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EAGLE CAM MOVED

As the eagles prepare their new nest, the Garden prepares for a new 'view'

NORFOLK, VA (December 30, 2010) – The ‘Eagle Cam’ was moved this week at Norfolk Botanical Garden (NBG) to accommodate the Garden’s favorite residents as they settle into a new nest. The nest is located near Renaissance Court and Statuary Vista at NBG and is 125 ft. northwest of the previous nesting site.

Climbers from Nuckols Tree Care and staff from NBG moved the camera and associated equipment with Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries and a research associate from the Center for Conservation Biology on hand to ensure the camera was positioned so as not to disturb the nesting process. Earlier this month VDGIF and NBG staff set up protective barriers around the nest to protect the integrity of the eagle breeding ground.

Norfolk Botanical Garden and the Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries have been keeping their eye to the sky, or tree for that matter, as the eagles have kept them guessing on which tree they would ultimately choose to nest in.

According to Stephen Living, Wildlife Biologist for the Virginia Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries, this is not unusual.

“It is normal for eagles to maintain multiple nests within the same territory and to periodically switch between them,” he said of the eagle’s behavior.

Moving of the Eagle Cam and putting up barriers also means part of the path located around the nest at Norfolk Botanical Garden will be blocked off starting immediately. That doesn’t mean, however, guests won’t be able to enjoy the full benefits of the Garden.

“We’re taking both the well being of the birds as well as the use of the landowner into consideration,” Living said of the new barriers, “we will monitor to make sure it is providing appropriate protection.”

While the barriers are currently up, it will take time to officially launch the Eagle Cam for public viewing. The camera will be live in time to view all of the significant events of the season.

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About Norfolk Botanical Garden

Norfolk Botanical Garden represents an oasis of over 30 theme gardens encompassing 155 beautiful acres. From stunning plant collections to *WOW- World of Wonders: A Children's Adventure Garden*, this diverse natural beauty can be explored by tram, boat, or walking tours.

The Garden is accredited by the American Association of Museums, is recognized as a Virginia Historic Landmark, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and is managed by the Norfolk Botanical Garden Society in cooperation with the City of Norfolk.

Norfolk Botanical Garden is dedicated to enriching life by promoting the enjoyment of plants and the environment through beautiful gardens and education programs.

Admission is \$9 for Adults, \$8 for seniors and military, \$7 for ages 3-17. For more information, visit www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org

Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

It is the mission of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to manage Virginia's wildlife and inland fish to maintain optimum populations of all species, while providing opportunities for all Virginians to enjoy the wildlife of the Commonwealth.

VDGIF's efforts are guided by Virginia's Wildlife Action Plan. This Plan focuses on the species and habitats of greatest conservation need, but it is also a plan for the conservation of all Virginia's wildlife.

Learn more about Virginia's Wildlife Action Plan at bewildvirginia.org/wildlifeplan/

VDGIF biologists will follow the Norfolk Botanical Garden Eagles throughout the season at <http://eaglecam.tumblr.com/>

About WVEC.com

WVEC.com is the award-winning web site for WVEC Television, the ABC affiliate serving Hampton Roads and surrounding areas of Virginia and North Carolina.

WVEC.com has hosted the Eagle Cam images since the camera went online in 2006. The station provides regular updates on the eagles on 13News.

To watch the Eagle Cam visit www.wvec.com/eaglecam