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Eagle viewing is possible at various locations along the Upper Delaware River (In NYS: Pond Eddy, Barryville, Minisink Ford, Narrowsburg and Callicoon; In PA: Lackawaxen and Equinunk).



EAGLEFEST

NARROWSBURG, NEW YORK
Saturday, January 16, 2010
9:30AM – 4:30PM

Live bird demonstrations, observation sites,
 guest lectures, films, poster auction, eagle art

The Delaware Valley Eagle Alliance

**Our mission: to increase awareness,
 understanding and promote conservation
 of our wildlife and natural environment.**

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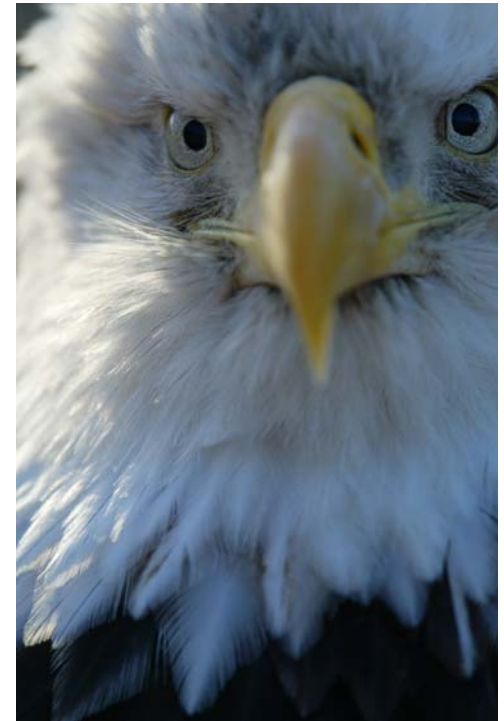
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EAGLE WATCHING

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 the Upper Delaware Region

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There are increasingly more bald eagles that make the Upper Delaware Region their permanent home. Mid-December through February, however are the best months to view eagles. Eagles from up north migrate here each winter for the open water, abundant food supply and protected habitat.

VIEWING TIPS

The bald eagle is our treasured neighbor and is protected by Federal and State laws. Please:

- Confine eagle viewing to designated points along driving routes and stay in your vehicle.
- Maintain a 1,000-foot distance.
- Move slowly and talk softly.
- Never throw objects or otherwise attempt to cause eagles to fly from their perch or feeding area.
- Respect private property and restricted areas.
- Please obey the law! There are serious consequences for disturbing or harming eagles.

Be sure to bring a good pair of binoculars or spotting scope for better viewing and appropriate clothing for all types of weather including snow, rain or shine.

EAGLE FACTS

- Height: 30-31", Wing Span: 6'-7'6", Weight: to 14 lbs, Life Span: 25-30 yrs.
- Mated bald eagles are monogamous.
- Female bald eagles are larger than male bald eagles.
- 1-3 white eggs are laid as singles 1-4 days apart; incubation averages 35 days.
- Build the largest nest of any species in North America.
- Can fly 36-44 miles per hour.
- Can spot a fish up to three miles away.
- With eyes almost as large as a human's, bald eagles also have color vision (unlike many mammals).
- Juvenile bald eagles resemble Golden Eagles, require 4-5 years to reach full adulthood, have a longer tail and wider wings than adults.
- Are fish eaters like osprey, but snatch fish from the surface with their talons.
- Have special pads on the soles of their feet, designed to firmly grip a slippery wriggling fish.
- Each foot has 4 toes, 3 pointing to the front and 1 to the rear, ending with razor sharp black talons up to 2 inches long.



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LEARNING TO FLY

Prior to fledging (first flight), usually about 9-10 weeks, eagle chicks will practice exercising flight muscles and learning to control lift in preparation for their first flights. This usually includes taking to the support branches of their nest. It is said to strengthen their legs and improve their balance. Although they are adult size and their tails are almost completely grown, their longest primary flight feathers are still not fully developed.

Fledging typically occurs about 10-12 weeks. It may take up to 5 weeks longer until their flight feathers are completely formed. The feathers are still developing at this stage, with the tip developing first and the base developing last.

Young eagles will continue to depend on the adults for food for several weeks after fledging, although feeding may take place away from the nest. It is during the 4-6 week period after fledging that they develop muscle strength, improve flying skills and learn to fish.

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