



## Code of practice for kayakers, canoeists and waterways users in White Tailed Sea Eagle breeding areas

**The Golden Eagle Trust is the Charity which has managed the reintroduction of the White Tailed Sea Eagle to Ireland in partnership with the National Parks & Wildlife Service. Reintroduced eagles are now establishing nest sites on Ireland's coasts and inland lakes.**

**The Golden Eagle Trust is appealing to kayakers and other waterways users not to disturb eagle nest sites during this hugely important phase of the project. The eagle nesting season runs from nest building in February to chicks leaving the nest in July or August. Eagles are highly prone to disturbance and encroaching on nesting areas may result in nest abandonment or failure. Eggs and small chicks are vulnerable to chilling or predation by crows when parents are disturbed at the nest.**

**Eagles are protected by law and it is an offence under the Wildlife Acts to disturb eagles at or near nests. The White Tailed Sea Eagle Project needs everyone's help in ensuring the success of the 2015 breeding season.**

**We are asking kayakers, canoeists and waterways users to  
adhere to the following guidelines:**

- Please stay at least 200m away from nest sites and perched eagles.
- If you suspect eagles are nesting nearby please do not attempt to find the nest. If you withdraw and keep your distance you may be lucky enough to see an adult on the wing!
- If you unintentionally come upon a nest area please withdraw immediately, do not land near to or approach the nest.
- Please do not attempt to photograph a nest, this can only be done under license from the NPWS.
- Please keep nest sites confidential. If you are informed of a nest please remind others that disturbing nest sites is an offence and eagles are prone to disturbance.
- If you happen to see eagles when out on the water do report sightings to the project manager at: [allanmee@goldeneagle.ie](mailto:allanmee@goldeneagle.ie). All GET released birds have coloured wing tags on both wings detailing the year they were released and a letter or number identifying the individual. Sightings from the public are invaluable for monitoring the eagle population.

**Please help keep Ireland's eagles and their chicks safe  
this summer!**

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