

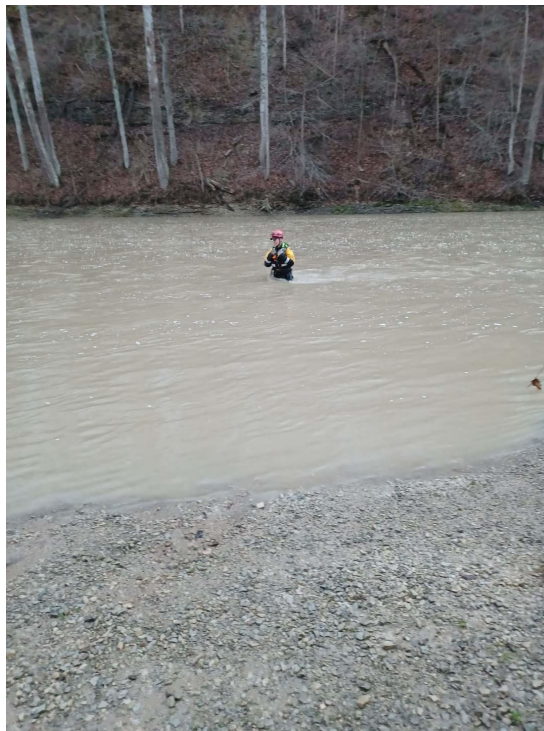
In the early evening on March 26, authorities received a call about a bald eagle in distress at Salamonie Dam's tailwater. The bird was entangled in fishing line, dangling approximately 50 feet above the water. Several local, state, and federal agencies came together to rescue the eagle. They discussed climbing the tree, bending the tree, and cutting the tree down as methods for getting the eagle safely down.

The first course of action was to stop the water from flowing, for the safety of the rescuers. A river-rescue conservation officer made a couple of trips into the water to assess the situation, and on his third trip the eagle managed to free itself and took off flying downstream. A happy ending . . . we hope.

We do not know if there is fishing line still wrapped around the eagle's legs/feet, which could cause him to become entangled again. Please, if you visit and/or fish natural areas, retrieve any trash and fishing hooks and line, and dispose of them properly. Our wildlife depends on it.

Those who responded:

DNR Forestry
DNR State Parks
DNR Salamonie Interpretive Services
US Army Corps of Engineers
Andrews Fire Technical Rescue
DNR Law Enforcement River Rescue
and Soarin' Hawk Raptor Rehab on standby.





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