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News Release

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Eagle Days this weekend at Lake Springfield Park, Springfield Conservation Nature Center



Eagle Days returns to Lake Springfield Park and the Springfield Conservation Nature Center Saturday, Jan. 18, and Sunday, Jan. 19, giving spectators the opportunity to learn more about eagles and other migratory birds nesting near the shores of Lake Springfield during the winter months.

The annual event brings eagle-spotting opportunities to Lake Springfield Boathouse, 5324 S. Kissick Ave., Springfield. Participants are invited to bring binoculars, telephoto-lens cameras or small telescopes, or use scopes provided by the Missouri Department of Conservation. Guided eagle spotting, with Park Board and Conservation Department staff, takes place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 12 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Lake Springfield Park also includes the 3/4-mile James River Greenway Trail and the 1/4-mile Greater Ozarks Audubon Trail, both perfect for eagle gazing.

Eagle Days also brings indoor eagle programs to the Springfield Conservation Nature Center, 4601 S. Nature Center Way, Springfield. Programs feature Phoenix, a bald eagle, and Aquila, a golden eagle, both from Dickerson Park Zoo, along with zoo staff. Programs begin hourly from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Sunday's programs are hourly from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Eagle Days is sponsored by the Missouri Department of Conservation, Dickerson Park Zoo and the Springfield-Greene County Park Board. All events are free and open to the public.

For more information, call the Lake Springfield Boathouse and Marina at 417-891-1550.

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