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Land Between the Lakes Welcomes New Bald Eagle to Woodlands Nature Station

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Land Between the Lakes,
Ky./Tenn. - March 2, 2022 – A
rescued female bald eagle has
found her new home at the
Woodlands Nature Station
through a partnership between
the Friends of Land Between the
Lakes, USDA Forest Service, and
American Eagle Foundation.



Last week, a team from the Woodlands Nature Station picked up the 7-year-old non-releasable bald eagle with a partial wing amputation resulting from a gunshot wound. She comes from Upstate New York along the St. Lawrence River and was given to the American Eagle Foundation last year. Her rescuers gave her the name Tahahente, a Native American name meaning “one who leads.”

Tahahente will fill the role left by Artemis, the 46-year-old female bald eagle who passed away last September of natural causes after being the Woodlands Nature Station’s eagle ambassador for 38 years. “Artemis taught over a half of a million visitors about her species over her time, we hope this new eagle will do the same,” said John Pollpeter, lead naturalist for the Woodlands Nature Station.

Land Between the Lakes has a decades-long history of bald eagle conservation and recovery, having released 44 eagles back into the wild in the 1980s and bringing this magnificent bird back to an area that hadn’t seen them in 40 years. “Even though bald eagles are heavily protected and had a remarkable comeback, poaching, lead poisoning, and habitat destruction can still be big factors in their continued recovery,” said Pollpeter.

The new bald eagle is now on exhibit at the Woodlands Nature Station. The Woodlands Nature Station is open 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday during March, and seven days a week beginning in April. Information on admission and naturalist programs can be accessed on the official Land Between the Lakes website:
www.landbetweenthelakes.us.

About the Friends of Land Between the Lakes

The Friends of Land Between the Lakes have partnered with the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area of the USDA Forest Service to provide interpretive and informative services along with support services for those visiting the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area.

More information is available at www.friendsoflbl.org. The Friends are supported through business and personal memberships, gift shop sales and other contributions.

