

2015 Stillaguamish Eagle Festival

The City of Arlington is pleased to host the 8th annual Stillaguamish Eagle Festival Friday, February 6 and Saturday, February 7 when visitors can view eagles in their habitat and take part in the many fun activities. The Stillaguamish River watershed hosts large concentrations of bald eagles during the winter when they feed on spawning salmon, and a float trip on the river is the best way to view the birds.

Eagle Watching Expeditions-There will be several opportunities to attend guided nature tours, including a bird walk at Country Charm Park led by a Pilchuck Audubon birder, and a hike through Squire Creek Park on the upper north fork of the Stillaguamish near Darrington. Visitors are invited to Port Susan Bay Nature Conservancy, at the mouth of the Stillaguamish, to view eagles and other birds through spotting scopes. Eagle Festival river float trips are available through local guides.

Eagles and Wildlife up close up and personal-For a personal encounter with a bald eagle and other live birds of prey, guests can visit the Sarvey Wildlife open house in the Arlington City Council Chambers. Several nature organizations are on hand with educational outreach programs, including Western Wildlife, Sound Salmon Solutions, Pilchuck Audubon Society and Snohomish Conservation District.

Chainsaw carvers -Country Carvers Chainsaw Show will be Friday and Saturday in Legion Park. Chainsaw artist from across the Northwest will be carving eagles, mermaids and all sorts of things. There will also be a live auction.

Art at the Eagle Festival-Arlington Arts Council's Art at the Eagle Festival-Rock Paper Scissors Show- invites the public to submit up to four entries in two categories: eagle photography and nature with \$100 cash prizes to winners. AAC is also sponsors a haiku poetry contest. Members of the Marysville Rock and Gem Club, Dollorious Doll Club, and various textile artists will be demonstrating and displaying their media. The festival also includes many free hands on activities including arts and crafts nature related projects and a Stillaguamish Salmon Stop where people can learn more about salmon. There will be a salmon obstacle course to navigate.

Tractor and Machinery Show and Pioneer Museum-To add to the fun, there is a tractor and old time machinery show. The Stilly Valley Museum is open and invites visitors to stop by.

Live entertainment-Live entertainment is available both evenings at the Mirkwood and there will be a Cabaret Show at the Byrnes Performing Arts Center.

The Stillaguamish Valley welcomes you to come, stay, and enjoy small town community and the beautiful scenery that the valley offers.

For more information about the Stillaguamish Eagle Festival, please visit the City of Arlington's website at www.arlingtonwa.gov/eaglefest or call 360-403-3448.