

Waterloo's Magnificent Eagles



The first successful bald eagle nesting in the history of Jackson County occurred in the spring of 2011 when two young eaglets were successfully fledged. This year the success continued with survival of at least one new eaglet.

The location of the nest (pictured on the left) is a well guarded secret. This much can be divulged. It is located on a very inaccessible and well hidden site within two miles of WRA's Big Portage Lake Campground.

The picture on the above right is of one of the adults of the successful pair. The picture below is of one of the eaglets from the 2011 nesting.

Sightings of both adult (pictured on the right) and immature eagles are becoming more common in the western part of the WRA as they hunt for prey over area lakes and wetlands. Visitors to the Park's Big Portage camping and day use areas should keep their eyes on the sky for these magnificent birds.



Another great place to see them is at the Phyllis Haehnle Audubon Sanctuary located on Seymour Rd. about 1.5 miles west of Race Road. Through much of this summer the adults have been frequently sighted from the Sanctuary's observation hill as they hunted Mud Lake Marsh for food for their young. Good binoculars or a spotting scope will be helpful.

Visitors coming from I-94 take exit 147 (Race Road) turn north and go to the end. Turn left on Seymour Rd. and proceed 1.5 miles to the Sanctuary's main parking lot.