

Reservation Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

Rates: Adult—\$75/seat; Children, under 17— \$50/seat

Group Rate for 4 or more, Ad—\$65/seat; Ch—\$40/seat

Discounts

(Seniors over 65 and members of ENF will receive the above stated group rate of \$65/seat. To receive this discount, a person has to become a member of ENF before or at the same time they make their reservation.)

Please reserve _____ \$75 (\$65) adult seats and _____ \$50 (\$40) children seats for the 4-hr bus tour:

_____ Jan. 21 _____ Feb. 11 _____ Feb. 25

Enclosed is my check of \$ _____ for: _____ adult seats; & _____ children seats at the above rates

If for any reason you have to cancel, please understand that 50% of this fee is nonrefundable, or you can reschedule for another tour either this or next year. If a tour is cancelled by ENF, because not enough people have registered, you will be refunded your money, if you cannot schedule another tour.

You can make your payment with cash, check or use Pay-Pal on our website, eaglenature.com.

Payment method: ___ Check ___ Cash.

(Seating capacity is limited to the first 44 persons for each tour, so seats are on a first paid, first served basis.)

I understand that seats are **NOT** reserved until ENF has received the payment for a trip.

Tours Sponsored by:

Eagle Nature Foundation, Ltd.

300 East Hickory Street
Apple River, IL 61001

Phone: 815-594-2306 Fax: 815-594-2305

Eagle Nature Foundation

The Eagle Nature Foundation, Ltd. (ENF) is an international, non-profit, 501(c) 3 tax-exempt, organization, which develops and implements habitat preservation strategies for endangered species, conducts a wide variety of nature education and awareness programs, engages in and supports bald eagle research, conducts fund-raising drives to preserve endangered species' habitats, and provides funds for monitoring efforts.

In addition to helping to save habitat, ENF is developing a nationwide program of publicity about the bald eagle and other endangered species to make the American public aware of the plight of our national symbol and the need to preserve the wilderness it requires to survive.

Throughout the year a variety of ENF publications and news releases present information about the bald eagle and other wildlife issues and problems, as well as events sponsored by the organization.

Membership is open to the public. Any adult type of membership includes the quarterly **Bald Eagle News** and the semi-annual **Nature News**. Tax deductible donations and/or memberships may be sent to:

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Email: eaglenature.tni@juno.com

Website: www.eaglenature.com

Bald Eagle Bus Tours



2017 Bald Eagle Bus Tours (4 hours)

Jan. 21, Feb. 11, & Feb. 25

Leave at 8:00 am

From Best Western Inn

Hwy. 20 East, Galena, IL

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Bald Eagle Tours Along the Mississippi River



The Eagle Nature Foundation is pleased to once again offer our 4-hour bus tours to observe wintering bald eagles along the Upper Mississippi River. The tour bus will leave from the Best Western parking lot on the east side of Galena, IL promptly at 8:00 am on the mornings of Jan. 21st, Feb. 11th, and the 25th.

Bald eagles normally winter in large numbers along the Upper Mississippi River. This has allowed tour participants during past years to enjoy (depending upon the weather), from 30 to 450 bald eagles during a single four-hour bus tour. The past few years these tours have been observing fewer and fewer immature bald eagles, which reflects what is happening to the whole Midwestern bald eagle population. During the last tour in 2015 four out of five historic wintering communities had no bald eagles at all.

Mr. Ingram, who has been conducting these tours for over 50 years feels that the Mid-western bald eagle population wintering along the Mississippi River may be on the verge of collapse and recommends people to see the bald eagles while they hopefully still can. ENF's Annual Mid-winter Eagle Count reveals that the percentage of young eagles is back to the same, or lower levels, than it was in the 1960's.

Bald Eagles may be seen fishing, perching in trees, sitting on the ice, or even flying and migrating overhead as the tour bus visits five different historic bald eagle wintering communities. Each tour may have some excellent photographic opportunities, so don't forget to bring your camera.

Several different active bald eagle nests will be observed from a distance, so the nesting adults will not be disturbed. Tour participants do not just ride around and look at bald eagles. They get a four-hour enjoyable education about the bald eagle: its past, present and future. Some people come back and take the tour at a different time each year, because the wintering bald eagle population is dynamic and constantly changing from year to year and from week to week, so each tour is different.

The bald eagles' daily feeding habits, migration movements and life history, as well as survival problems, will be presented for your information and enjoyment. Each bald eagle wintering community has its own daytime feeding areas and nighttime roosts. Daytime roosts, as well as severe weather roosts, will be observed on each tour.

A tour participant will come away with a better appreciation of America's symbol, and an understanding of why we should all strive to keep the bald eagle flying free. We must work to save its habitat which is constantly being threatened, mostly being destroyed by government agencies, but with the consent of the U.S. F & W Service.

The F&W claims the bald eagle population has recovered so well that they removed it from the Endangered Species List without having the necessary facts for doing so. Now the wintering population along the Mississippi River is lower than it was when the bird was first listed as endangered.

Doug Hoffman, the regular bus driver, has driven the bus for Mr. Ingram's eagle tours for over 40 years. The two of them have spent over 1,000 hours in the front of a tour bus together. Mr. Hoffman enjoys seeing our free flying National Symbol and is one of the best bald eagle spotters that Mr. Ingram has on the bus.

One of the most enjoyable four hours of my life. I never thought I would see so many bald eagles in one day! It was fantastic!

What to Bring With You

Tour participants should be prepared for winter weather with cold weather apparel; coats and gloves. Binoculars, telescopes, and cameras are recommended. Snacks are welcome.

Tour Guide Terrence N. Ingram



Researcher, author and speaker, Terrence N. Ingram, has researched and photographed bald eagles for over 55 years. He is the CEO and Founder of the Eagle Nature Foundation, Ltd., and has led tours to see wintering bald eagles for over 50 years.

Mr. Ingram personally may have observed more bald eagles in the wild than anyone else alive. On many occasions he has counted more than 1500 bald eagles in a single day along the Mississippi River. He has personally discovered more bald eagle winter roost sites than any other person.

Mr. Ingram is Coordinator of the Annual Mid-Winter Bald Eagle Count conducted by the Eagle Nature Foundation throughout the Midwest. He is editor of *Bald Eagle News*, as well as *Nature News*, and is author of the out of print coffee table book, *EAGLE*. An autographed copy of this book may be auctioned during each tour. Mr. Ingram received the coveted Sol Feinstone Environmental Award from Syracuse University in 1979. He was named a "2006 Illinois Environmental Hero" by Lt. Governor, Pat Quinn. In 2011 the Eagle Nature Foundation honored him for 50 years of preservation work on behalf of the bald eagle. In 2015, the University of Wisconsin/Platteville honored him as an Outstanding Alumnus of the University.

Motels Offering Discounts

Best Western - 815-777-2577

Rate is \$89 each for both Friday and Saturday nights
Best Western, located on Hwy. 20 on Galena's east side, 1/2 mile from Main Street Galena, has 42 guest rooms, indoor pool, hot tub, business center, fitness center, and free hot breakfast.

Country Inn & Suites - 815-777-2400

Rate is \$100 for Friday night only.

Country Inn is located on Galena's west side, 2 mi. from downtown. It has 75 rooms with complimentary continental plus breakfast, adult indoor pool with 72' water slide, children's pool with frog slide, whirlpool, business center, game & fitness room. To get this rate, please register with Dana or Jessica

Ramada - 815-777-2043

Rate is \$89 for Jan. 21st and Feb. 25th

Ramada, a quiet retreat on Hwy 20, two miles west of Galena's historic Main Street, has 74 rooms with indoor swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna, and spa with lake and garden views.