

Welcome to our Eagle-photo-hide in the Black River Valley!

For a successful photosession it's important to follow a couple of advice.

1. Arrive to the hide well before dawn.
2. Fold down the window hatch on the front and put the twigs* in the metal rings next to each one, also down in the bottom right corner.
3. Put out plenty of fresh bait within good photo distance.
4. Whole carcasses can preferably be cut open to show some open flesh.
5. Take off your shoes and use slippers or if you bring your own socks or slippers. The heater will soon provide a nice temperature in the hide.
6. Light the heater on arrival so everything that can produce sound is done before the birds start to arrive.
7. Put the camera in position before dawn.
8. Avoid to take the camera/ lens in and out in daylight. Set several lenses in different holes from the start and change camera body "indoors".
9. Keep as quiet as possible during the entire time in the hide. Communicate by whispering only – "without voice".
10. Put your mobile phone on soundless and feel free to communicate with text but avoid talking in the phone.
11. When taking pictures, avoid movement and when necessary to move the camera, do it slowly and gently. All sudden movements risk to flush the birds. A good strategy is to wait til the Eagles have started to feed before you start taking the first pictures. Once they are feeding they are less weary.
12. After using the loo, always put a ladle of peat in the bucket. Also try to avoid to produce sound as much as possible.
13. Write as much as you can in the logbook, about the weather and also the time of the birds' behavior. The ledger collects experience and knowledge and offer good reading for many visitors during slow hours in the hide.
14. Don't leave the hide until dusk. It's important that the birds don't connect the hide with human presence. The exception to that rule is if a third person can come and get you so they can flush the birds before you
15. Clean up a after your session, collect your own trash, be thorough especially with anything edible so we don't attract rodents to the hide. Sweep the floor as the last thing you do before closing the hide after you. Don't forget to close the hatch on the front as the very last thing.
16. Please let us know if we're out of kerosene, candles, toilet paper, matches or other practical items.

Thank you for your kindness! Daniel Green/ Birdsafarisweden