

Protecting Rauscher Farm and its Wildlife Habitats

The Rauscher Farm Management Subcommittee (RFMSC), a town-appointed subcommittee of the Clinton Conservation Committee, oversees making Rauscher Farm as accessible for as many people as possible for as much of the year as possible while protecting its habitats and maintaining the distinctive character of the farm.

The RFMSC has consulted with professional organizations regarding the protection and resource management of the farm. The Mass Audubon Society, the Trustees of Reservations, Cornell University Cooperative Extension Program, MA Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Nashua River Watershed Association, and other recognized authorities have advised on grassland, wetland, and invasive species management.

Help Support Rauscher Farm

The protection and maintenance of Rauscher Farm is supported primarily by the fundraising efforts of the nonprofit Clinton Greenway Conservation Trust Inc. Please consider a donation to the Clinton Greenway Conservation Trust-Rauscher Farm Fund and its efforts to:



- Promote nature education programs
- Expand conservation activities
- Contribute to the planned universal access Path To Clamshell Pond
- Develop and maintain walking trails

Roll of Honor

Show the people in your life how special they are. Honor family members, friends, and mentors with a unique “forever” gift. Name them in Clinton’s Roll of Honor.



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All ROH proceeds go to the CGCT-Rauscher Farm Fund.

Enjoy it forever!

We hope your visit to Rauscher Farm is a special one. Please be considerate of others during your visit. By keeping Rauscher Farm as you found it you are helping to preserve it for the future ...for everyone.

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- walking
 - hiking
 - fishing
 - boating (car top only)
 - dog walking (on-leash only)
 - nature observation
 - bird watching
 - camping*
 - cross-country skiing
 - snowshoeing
 - natural soundscape appreciation
 - night sky observation*
 - nature education and historical programs

* by permit or prior approval by the Clinton Conservation Commission only
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- motorized vehicles of any sort including: cars and trucks, ATV’s, snowmobiles, dirtbikes, etc.
 - hunting
 - alcoholic beverages
 - fires

Rauscher Farm is a tick habitat. Please take appropriate protective measures before and after your visit.

Coming Soon:

- Universal Access to Clamshell Pond
- Archaeological and Historical Markers

Please remember to take out what you brought in when your visit is over.

Any moored boats or overnight parked cars will be removed at the owner’s expense.

For all other activities and group events, permits, permissions, and other information, contact:

Clinton Conservation Commission
Clinton Town Hall • 242 Church Street
Clinton, MA 01510 • (978) 365-4127

Thank you for visiting Rauscher Farm.

Directions to Rauscher Farm

29 Clamshell Road Clinton, MA

- From Route 62 East & Route 70 South**
Follow Rt. 62 East/Rt. 70 South to the Nashua River Bridge. Turn left on Cameron Hill. Take a right at the Philbin Memorial Playground onto Wilson Street. Follow Wilson Street for 1/3 mile. Bear left onto Clamshell Road until you come to Rauscher Farm (1/2 mile).
- From Route 70 North**
Follow Route 70 North past the Wachusett Dam. Take your first right onto Cameron Hill. Take a right at the Philbin Memorial Playground onto Wilson Street. Follow Wilson Street for 1/3 mile. Bear left onto Clamshell Road until you come to Rauscher Farm (1/2 mile).



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Welcome!



photo: Heidi Notaro

Rauscher Farm
29 Clamshell Road
Clinton, MA 01510



Hours of Operation:
Daily, Dawn to Dusk



Discover the Natural Wonders of Rauscher Farm

Many animals, birds, and butterflies—permanent and migratory residents—call Rauscher Farm home. Species of wild flowers carpet the various habitats. Clamshell Pond is a world of its own, populated by aquatic residents and visited by seasonal migrating birds.

Exploring Rauscher Farm

Visit Rauscher Farm on your own using the trail map in this brochure and information on the side of the barn. Grassland areas are cut in September to protect ground-nesting birds and butterfly and bee habitats. Thank you for keeping to the grassland trails in these areas during May–September.

Join guided **WalkAbouts** of the various habitats on the farm, conducted by members of the Friends of Rauscher Farm (email info@rauscherfarm.org).

Enjoy Rauscher Farm's free activities, suitable for all ages:

Letterboxing

Find the farm's hidden letterboxes with their secret treasures. Clues posted on www.atlasquest.com and www.rauscherfarm.org.

Geocaching

Sleuth out the farm's geocaches. Go to www.geocaching.com for GPS coordinates.

StoryWalk®

Stroll and read children's stories mounted on signs in areas of the farm. A seasonal activity.

Legend:

- 1 fenced pasture
- 2 grazing meadow
- 3 lower grassland
- 4 upper grassland
- 5 end of public access
- 6 Clamshell Pond trail
- 7 barn grassland
- 8 hillside grassland
- Rauscher Farm boundary
- P parking (either side of barn)

Nature Adventures on Rauscher Farm

Hands-on nature programs customized for groups of children of any age and young adults. Young adventurers discover the critters and plants that call Rauscher Farm home. From time to time, adventurers record their findings in the Rauscher Farm Field Notebook, which allows youngsters to contribute to the growing body of knowledge about the natural world of Rauscher Farm.

Night Sky Gazing on Rauscher Farm

Rauscher Farm affords a light-pollution-free view of the night sky. For individual permission to be on Rauscher Farm at night, contact the Clinton Conservation Commission, (978) 365-4127. For information about group night sky gazing programs, visit www.rauscherfarm.org.

The Sparkle of Clamshell Pond

A farm destination very popular with fisher folk, bird watchers and walkers. Pink and orange flags along the trail pinpoint the location of pink lady slippers that typically bloom in May/June.



Welcome to Rauscher Farm!

Enjoy the beauty and serenity of 60 acres of open space purchased by the Town of Clinton in June 2008.

Explore Rauscher Farm's wonderfully diverse habitats—grasslands, wetlands, woodlands, shrublands, and Clamshell Pond—each with its store of ecological and wildlife treasures.

Before the town purchase, Rauscher Farm was a working farm. Historical records show that colonial settlers were on the farm as early as 1716. In 1653, a purchase of land from the Nashaway Nipmuc Indians included the Rauscher Farm area. And dating back further, prehistoric sites abound throughout the Clamshell Pond area. To learn more of its rich history, an archeological survey is planned for Rauscher Farm.

*Enjoy your visit!
Come back soon!*

*Interested in volunteering "sweat equity"
to help maintain Rauscher Farm?
Email info@rauscherfarm.org*

