

Eagle Weekend 1-30-2010

Lake Barkley Kentucky State Park



Kathy and I went on the Kentucky State Park's "Eagle Weekend" at Lake Barkley on January 30, 2010. This was our second 'Eagle Weekend'. Last year we went on the cruise from Kenlake. We had another great experience. On the next several pages are some photos. Above left is the 'boat' we cruised on: the C Q Princess, which is from Louisville. Above right is the interior. This is just a phenomenal, comfortable cruise to watch the eagles, especially when the temperature is 20 degrees outside—and plus, all the hot chocolate you can drink!



Above: two eagles. They are easily located since their bright white heads pop-out in stark contrast to the gray tree backdrop.

Above right: eagle soaring over tree tops.

To the right is an eagle in the center of this photo.

We saw a total of 46 eagles on this cruise.



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There was a big snow the day before, which made the lakefront scenery look spectacular.

In the evening, there was a 'raptor show' by the American Eagle Foundation from Pigeon Forge Tennessee. This really added to the overall experience of seeing the 'wild' eagles earlier in the day. At this show, we saw a screech owl, barn yard owl, a peregrine falcon, red tail hawk, a golden eagle, and a bald eagle.



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The bald eagle was just fabulous.

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Above left: Golden Eagle, which is found mostly in the west and southwest. They hunt larger prey than the bald eagle, and thus find their prey easier to get in that part of the country.

Above right: Bald eagle, which usually fishes near large lakes. In the winter, their habitats up north freeze over and they come to Kentucky's lakes to fish.

Below: A large crowd attends the eagle weekend each year. It has been held since 1977.



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