



The **WGM**
Gilbert-Wood-Mauro House
an Airbnb and Workaway Host

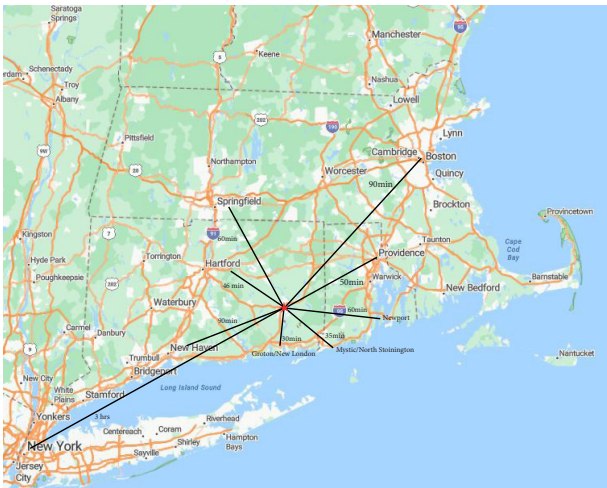
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WELCOME!

Thanks for staying at the GWM. I am a mom of 3 military children who are grown and on their own. I love meeting new people and making new friends, and hope you enjoy your stay here in The Last Green Valley of CT.

Typical to the Stickley style, this 100+ year old, 3000sq ft house features beautiful original woodwork, coffered ceilings and an indoor fire place perfect for winter nights. The owner lives in the home and will be happy to help you make your stay memorable, or provide you with the quiet and solitude if that is what you need.

You are located in the 'Quiet Corner' and the Last Green Valley of Connecticut. A Typical New England location, you are close to Mystic, Groton, New London, Pomfret and Putnam. The Rhode Island border is 20 minutes away and in less than 3 hours, you can be in Boston, New York or Providence, driving along scenic New England roadways.

We also have the two largest Casinos within 1/2 hours drive: Foxwoods Resort Casino and Mohegan Sun Casino.

If there is anything you else you need, please feel free to ask.

Whatever the reason the winds took you in this direction, I hope you enjoy your stay, it's relaxing, refreshing and fun!

Thank You! Carol



HISTORY OF THE GILBERT-WOOD-MAURO HOUSE

This 15-room Gustav Stickley Home was built in 1920 by Earl Gilbert who was a prominent builder and part owner of The Gilbert and Roi Construction Company. Many of the buildings in the area were constructed by them, including the Jewett City Savings Bank, St. Mary's School and various buildings in Norwich.

Earl was a world traveler, and became acquainted with Gustav Stickley, a major influencer for American Craftsman architecture, furniture manufacturer and leading voice in the American Arts & Crafts movement. It is said, because of this friendship, he helped the Gilbert's design this very home.

Typical to the Stickley style, the home features original, beautiful woodwork, coffered ceilings and a fire place. Any upgrades that have been made to house have been done so with keeping period to the home.

MILDRED

Mildred Gilbert was the youngest daughter that lived and died in the house. Her ghostly figure has been seen many times over the years and always as the younger version of herself sporting short golden curls. She particularly likes to be around children (maybe for having never been married or having any herself). You can believe it or not, but the sound of someone walking up the stairs or the noises during the we-hours of the morning may say otherwise...

THE NAME

The home was purchased in 1991 by my Aunt and Grandmother after the death of Mildred. The name of the House is in honor of the families that have lived and are living here now. It seemed only appropriate to include everyones name.



THE ROOMS

Room rates may be very reasonable, but that doesn't mean your standards have to be. You will find quality sheets, pillows and mattresses for your comfort. All rooms upstairs currently share a bathroom.

Please be respectful with the house, it's old. Older homes need extra tender loving care to keep them happy. Work will always need to be done, so occasionally, you may find that minor repairs may be happening; so we thank you for your patience.

The Blue Room

This is one of the smaller bedrooms with a vanity and bureau. The furniture style is Art Deco and belonged to my Grandparents. The bed is Full-size with a Saatva Plush mattress.



The Green Room

The largest room, with a calming green color and darker wood furniture that lends peacefulness. The room has a sitting table that faces the road and a large walk-in closet. This has a Saatva Luxury Firm Queen size mattress.



The Yellow Room

A large bedroom with buttery yellow and white wall coverings. The furniture is white with a French feel. The sitting table faces the side of the house. The bed is Queen-size featuring a Bellanest Dahlia Plush Euro-Top Mattress. (pictures below are pre-reno)



Room renovation in progress.
Updated pictures coming soon

HOUSE RULES: WHAT TO EXPECT AND WHAT IS EXPECTED

I hope you enjoy your stay, but please follow the house rules to make sure your stay and everyone else's is relaxing and enjoyable.

AMENITIES

Each guest is provided complimentary Soap, Shampoo and Conditioner if needed. Guests should leave damp towels and face clothes in the towel basket located in the bathroom or use the hooks available in each room or the bathroom - DO NOT leave damp towels or facecloths hanging on the furniture or doors to dry.

There is a hair dryer and toiletries located under the sink if needed. Toothpaste and Toothbrushes are available for a small fee in case you forgot them.

UTILITIES

In order to keep the cost of your stay the lowest possible, please be considerate of the lights, hair dryers and/or space heaters (in winter). If you leave, please make sure they are turned off and unplugged when not in use.

COOKING

True AirBnB fashion, you will need to provide your own food. But will have full use of the kitchen and all amenities, if you choose to eat in.

There are several Grocery Stores in the area (see Page 10). Just like your own house, please clean up any messes. If you use the pots, pans, dishes, etc., kindly place items in the dishwasher. The refrigerator is for everyone - but not the food. If you did not buy it, do not use it and if it's not yours - do not use it.



COMMON AREAS

You have full use of the common areas. There is a fireplace in the living room for winter, with lots of books to browse and read, a TV Room, Breakfast and Dining Room or just wander around and enjoy the artwork that fills the house.

10:00 pm to 7:00 am is quiet time. Be courteous and turn the volume down on the TVs and/or music so other guests are not disturbed.

If you need to make phone calls after 10pm, please keep your voice down, or go outside to take your calls.

Please use common-sense and etiquette with other guests and your Host while staying at the GWM.

OUTDOOR

There is a large open front porch with seating, or if you prefer a quieter area, a Gazebo in the backyard with a Fireplace and plenty of comfortable seating. Feel free to light a fire and relax while enjoying a beautiful sunset, or use gather around the fire table.

A seasonal pool will be available from June through September. If you are a Grill Master – there's a grill waiting just for you!

SMOKING AND VAPING

No smoking or vaping is allowed anywhere in the house. Areas outside have been designated for the safety and comfort of our guests.

CLEANING AND LEAVING

Rooms are thoroughly cleaned after each guest. All laundry is done with a low or no-odor detergent for sensitive noses.

It is not necessary to remove any linens from the bed when you are ready to leave. Wet or damp towels need to be placed in the



laundry basket in the bathroom. If you have used any kitchen items, please place them in the dishwasher. Guests staying longer than 7 days will have rooms cleaned and linens washed once a week. Continuous, excessive dirty living conditions will result in additional cleaning fees or early removal.

RESPECTING YOUR HOST

If you are here for a short stay, we hope you enjoyed yourself!. If you are a guest who is staying for more than 7 days (2 weeks to several months), please let the Host know if you will be absent overnight or on the weekends as a courtesy. If you are the last one in late at night, please make sure all the lights are off.

STEALING AND DAMAGE

Sadly – due to previous incidents, if there are **any** items missing from the premises, a fine of **no less than \$250** will be charged for that/those missing item(s). This includes books, brick-a-brack, pillows, towels, etc.).

Coasters are provided in each room for drinks. If there is damage from food or liquid, you will be responsible for the repair or replacement of the item if it cannot be cleaned or fixed.

For your protection and the owners, pictures are taken of each room after every guest leaves.

WIFI AND TV ACCESS

Free WiFi is available for all guests. The TV's are also WiFi and setup for streaming. There are 3 additional boosters for WiFi.

Any pay-per-view movies watched during your stay will be an extra charge, and will be paid prior to leaving.

WiFi Connection: TheGWM
WiFi Password: TheGWMHouse



SHOPPING

The Lisbon Landing has a Walmart, Kohl's, Home Depot, Lowe's, Theater, Target, Verizon, Bath & Body Works, Ulta Beauty, Weight Watchers, and Famous Footware, to name a few.

GROCERY STORES

There are several places to shop; for groceries we have a Big Y 15 minutes away the next town over in Plainfield, Better Value, Walmart and an Aldi's in Lisbon is 7 minutes away.

- ◆ **Better Valu Supermarket** 1.4mi, Lisbon. 8am - 9pm
- ◆ **Big Y World Class Market** 5.0mi, Plainfield. 7am-10pm
- ◆ **Walmart Super Center** 1.8mi, Lisbon. 7am-11pm
- ◆ **Aldi's** 1.8mi, Lisbon. 8am-8pm
- ◆ **Target Grocery** 1.9mi, Lisbon. 8am-10pm

HEALTH FOOD

- ◆ **The Green Market** 0.8mi, Lisbon. 9am-5pm
- ◆ **Rising Moon Natural Foods** 5.0mi, Plainfield. 9am-5:30pm

LOCAL RESTAURANTS, DINERS & PUBS

BREAKFAST & LUNCH

Deans Corner
Charlene's Diner
Breakfast & Things
McDonald's
Wendy's
Bakers Dozen Coffee Shop
Dunkin' Donuts
Panera Bread

PUBS & BARS

Uncle Kranky's
Brewett City Pub

Chew and Brew
Happy Jacks Sports Bar
Surrells

PIZZA AND GRINDERS

Surrells Restaurant and Bar
Jewett City Pizza Palace
Green Onion Pizza

DINNER

Hanks Dairy Bar*
Ruby Tuesdays
Chili's
Mandarin Garden*



Mei's Kitchen
Chopstix
Chew and Brew
Subway
Green Onion Pizza
Panera Bread
Tulli's Tap House
at River Ridge
Town Pizza

ICE CREAM
Button Woods Farms
(Famous for it's
spectacular sunflowers)
Ekonk Turkey Farm

Menus are located near the Guest Book, which include discounts and locations for some of these establishments.

LOCAL BUSINESSES

Collage Mart Flea Market, Jewett City CT

Largest indoor market in Eastern CT. The "Slater Mill Mall" is one of the few Mills left in the area and located right here in Jewett City. Antiques and collectibles. Free admission and parking. There are 2 floors of, well, everything!

ButtonWood Farms, Griswold CT

Stop by for some yummy ice-cream! If you are visiting in the fall, you don't want to miss the Sunflowers for Wishes fundraiser. 100% of the proceeds benefit Make-A-Wish. Thousands of people from all over come, and a Photographers Dream. There are 14 acres and 300,00 Sunflowers planted each year! Watch the cows released in the fields after the season has ended - quite the site!

Main Street Rare Coins & Antiques, Jewett City CT

A local business, you can find some quirky items in here. Open Tuesday - Saturdays.

Earths Hidden Treasures, Griswold CT

Gift, Novelty, and Souvenir Shop



Chocolate Rose Bakeshop, Griswold CT

Chocolate Rose creates edible art. Wedding and Special Occasion Cakes, wedding and party favors. Pastry Tables. Sculptured and themed Cakes.

Geer's Gift Shop, Griswold CT

Local items, beads and garden statuary.

There are many many other wonderful places to explore in and around the area, including Antique Stores and Shops. These are located near the Guest Book, which include discounts and locations for some of these establishments.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

For outdoor enthusiasts, there are 5 State Forests and 9 State Parks with excellent hiking, trails, lakes and rivers to explore. Along with one of the largest State Forests in New England, the two closest to us are:

Hopeville Pond State Park, Griswold CT

Visitors can fish, swim or camp on the serene shores of Hopeville Pond. The site, which once boasted several successful mill operations, offers a fine mix of quality recreation and local history.

Pachaug State Forest, Voluntown CT

Pachaug State Forest is the largest State Forest in Connecticut encompassing 24,000 acres, in 5 towns. There are two areas, the Chapman Area and the Green Falls Area.

Other Area Parks

Fort Griswold State Park

Fort Shantok State Park, Montville CT

Gillette Castle State Park, East Haddam CT *

Devils Hopyard State Park, East Haddam CT

Rocky Neck State Park, East Lyme CT

Harkness Memorial Park, Waterford CT



River Ridge Golf Course, Griswold CT

River Ridge Golf Course is one of southeastern CT's most challenging public 18-hole championship courses. The hilltop setting offers many picturesque New England views. Four sets of tee placements on each hole helps to balance the difficulty of the course.

AREA EVENTS

We have lots of local activities for the family sponsored by our local Griswold Recreation Committee depending on the month you are visiting. Visit **GriswoldYFS.com** for more info.

Strawberry Park Campground, Preston CT

Hosting one of the area's biggest Bayou Cajun Zydeco Festivals in June, and much more.

Mohegan Sun, Uncasville CT

Free Concerts at the Wolf Den and Rooftop Concerts and Fireworks every Saturday during the summer.

Foxwoods Resort Casino, Ledyard CT

Are you daring? They offer a HighFlyer zipline, and the only zipline in America that launches from a 33 story hotel tower! They also have a Tanger Outlet for shopping.

Mystic Outdoor Art Festival, Mystic Seaport, Mystic CT

A must go-to Art Fest in mid August and a definite go-to for an all-day event to browse Artists ware's from all over the U.S. The Seaport offers an abundance of history. And don't forget the Aquarium!

Other Events include local Town sponsored activities and Farmers Markets. Go to **CTvisit.com/this-weekend** for more information and check out the **Calendar of Events** while you enjoy your stay.



EVENT RENTALS

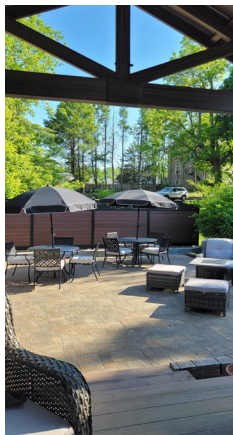
A perfect location for small gatherings and birthday parties in the backyard. The Gazebo and patio area can host up to 30 people. If guests are from out of town and additional lodging is needed, arrangements can be made with other Airbnb's locally for your guests. There is also an AmericInn Hotel nearby.

Hassle-Free Rental is \$350 for 4 hours. This includes the grill, chairs, tables, tent and setup. Let me make your event go as smoothly as possible. Just relax and enjoy!

Do-It-Yourself Rental is \$250 for 4 hours. You do the to setup, arranging, cooking, decorating and takedown and cleanup.

Catering is available from several local restaurants. Parking is fairly limited, but there is additional parking within walking distance.

If a larger venue is needed, the Overlook at Geers Tree Farm features a 7,000 square foot patio surface to dance the night away, a fire pit to add a little spark to your evening, a quaint 18th century tavern and beautiful New England scenery you can't find anywhere else.





Updated pictures coming soon

WORK-A-WAY

The leading community for cultural exchange, working holidays and volunteering with over 50,000 opportunities in more than 170 countries worldwide.

Workaway is primarily for cultural exchange or learning new skills and a way of making new friends while helping out the Host around 5 hours per day in exchange for food and accommodation and using the experience to learn and immerse in local culture.

A Workawayer is a traveler who wants to give back to the communities and places they visit.

As a Workaway Host, I will try my best to accommodate special needs and language barriers to the best of my ability while you help me, and help you, in your cultural experience during your stay here.

Thanks for staying, don't forget to sign the Guest Book before you leave!



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