

Tour Invite

By invitation only!



Dingley's Adventure

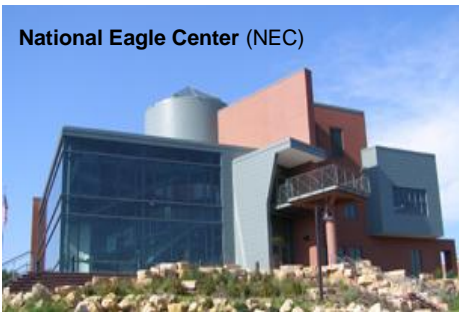
Saturday, June 6

Dedicated to Raptor Recovery. Proceeds to benefit the Raptor Resource Project. We all have the power to make a difference!

A special invitation! Travel along the **Mississippi River** to **Maiden Rock Cliff** to witness **Peregrine Falcon** banding and to **Wabasha** to the new **Eagle Center**. View Lake Pepin, wooded bluffs, marshland and sand prairie. Spot eagles, 'kettles' of vultures and falcons. More than 326 bird species use this river valley as a migratory flyway. Travel through **Diamond Bluff, Hagar City, Bay City, Stockholm, Pepin** and **Nelson, Lake City and Red Wing**. Witness the **Great River Road's** re-awakening from artisans and small town enthusiasts to historians and naturalists. Bring binoculars. The soaring Peregrines, their aerial prowess, the great river, tall trees, conical mounds – breathtaking!

Bob Anderson, director of the Raptor Resource Center, who spear-headed the effort to save the Peregrine Falcon, will celebrate his 100th climb on the cliffs this day. With vision and dedication over 20 years, he successfully established a new population of peregrine falcons on the cliffs! By 1965, they had virtually disappeared from the eastern United States, with only a handful remaining in the Rocky Mountains. Learn about the project's early efforts on power plant smoke stacks and how Bob brought them back to the cliffs!

At the foot of Maiden Rock Cliff, meet Bob, locate the Peregrine nest and set up scopes. A team will rappel down the bluff, gather the baby chicks from their nest, bring them to the summit for banding, then return them -- all the while the mother screeches, swoops and attacks in an effort to guard her young. The banding itself is a rare treat. The downy, newly-hatched falcons chirp noisily as leg bands are attached and blood samples drawn.



John Dingley, conservationist and naturalist, will join us, having served on the board of the Raptor Resource Project and having assisted with all aspects of the recovery including building the first hack-site boxes.

Visit **Freedom Park** in **Prescott** atop a 400' bluff overlooking the Mississippi and St. Croix rivers. In **Wabasha**, tour the new **National Eagle Center (NEC)** and enjoy a special presentation by **Mary Beth Garrigan**, director, which includes a feeding. See three large eagles, simply tethered, up-close, no glass, no cage. Outside, view eagles over the river from the outdoor deck.

Guides: Teresa McCormick, John Dingley, Bob Anderson.

Fee: \$42. Fee includes deluxe motorcoach and guides. Lunch on your own at Nelson Cheese and Creamery. Ice Cream included.

Pick up Times and Sites

- 8:00 AM – Merlins Rest Pub
3601 E. Lake St. Mpls, MN 55406
(612) 216-2419
- 8:20 AM – West 7th Community Center
265 Oneida Street, St. Paul, MN 55102
- 4:00 pm – Return Time

Registration

And
Payment by Credit Card

651-855-8518

Please designate pick-up. Registration continues until tour is full. No ticket required if registering by phone.

Advance Tickets \$2 Off

\$2 off tickets purchased at Merlins Rest beginning May 20.