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Teatown's Hudson River EagleFestsm

Saturday February 6, 2010
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Croton Point Park

**For more information call (914) 762-2912 x110 or
visit Teatown's website at www.teatown.org.**

Teatown Lake Reservation will host the Sixth Annual Hudson River EagleFest on Saturday February 6, 2010 from 9 am to 4 pm. The event will be headquartered at Westchester County's Croton Point Park, with eagle viewing sites hosted by collaborating organizations located along the Hudson River. In case of severe weather, the event will be held on Sunday February 7, 2010.

The Hudson River EagleFest coincides with the annual winter gathering of Bald Eagles in the Hudson Hills and Highlands and offers participants a chance to observe our national symbol up close in their natural setting. Adults and children attending the EagleFest will learn about the natural history, recent recovery, and habitat needs of eagles through activities led by local experts and environmental conservationists.

EagleFest Frequently Asked Questions

Where is EagleFest held?

EagleFest is headquartered at Croton Point Park, in Croton on Hudson, NY. Free parking is available in the park and at lot "A" just outside the park entrance. Additional viewing sites along the Hudson River will be hosted by collaborators and other organizations will have events at their home sites.

Can I get there using public transportation?

Go green this year and ride Metro North to the Croton-Harmon station! Free shuttle buses will operate throughout the day to bring EagleFest goers to and from headquarters from outlying lots, the Metro North Train Station, and the Croton Boat Ramp viewing site.

Is EagleFest free?

Entry to EagleFest Headquarters at Croton Point Park is free, but there is a suggested minimum donation of \$2 per person. All eagle viewing sites have free admission. Tickets are required for bird shows in the EagleFest Theatre at Croton Point Park and for bus tours.

What can I do at Eaglefest Headquarters?

There's a lot to do and much of it is free! Take a bird walk, view eagles through spotting scopes, come inside the heated tents filled with educational displays and collaborators exhibits to learn about bald eagles and nature in the Hudson Valley. For children there are crafts, interactive games, storytelling and more. Teatown's raptor demonstrations, photography lectures, and eagle identification slide shows are all free.

How do I purchase bird show and bus tour tickets?

Advance sale tickets are available by phone or in person at Teatown Lake Reservation beginning on December 15. Tickets for shows are \$5 per person, no charge for children under three. Bus tour tickets are \$20 per person. No children under 12 are permitted on the tours. For more information call (914) 762-2912 x 110. Remaining tickets, if any, for shows and bus tours will be available on site the day of the event. We expect most shows to sell out in advance – purchase your tickets in advance to avoid disappointment.

What are the bird shows?

This year Bill Streeeter from the Delaware Valley Raptor Center returns to do three shows on "Winter Birds of Prey Migrants." For the first time Hope Douglas from "Wind Over Wings" in Clinton Connecticut will bring her birds to delight audiences. Both handlers will feature eagles, hawks and other birds of prey in informative and entertaining 30-minute shows.

**Where do the bus tours go? What do they do?**

The bus tours stop at manned viewing sites along the Hudson River. Each bus has an educator on board to tell the story of the eagle's flight to recovery, their current conservation status and to answer questions about eagle identification and natural history. At each stop spotters with scopes are on hand to help tour goers view eagles and interpret bird behavior. In the past tours have stopped at George's Island in Montrose, China Pier in Peekskill, Croton Boat Ramp and Annsville Paddle Sports Center in Peekskill. Tour stop locations for EagleFest 2010 will be announced at a later date.

Will it be cold?

We hope so! Eagles are more likely to congregate in the lower Hudson Valley when the temperatures are consistently cold and ice forms on the waterways. To keep you warm the tents and theatres are heated.

How should I dress?

Dress for the weather! EagleFest Headquarters and the Theatre are heated. For the best chance to see eagles at EagleFest viewing sites you have to get outdoors. Wear warm clothes, dress in layers and wear appropriate footgear.

Are dogs allowed?

No - please leave your dog at home. Dogs should not be brought to viewing sites as they may bark and scare birds away.

Will food be available?

Sandwiches, soups, warm drinks and other items will be available to purchase. Warming tents at viewing sites have hot chocolate.

Where can I get an EagleFest map?

EagleFest maps are available at Teatown Lake Reservation, at other participating organizations, and at the Headquarters on EagleFest day.

What if it snows?

In case of a significant snow storm or other inclement weather EagleFest will be held on Sunday February 7. Check our Teatown's website www.teatown.org or call 914 762-2912 x110 for last minute updates.

See you at the Hudson River EagleFest_{sm} on Saturday February 6, 2010!

