

DISCOVER BRADDOCK BAY

Witness thousands of hawks swirling in the sky above you...

Discover tiny, elf-like saw-whet owls roosting in the pines and spruce trees...
Observe research in action at our raptor banding station...

These are just a few of the unique opportunities that groups and individuals can experience at Braddock Bay, one of the best places in the country to observe the migration of birds of prey. Braddock Bay Raptor Research, a non-profit organization was formed with the purpose of studying these migrations to learn more about the environment we share with these majestic creatures. One of BBRR's main goals has always been to share the knowledge gained through research with people of all ages so that we all may better understand the world we live in.



SCHEDULING

Braddock Bay is located on the shore of Lake Ontario, about a 20 minute ride from downtown Rochester. Reservations are required for all programs. Arrangements should be made at least three weeks in advance.

All programs can be developed to meet your specific needs. Information packets are available which will provide you with details about our programs, along with materials and activities to use to introduce your group to birds of prey. Contact us at:

information@bbrr.org

Raptor Connections live raptor program fees start at \$160, depending on the type and length of program desired. Braddock Bay Raptor Research is a non-profit organization, and all funds received are used for the continued care of our education birds and our research projects.

Raptor Connections

Education Programs



www.bbrr.org/education

RAPTOR CONNECTIONS PROGRAMS

The Raptor Connections programs of Braddock Bay Raptor Research are presented by a group of trained volunteers that are dedicated to educating the public about the wonderful world of raptors and their importance in our environment. Programs are developed for appropriate age levels, which range from pre-school to adults. They cover a variety of topics including natural history, adaptations, migration, conservation issues and more. Both field trips and live raptor programs provide hands-on experiences by using a variety of materials and activities. The following is a sample of the programs we offer.



FIELD TRIPS

The following activities are offered mid-March through mid-May

Hawkwatching: There are 17 species of diurnal raptors regularly seen at Braddock Bay each spring. Here's your chance to see hawks swirling overhead in what is called a "kettle". Learn how to identify hawks, and the importance of conducting raptor counts across the continent.

Raptor Banding: Up close and personal encounters with live hawks are likely on this trip. See how hawks are carefully captured and banded, and then released back to the wild. Discover what is learned from this important research.

Owl Prowls: Walk through the Owl Woods to learn about the ecology of migrant saw-whet and long-eared owls. These daytime prowls provide an opportunity to explore and learn how to respectfully view these birds in the wild.

LIVE RAPTOR PROGRAMS

Raptor Connections presentations were created to bring a little piece of Braddock Bay out to your site. The use of live, non-releasable birds of prey helps participants gain a greater understanding of these unique predators and the important niche they fill in the environment. Programs last about 45 minutes to 1 hour, and time is allotted for a question and answer session with the audience.



Program Topics May Include:

- ◆ Natural History of Raptors
- ◆ Adaptations of Raptors
- ◆ Food Chain and Food Web
- ◆ Predator-Prey Relationships
- ◆ Environmental Awareness & Conservation Issues