

## Bald Eagles congregate at Indianford dam

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Forget driving for hours to see Bald Eagles.

Currently you can see a Bald Eagle or two or three, early mornings or late afternoons by pulling into the parking areas at either end of the bridge across the Rock River in Indianford. You often don't even have to get out of your car. You can just sit where it's warm and scan the trees to spot one.

In winter eagles spend a great deal of time sitting in trees along open water. They may be hunting, or thinking about hunting and conserving the calories they have already eaten. Whatever the reasons, some likely known only to the eagles themselves, you head for open water in winter if you want to see an eagle.

Bald Eagles are opportunistic diners who will eat

just about anything they can catch. A major part of their diet around here is made up of fish, ducks, rabbits, squirrels, or even, when feeling particularly spunky, the occasional Canada Goose.

Hormonally charged thoughts of nesting have already begun to disperse the Bald Eagles which congregate along the Wisconsin and Mississippi Rivers, but Indianford has at least one pair of resident eagles that nest nearby. They hunt along the Rock River year around.

Keep your eyes open; you are bound to see one.

And if you have succumbed to the temptation of getting out of your car in the cold, walk across the road to the Edgewater Inn. They will have the latest eagle news. You can watch the wild doings on the far side of the bridge through the window.



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