#### Hone Your Photography Skills and Learn About the Trade From **Professional Wildlife Photographers**

**Sandra Rust** studied graphic design, fine art and photography at Columbia College in Chicago. She presently works as a photographer and web/graphic designer. One of Sandra's specialties is wildlife photography, and she loves sharing her love of photographing birds throughout the region.

David Anderson, an Ottawa native, has been photographing the natural beauty of the area since 2001. Originally inspired by the beautiful wildflowers found at Starved Rock State Park, David found his passion for photographing the natural world. David teaches photography classes at Illinois Valley Community College, and has developed interpretive materials for multiple parks.

Matthew Klein is a Starved Rock Area Photographer and Videographer. Matthew enjoys teaching photography courses within the area, and combines his interest in hiking with his passion for photography.

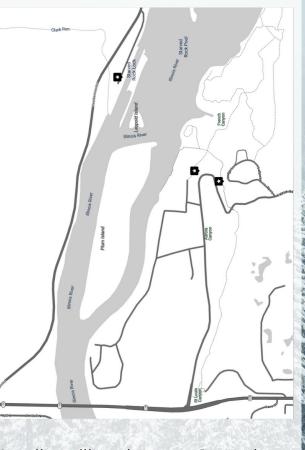
Hear About Current Research and **Conservation Efforts for Owl Species in Illinois with** researcher Mac Chamberlain

Come to Bald Eagle Storytime and Learn About a Very Special Bald **Eagle While Making an Eagle** Headband! 💜

**Exhibitors Located at Starved Rock Lodge** 

- IL Beach State Park "Hawkwatch"
- Heritage Corridor Destinations
- Starved Rock Country Welcome Center
- Canal Corridor Association
- Camp Tuckabatchee, Wedron IL
- Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie
- Starved Rock Foundation Starved Rock Hikers
- Nicolina's Turtles

## Area Map

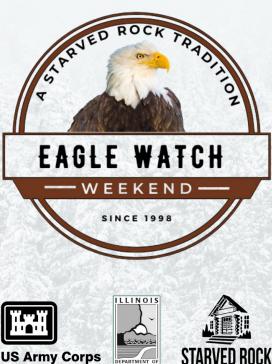


A trolley will run between Starved Rock Lodge, Starved Rock State Park Visitor Center, and the Illinois Waterway Visitor Center. Purchase a trolley wristband for \$5, valid on both Saturday and Sunday.

Wristbands available for cash purchase directly from trolley driver, or by credit card from the Activities Office at Starved Rock Lodge.

# Eagle Watch Weekend

January 27th & 28th, 2024





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A Partnership with: Starved Rock State Park **US Army Corps of Engineers** Illinois Waterway Visitor Center Starved Rock Lodge

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### **Our Presenters**

**Experience Live Bird of Prey Shows** While Learning About Raptor **Rehabilitation and Conservation** Efforts

The mission of the Illinois Raptor Center is to ensure the well-being of native animals through wildlife rehabilitation; to increase conservation awareness through educational outreach; to contribute expertise and support to conservation partners; and to improve our understanding of wildlife health through hands on research.

The Great Lakes Falconers Association is a volunteer based not-for-profit organization dedicated to our native birds of prey and to the sport of falconry. GLFA is very active in falconry legislative efforts at not only the state level but also in cities and municipalities across Illinois. They are involved in educating the public by manning booths at fairs, conducting lectures for interested groups, and sponsoring events such as picnics and flight demonstrations.

The Stillman Nature Center is a private, nonprofit center for environmental education. It is located on 80 acres of woods, lake and prairie in South Barrington, Illinois. Stillman has a variety of habitats which offer food, cover and nesting sites for wild animals. It is also home to a number of Birds of Prey that are not able to be released in the wild. These raptors are used for educational programs both at the nature center and throughout the region.

## **Eagle Watch Weekend Activities**

Illinois Waterway Visitor Center 950 27th Road, Ottawa, IL (815) 667-4054

#### Saturday

10:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm 45 Minute Show Raptor Awareness Stillman Nature Center Live Birds of Prey Show. 75 people max. Theater

#### Sunday

10:00 am - 10:45am Photographing Raptors & Wildlife David Anderson Bring your own camera 75 people max. Theater

1:00pm - 1:45pm Falconry Great Lakes Falconry Association Live Birds of Prey Show 75 people max. Theater

3:00pm - 3:45pm Bald Eagle Craft and Storytime Park Ranger Sarah Fisher 25 people max. Theater

Starved Rock Audubon Society members will have viewing scopes available and answer eagle questions all weekend! Starved Rock Lodge 1 Lodge Lane, Oglesby, IL (815) 667-4211

#### Saturday

10:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm 45 Minute Show Raptor Awareness Illinois Raptor Center Live Birds of Prey Show Great Hall West

#### Sunday

10:00 am - 10:45am Bald Eagle Craft and Storytime Natalie Martin Great Hall West

1:00pm - 1:45pm Sandra Rust Photography Starved Rock Room

3:00pm - 3:45pm Raptor Awareness Illinois Raptor Center Live Birds of Prey show Great Hall West Gym at Utica Village Hall 248 W Canal Street, Utica, IL



#### Sunday

10:00am - 10:45am Meet and Greet Illinois Raptor Center Get up close with live birds of prey. Pre-registration required.

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Scan QR Code to register for Raptor Meet and Greets. Starved Rock State Park Visitor Center 2678 East 873 Road, Oglesby, IL (815) 667-4726

#### Saturday

10:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm 45 Minute Show Illinois Raptor Center Live Birds of Prey Show 80 people max.

11:00 am, 2:00 pm Guided Hike Take a guided hike to Starved Rock where you will learn about and see Bald Eagles Pre-registration required.

#### Sunday

10:00 am - 10:45am Bald Eagle Craft and Storytime State Park Volunteers 40 people max. Indoor

11:00 am & 2:00 pm Guided Hike Take a guided hike to Starved Rock where you will learn about and see Bald Eagles Pre-registration required.

> 1:00pm - 1:45pm Matthew Klein Photography 80 people max.

3:00pm - 3:45pm Mac Chamberlain Owl program 80 people max.



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