

# GREATER GORGE

## 'Snow Birds': Dalles Dam hosts 10th Eagle Watch



Photo by Stephen Datnoff

**EAGLE** sightings like this are possible at The Dalles Dam. For a close-up view such as this one by Stephen Datnoff, bring scopes or binoculars if you have them; some will be available for use.

The Dalles Dam Visitor Center hosts the 10th annual Eagle Watch Saturday, Jan. 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Watch as bald eagles roost in their natural habitat along the Columbia River.

During this Eagle Watch event, the visitor center will be open for live raptor presentations, provided by the U.S. Forest Service, Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Rowena Wildlife Clinic.

Visitors are welcome and encouraged to bring their own scopes and binoculars; there will be a limited number available for use. This event is free and accessible to those with disabilities.

The Columbia River is an excellent food source for bald eagles that migrate each winter in search of food, said a press release. These "snow birds" use the green space below the dam as a winter vacation home.

Watching from The Dalles Dam Visitor Center provides a front row seat to view eagles. Mid-December through mid-February is the best time to visit Seufert Park for bird watching. The park, adjacent to The Dalles Dam Visitor Center, is open to the public for day use.

The Dalles Dam Visitor Center is located off exit 87 of I-84, traveling east on Bret Clodfelter Way. Inclement weather may cause the event to be rescheduled. For more information, contact The Dalles Lock & Dam Ranger Office at 541-506-8475 or visit [www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Locations/Columbia-River/The-Dalles/](http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Locations/Columbia-River/The-Dalles/).

To stay up to date on all Portland District events, follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/PortlandCorps](http://www.facebook.com/PortlandCorps).

Get more information about raptor viewing opportunities in the Columbia River Gorge at [www.gorgediscovery.org](http://www.gorgediscovery.org) or [www.rowenawildlifeclinic.org](http://www.rowenawildlifeclinic.org).

## SAIF hosts farmworker safety seminars in the Gorge

Farm work is a whole lot safer than it used to be. But as far as SAIF is concerned, even one injury or illness is too many, said a press release.

That's why SAIF is offering 29 free ag safety seminars in 17 cities across Oregon, continuing through March. Nine will be presented entirely in Spanish, including two in Hood River and The Dalles.

"We purposely hold these in the off-season to encourage attendance," said Courtney Merriott, senior safety management consultant at SAIF and presenter at this year's seminars. "Our goal is to provide the latest safety content for the industry, so that every ag worker goes home safe and healthy each night."

This year's seminars will focus on four topics: Respiratory personal protective equipment, working at elevation, safety lead-

ership for anyone, and incident analysis — a structured process for identifying what happened and reducing recurrence of injuries moving forward, said a press release.

### EN ESPAÑOL

Jan. 13, Hood River; Jan. 23, The Dalles.

In March, SAIF will also offer webinars online in English and, new this year, Spanish.

The seminars are designed primarily for people working in agriculture, but are open to anyone interested in ag safety and health. English seminars will be Jan. 22 at The Dalles Readiness Center and Feb. 12 at Hood River County Fairgrounds. Spanish seminars will be Jan. 13 in Hood River, and Jan. 23 in

The Dalles. All will run from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and lunch will be provided.

Employers with small ag businesses who attend the seminar, or watch the webinars, will meet the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) instructional requirement, one of four requirements that exempt small agricultural operations from random OSHA inspections.

Three hours of technical and one hour of business continuing education credits will be offered if approved by the Landscape Contractors Board. Producer continuing education credit hours for licensed insurance agents have been requested and are pending approval by the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

For more information, visit [www.saif.com/agseminars](http://www.saif.com/agseminars).

## Walden announces \$1.6 million grant for Morrow

Rep. Greg Walden (R-Hood River) has announced the Department of Transportation (DOT) awarded \$1,623,000 in federal funding to the Port of Morrow to assist with improv-

ing equipment and infrastructure in order to meet the needs of the port's marine terminals. In October, Walden wrote to Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao urging DOT to

award this grant funding to the port. The port was able to apply for the grant due to DOT's Maritime Administration (MARAD) designating the Port of Morrow for Marine

Highway Project Designation and thus expand additional funding opportunities for the Port and simultaneously increase economic opportunity for the region.

"The Columbia River system is a valuable asset for transporting wheat and other products from eastern Oregon to the world and the Port of Morrow plays a pivotal role in

that system," said Walden. "... I want to thank Secretary Chao and the Trump Administration for awarding these funds and continuing to provide for Oregonians."

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Create a new account online today at [portofcascadelocks.org](http://portofcascadelocks.org). We will mail your transponder to you, no need to come to the Port office.

### What are the benefits?

When the Bridge of the Gods BreezeBy system goes live on January 6, 2020, BreezeBy customers will be able to use their transponders to pay their tolls on both bridges with one account. BreezeBy customers will pay only \$1.25 at the Bridge of the Gods,<sup>2</sup> instead of \$2 for cash toll payments.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>One free transponder per household. Each additional transponder is \$5.

<sup>2</sup>BreezeBy toll at the Hood River Bridge is \$1 -- <sup>3</sup>Base rates are for 2-axle vehicles.

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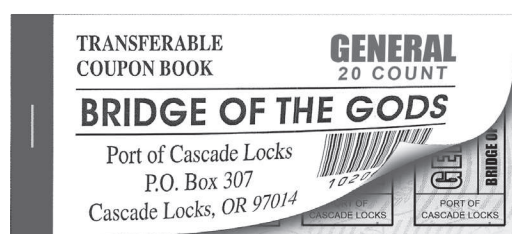
### What happens to my Local Sticker?

Local Stickers will not be accepted after February 3, 2020. Having an active Breezeby account will be the way to get discounts on tolls going forward.

Breezeby account holders will pay \$1.25 per crossing at the Bridge of the Gods.<sup>4</sup> The cash toll will be \$2.00.

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Coupons will no longer be sold after December 20, 2019. Coupons will no longer be accepted for toll payment after February 3, 2020, but can be redeemed at either Port office for credit to a BreezeBy account. Cash refunds will also be available at the Port of Cascade Locks office.

### Questions?

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