age of 18.

Processing waivers on-site is VERY time-consuming, so we request you fill out a waiver ahead of time. Download the waiver from:

<http://theconservancy.org/downloads/ReleaseWaiver.pdf>

It is helpful if you have paperwork & payment ready to hand us as you drive in.

When all patrons have arrived, staff will lock the gate, and everyone will drive their vehicles to the Bat Walk location.

The evening begins with a 20-30 minute introductory lecture, after which patrons take a short hike on uneven ground.

If you have difficulty walking or walk slowly, please let us know.

When the hike is over, you will be escorted back to the gate, which must be unlocked by *Conservancy* staff.

WHAT TO WEAR & BRING

- Wear **closed-toe shoes**—sneakers, light hiking boots, or walking shoes. **No sandals or flip-flops.**

- **Dress in layers** as temperatures drop when the sun sets.

- For protection against scratchy plants & small biting critters such as ticks, wear **long-pants**; light colors are best.

- A **flashlight** may be needed during the bat hike.

- *The Conservancy* has a single portapotty located a short walking distance from walk introduction area.

- *The Conservancy* does not provide **water** or trash receptacles.

THE DONNA O'NEILL LAND CONSERVANCY

The Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation originally established in 1990. We provide stewardship for a 1200 acre south Orange County wilderness reserve located in the coastal foothills just east of San Juan Capistrano. Our mission is to create awareness of the rich natural and ecological resources of the San Mateo Watershed by providing opportunities for environmental education, biological research, and sensitive recreational access to *The Conservancy*. Contact us at www.theconservancy.org, staff@theconservancy.org or 949-489-9778.