

Great Falls Park

George Washington Memorial Parkway



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Bald Eagle

Typical Habitat & When Found:

Bald eagles nest in tall trees along the Virginia and Maryland shore of the Potomac River above the falls. Activity around the Conn Island nest begins in February, and juveniles leave the nest by early July. They can be seen from the North River Trail, near the Aqueduct Dam, coming and going from Conn Island and occasionally soaring above the upper parking lot and Visitor Center.

Bird song: *A high pitched sound of several rapid short notes: ki-ki-ki-ki-ki-ker (Stalmaster, 1987).*

Importance to the park: *Eagles are important to aquatic ecosystems. Viewing these magnificent birds, the national symbol of the U.S., can be inspiring for Great Falls Park visitors.*

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