

“LORDS OF THE SKIES”

Winter in the Fraser Valley yields
one of the largest gatherings of
Bald Eagles in the world.



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Bald Eagles and Salmon

Experience the Majesty of the Fraser Valley Salmon Run: A Wildlife Spectacle

Welcome to the Fraser Valley, where every winter, nature unveils one of its most spectacular events—the annual salmon run. Venture to the banks of the Fraser River and witness the awe-inspiring journey of Pacific salmon as they return to their spawning grounds. This natural phenomenon not only captivates the imagination but also draws a remarkable gathering of majestic bald eagles, creating a wildlife spectacle that is both breathtaking and unforgettable.



A juvenile looking out at the river



An adult Bald Eagle cleaning its beak with a stick

The Dance of the Salmon:

As the chill of winter sets in, the Fraser River becomes a stage for a mesmerizing performance—the migration of Pacific salmon. Sockeye, coho, and chinook salmon navigate the powerful currents, leaping and splashing against the backdrop of the valley's pristine landscapes. This journey, essential to the salmon life cycle, is a testament to nature's resilience and the interconnectedness of ecosystems.

Prime Viewing Locations:

For the best views of this extraordinary natural event, there are a few locations to check out. Driving along highway 7 past Mission will lead you to the Nicomen Slough. There you can spot many Eagles in the trees along the riverbank. Other prime locations include spots along the Harrison river and the Sandpiper golf course. These places provide ideal vantage points to observe eagles perched on trees, soaring through the skies, and diving for their aquatic prey.





Bald Eagles, Lords of the Winter Skies:

Amidst the swirling waters and leaping salmon, the skies overhead come alive with the presence of bald eagles. Hundreds, if not thousands, of these majestic birds descend upon the Fraser Valley to partake in the seasonal feast. With wingspans that can reach up to seven feet, bald eagles gracefully soar through the air, showcasing their impressive aerial prowess. Their sharp eyes and powerful talons make them efficient hunters as they dive and snatch salmon from the water's surface, creating a mesmerizing display of nature's raw beauty.



Preserving Nature's Wonders:

As you marvel at the Fraser Valley's seasonal spectacle, recognize the importance of conservation. Embrace responsible wildlife viewing practices, support local conservation initiatives, and engage in the ongoing conversation about preserving these unique ecosystems. By respecting the delicate balance of nature, you contribute to the longevity of this extraordinary event, ensuring it remains a source of inspiration for generations to come.