



# SCHOHARIE COUNTY EAGLE TRAIL NEWS



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## Tales of the Trail



**By Bill Combs Jr., Eagle Trail Ambassador**

It's now late Fall 2018 and John Jacob and Anna Marie are fishing almost every day at the Cobleskill Reservoir, building up their fat reserves for Winter. Unlike migratory birds such as Robins, Goldfinches or Redwing Blackbirds, the Eagle pair will remain here in Schoharie County all year long.

As Winter begins, it's nest rebuilding time. Last year's nest did not hold up to the wind and rain storms we had in late Summer and Fall. They will now spend the next 3 months adding branches, twigs, and dry grasses to their nest, making sure it is ready when it's time for egg laying.

By April 21st an egg has hatched. You can tell because the parents are sitting higher up in the nest than before, looking down into the nest at their newborn eaglet. The two baby eaglets will spend the next 3 months in the nest, waiting for their parents to bring them food and watching them hunt for food.

By late July, the baby Eagles have left the nest and are spending some time at the Cobleskill Reservoir watching their parents fish for food. It can be quite humorous watching their first attempts to fish, misjudging their speed or distance from the water, or landing on branches that aren't firm enough to hold their weight. Their fishing abilities will improve over time with practice, as will their judgment on perch selection.

It's now September and the two young Eagles born this year are nowhere to be found. The parents spend a good deal of time preening and grooming themselves as it is molting season now and time for some new feathers.

John Jacob and Anna Marie have now successfully raised 4 young Eagles. I can't wait to see where their story goes from here, as when a pair of Eagles pick a spot to call home, it is their home forever.

*The year may be 2018, 2020 or 2021...it does not matter, the circle of life remains the same – from nest to mountain tops, creek beds to oceans. Please consider [joining our flock](#) so we may enjoy these stories for years to come.*

## Upcoming Events on the Trail

If you find yourself out on the Trail this holiday weekend or for upcoming Trail events, be sure to check out more of the unique offerings in Schoharie County. You can enjoy leaf-peeping and lunch on the Trail at [Grapevine Farms](#), and don't leave without a visit to [Cobbler & Co](#) to find your one-of-a-kind eclectic gift for the season!

You won't want to miss the [Cobleskill Reservoir Viewing Site](#) sign unveiling event. Thank you to our Eagle Trail Sponsor, Fenimore Asset Management, for making this Eagle Trail landmark possible!

Nationally acclaimed wildlife photographer and ambassador of the Schoharie County Eagle Trail, Bill Combs Jr., will be hosting an exclusive Friends of the Trail meet-up at the [Mine Kill State Park Viewing Site](#). Don't forget to brush up on your [eagle viewing tips](#) to make the most of the day!

***Do you want more details on trail events? Consider becoming a Friend of the Trail today!***

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The Schoharie County Eagle Trail has partnered with the three libraries within the county to offer pairs of binoculars to the public. This collaboration has been made possible by a donation from Primeau Fahey Studios in Troy, NY. To borrow a pair, head to any of these locations: The Community Library of Cobleskill, The Middleburgh Library, or The Sharon Springs Free Library. Borrow the binoculars for a day this summer and explore the Trail with family and friends, enjoying the sights of Schoharie County!

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