

**SHEPAUG EAGLE OBSERVATION AREA
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

2010-2011

The Shepaug Eagle Observation Area is operated by FirstLight Power Resources, with volunteer staffing graciously provided by the Connecticut Audubon. Since the area's inception in 1985, the purpose has been to:

1. Ensure the welfare of wintering bald eagles and
2. Provide a quality educational experience to the general public

To continue enjoying the privilege of using this site, please obey the following rules and regulations. Site personnel reserve the right to cancel reservations and deny any further privileges at the Observation Area to those violating State or Federal laws or for uncooperative behavior.

GENERAL RULES OF OPERATION

1. The Shepaug Eagle Observation Area will be open to the public **BY RESERVATION ONLY** on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.
2. Dates of operation for 2010-2011 are: DECEMBER 26 - MARCH 16.
3. Reservations may be made beginning December 7, through a special phone line (800) 368-8954 four days a week (Tues.-Fri.) from 9:00 A.M.- 3:00 P.M. (except holidays). Single reservations = one vehicle holding 1-8 passengers. Group reservations = one party numbering greater than 8 individuals and not exceeding 30, or one school bus.
4. Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis for any open date during the season whether for single reservations or for group reservations. In order to allow for enjoyment by as many viewers as possible, only one reservation per family is permitted per viewing season.
5. Although groups of children are welcome, it is not the duty of the staff to control group behavior. Therefore, for every 10 children, one chaperone must be provided.
6. Entry to the area will be **BY RESERVATION ONLY**. An entry guard will be on site to monitor entry.
7. A reservation is for a designated date and name; if not used on that date, the reservation is invalid.
8. The length of **an individual's** stay will not be regulated with the exception that it must be within the 9 A.M.- 1 P.M. time frame. However, staff will reserve the right to provide equitable access to prime viewing spots if crowding should occur. Equitable access may require periodic circulation of visitors. **Groups** are urged to arrive at their scheduled time, and to limit their visit to under an hour.
9. During inclement weather, visitors are urged to call (860) 895-6468 to verify whether or not the viewing area is open. Visitors closed out due to bad weather must re-contact the reservation line, (800) 368-8954, to reschedule their visit.
10. If an individual or group arrives at the observation area without a reservation number, they will not be permitted entry to the area. Visitors may be requested to provide proper identification to verify their reservation number.
11. **Pets are not permitted** at Observation Area or on the grounds surrounding the area.
12. People must stay inside vehicles until they are in the upper parking lot.