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Bald Eagle Winter Watch at Hideaway Harbor Park

St. Charles County, Missouri —Join the St. Charles County Parks Department for the annual Bald Eagle Winter Watch from 8 a.m. – noon, Saturday, Feb. 18, at Hideaway Harbor Park, located on Sioux Drive, off Portage Road in Portage des Sioux. To celebrate the return of our national icon to the area, spectators will have a chance to view a group of bald eagles nesting along the mighty Mississippi River, as well as witness spectacular views of these majestic birds in flight as they feed off the open river waters. A fire ring and hot cocoa will be offered to combat the winter chill.

St. Charles County park staff will be available to answer questions about the eagle’s feeding habits, their migration patterns, as well as explain the rich history of Hideaway Harbor Park. Park guests will also have the opportunity to walk to the outskirts of this 49-acre riverside park to get the best views of the majestic birds.

To get the full effect, the Parks Department will provide a spotting scope and binoculars for the program, but guests are encouraged to bring their own equipment for maximum viewing.

Each year, more than 2,000 bald eagles have been reported to have migrated to Missouri during the winter season. Eagle watching is usually best during the morning hours when the majestic birds are most active fishing and are frequently seen perching in trees along the river.

To get to Hideaway Harbor Park from St. Charles, take Highway 94 North from Highway 370 until reaching Grafton Ferry Road (approximately eight miles). Turn left on Grafton Ferry Road and turn right on Portage Road until you reach Sioux Drive. Turn left on Sioux Drive into the park.

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