

Officially, the first wintering eagle was observed along the Fox River in 1982 during a DNR mid-winter waterfowl survey. The first nesting pair occurred in 1987 on private land east of 1000 Islands Environmental Center in Kaukauna. Today the Fox Cities\* are home to hundreds of wintering bald eagles feeding and roosting along the Fox River. During late winter to early spring at least a half-dozen pairs nest within the Fox Cities\*.

The bald eagles’ success along the Fox River relates to improved habitat, open water in winter, and the removal and capping of contaminants within the river. Our abundance of eagles symbolizes health and quality of life along the Fox River. This is our reason for celebrating “A Day With Eagles Along the Fox River”!

**Bald Eagle Facts**



Juvenile or immature bald eagles are brown and white in coloration with a black or a black-yellow beak.

Full maturity is reached at four to five years of age. Adult eagles have a white head and tail. Their eyes are yellow with a dark yellow beak. Female eagles are slightly larger than males weighing between 10-14 pounds, 35-37 inches tall with wingspans from 72-90 inches. They can fly 30-35 mph and up to an altitude of 10,000 feet.



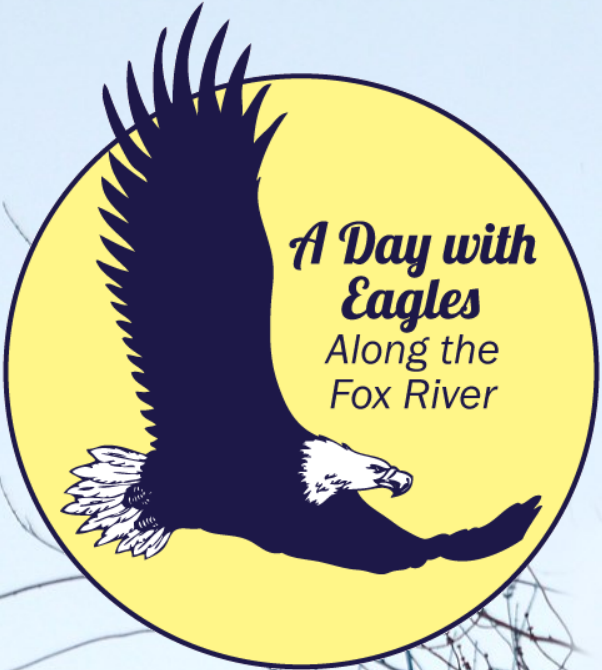
**Mission Statement**

***Recovery of the Bald Eagle is a reason for celebrating “A Day with Eagles along the Fox River”. The bald eagle is a symbol of the improved health of the Fox River and its communities (Fox Cities)\*. Important elements affected by this revival include health of its citizens, tourism, job creation and appreciation of our history.***



Viewing eagles at Lutz Park-January 26, 2013

**Thlrd Saturday In January**



**A Day With Eagles Along The Fox River**

Since the late 1980’s wintering and nesting bald eagles have returned to the Fox Cities\* area. Today, this region has become a popular destination for winter eagle viewing. Given the fact that this species was classified as endangered both in Wisconsin and nationally in the lower 48 states, its return to prior numbers is a significant event.

When the bald eagle was adopted as our national symbol in 1782 there were more than 100,000 nesting pairs of eagles in the country. Due to contaminants like DDT, PCB’s and other heavy metals polluting the Fox River and other waters of the continental US, the bald eagle populations declined drastically. These contaminants entered the eagles’ food supply causing populations of the birds to drop to only 487 nesting pairs in the continental United States (Wisconsin’s lowest breeding population was 107 nesting pairs in 1974).

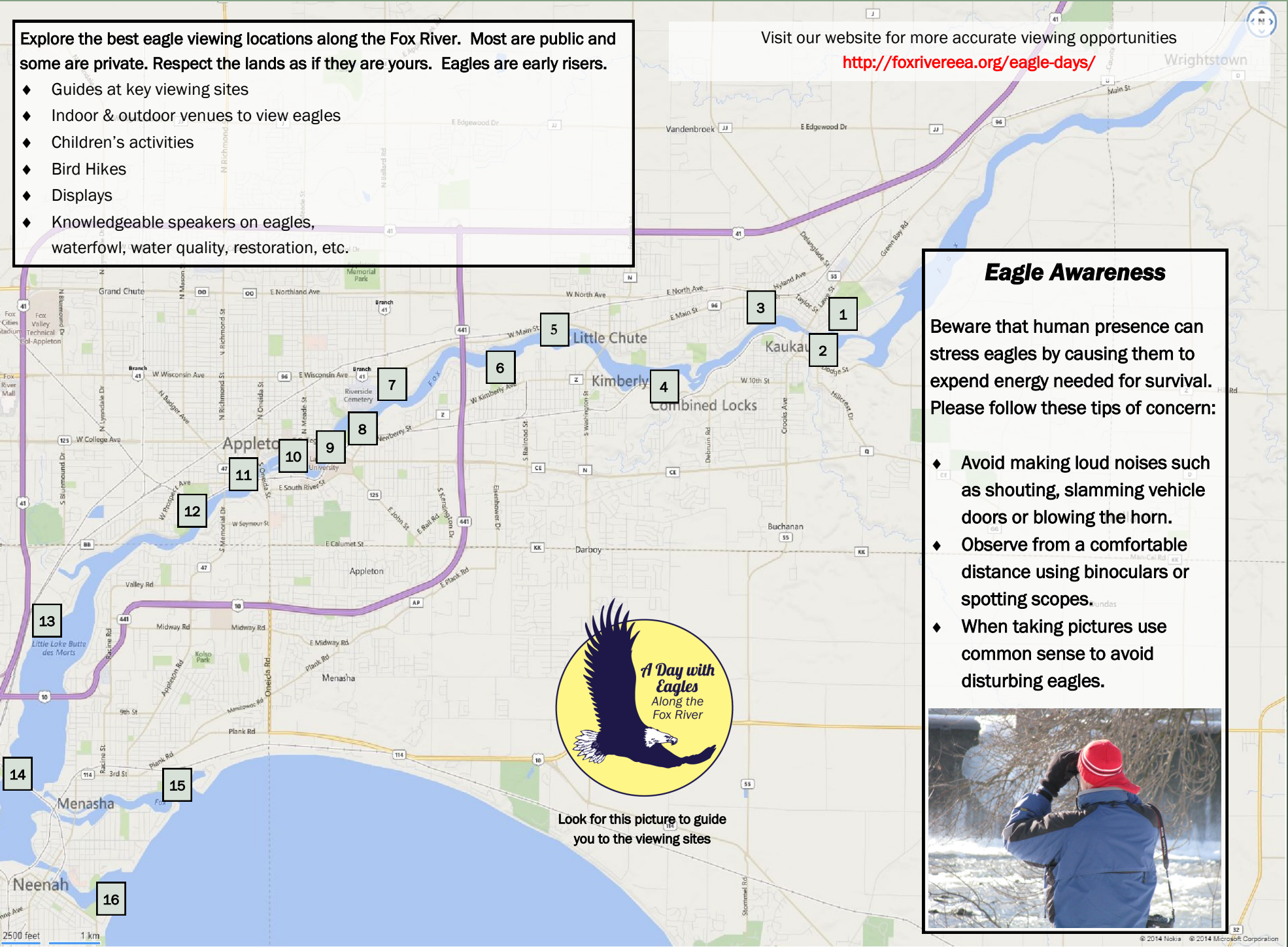
Eagle recovery had its roots in Wisconsin with the banning of DDT in 1969, triggering a national ban in 1972. Wisconsin through its Department of Natural Resources (DNR) assisted the national recovery by supplying eaglets to other states. Once endangered, bald eagles are now listed as a “Special Concern Species” both in Wisconsin & nationally. This focus provides effort to prevent future declines.

**\*Fox Cities** (Neenah, Menasha, Appleton, Kimberly, Little Chute, Combined Locks, Kaukauna, Wrightstown, Town of Neenah, Town of Menasha, Town of Grand Chute, Town of Greenville, Town of Buchanan, Town of Kaukauna, Town of Harrison, and Village of Harrison)



Self-Guided Viewing Sites-All Year


1. **Expera Specialty Solutions** (Formerly Thilmany), 899 Thilmany Rd., Kaukauna
2. **1000 Islands Environmental Center**, 1000 Beaulieu Ct., Kaukauna
3. **Riverside Park**, Riverside Dr./River St., Kaukauna
4. **Prospect St. Overlook**, near 345-349 Prospect, Combined Locks
5. **Historical Marker**, 1169 W. Main St., Little Chute
6. **Sunset Point Park**, 800 W. Kimberly Ave., Kimberly
7. **Fox River Environmental Education Alliance** (formerly called Mount Alverno) 1000 N. Ballard Rd., Appleton
8. **Telulah Park**, 1300 E Newberry St., Appleton
9. **College Ave. Bridge & Banta Ct.**, near 1143 E. Banta Ct., Appleton
10. **Lawe St-Newberry Trail**, 668 E. Newberry St., & **Warch Campus Center**—Lawrence University, 711 E Boldt Way, Appleton
11. **Vulcan Heritage Park**, 535 W. Water St., & **Paper Discovery Center** 425 W. Water St., Appleton
12. **Lutz Park**, 1320 S. Lutz Dr., Appleton
13. **WILD Center**, 2285 Buttes des Morts Beach Rd., Neenah
14. **Fritse Park/Trestle Trail**, 899 N Lake St., Menasha
15. **Jefferson Park**, Kargus Dr./915 Third St., Menasha
16. **Kimberly Point Park**, 290 Lakeshore Ave., Neenah



## Viewing Sites

<http://foxrivereea.org/eagle-days/>



1. **Expera Specialty Solutions** (Formerly Thilmany), 899 Thilmany Rd., Kaukauna 
2. **1000 Islands Environmental Center**, 1000 Beaulieu Ct., Kaukauna (see below)
3. **Riverside Park**, Riverside Dr./River St., Kaukauna
4. **Prospect St. Overlook**, near 345-349 Prospect, Combined Locks
5. **Historical Marker & Cedars Lock**, 1169 W. Main St., Little Chute
6. **Sunset Park**, 800 W. Kimberly Ave., Kimberly
7. **Fox River Environmental Education Alliance Facility\*\*** 1000 N. Ballard Rd., Appleton
8. **Telulah Park**, 1300 E. Newberry St., Appleton 
9. **College Ave. Bridge & Banta Ct.**, near 1143 E. Banta Ct., Appleton
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**Warch Campus Center-Lawrence Univ. (Somerset Room-3rd floor)\*\***, 711 E. Boldt Way, Appleton
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### General information below. Detailed speaker information next page

- ◆ **Fox River Environmental Educational Alliance Center\*\***—Open 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Talks from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Hands on activities available for children. Animal exhibits, snowshoe rentals & educational exhibits from many local non-profits & partners. Eagle viewing from inside 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Food available for purchase.
- ◆ **Lawrence University (Warch Campus Center—Cinema)**—Open 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Talks and movie from 10:00 AM through 3:00 PM on the second floor in the Cinema. Guided eagle viewing from inside building 10:00 am to 3:00 PM at the **Somerset Room\*\*** on third floor with poster board information on Fox River Research. Food availability in Warch Campus Center Cafeteria for purchase 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM.
- ◆ **Paper Discovery Center**—Open 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Admission for museum (\$12/family—two parents or grandparents & children living with them under 18); \$5/adult, \$4/Senior & \$3/child. Eagle crafts for children & tour exhibits in museum. **Free talks from 10:30 AM through 12:30 PM in River Level Room (entrance through lower parking lot)** Guided eagle viewing from inside the **River Level Room\*\*** from 10:00 AM to 3:00 pm. Food availability in nearby restaurants.
- ◆ **1000 Islands Environmental Center—Eagle themed activities**—View website at:  
<http://www.1000islandsenvironmentalcenter.org/index.html>
- ◆ **Guided outside eagle viewing from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM at sites above marked by a binoculars logo.** 
- ◆ **\*\*Guided eagle viewing from inside building.**

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## Facility Presentations

### Fox River Environmental Educational Alliance Center

**9:00 am**—Ari A. Rice, *Bird Life Along the Fox River*, Lawrence University. Will lead bird hikes shortly after talk.

**10:00 am**—Danielle Santry, *Rain Gardens: Their Function and Construction*, Calumet County Groundwater Guardians.

**11:00 am**—Bryan Woodbury, *Viewing Winter Waterfowl on the Fox River: What Species Are Here and Where and When to Find Them*, WDNR.

**12:00 am**—Steve Easterly, *Surveying Eagles in Wisconsin Past to Present, Emphasis on the Northeast*, WDNR.

**1:00 pm**—Frank Ujzdowski, *The Art of Falconry*, with a live goshawk & merlin, Wisconsin Falconers Association.

### Paper Discovery Center (River Level Room-Entrance through lower parking lot)

**10:30 am**—Lee Hammen, *Eagles & Viewing Sites on the Fox River (Fox Cities)*, Retired Naturalist-1000 Islands Environmental Center.

**11:30 am**—Addie Teeters, *Expera and SOAR—Above, Beyond for a Better Earth*, Expera Specialty Solutions.

### Lawrence University (Cinema-Level 2)

**10:00 am**—Movie—*Nature: American Eagle*.

**11:00 am**—Dr. Bart De Stasio, *Fish and Invertebrate Populations of the Lower Fox River and Eagle Food Resources*, Lawrence University.

**12:00 pm**—Sean Strom, *Contaminant Levels Decline & Bald Eagle Abundance & Reproduction Improve on the Lower Fox River & Green Bay*, WDNR.

**1:00 pm**—Dr. Bart De Stasio, *Fish and Invertebrate Populations of the Lower Fox River and Eagle Food Resources*, Lawrence University.

**2:00 pm**—Movie—*Nature: American Eagle*.

**Many thanks to all these partners for their contributions for “A Day with Eagles Along the Fox River”.**

Appleton Water Treatment Facility

Calumet County Groundwater Guardians

Community Foundation

Expera Specialty Solutions

Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance

Friends of the Fox

Fox Valley Group of Sierra Club

Fox River Environmental Education Alliance

Fox River Academy Environmental Charter School

Fox Valley Technical College

Fox River Navigational System Authority

Insty-Prints

Lakeshore Invasive Species Management Area

Lawrence University

Lawrence University-Bird and Nature Club

Niagara Escarpment Resource Network

Northeast Wisconsin Stormwater Consortium

Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust

Northeast Wisconsin Alliance

On Wisconsin Outdoors, Publisher Dick Ellis

Paper Discovery Center

Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Wisconsin Falconers Association

Wisconsin Waterfowl Association



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