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MANASQUAN RESERVOIR EAGLE'S NEST HAS EAGLET

HOWELL— The baby watch is over! Naturalists from the Monmouth County Park System are excited to announce that at least one eaglet has hatched in the nest at Manasquan Reservoir, Howell. Protective parents, the eagles built their nest about 3 feet deep, making it difficult to see inside it. Although Park System Naturalists haven't seen any eaglets, they have observed consistent feeding behavior every 3 to 4 hours and the adult eagles taking turns guarding the nest. Officials from the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife confirmed that, around February 16, at least one egg hatched. It takes approximately two weeks until an eaglet is strong enough to stand up and move around. Once the eaglet starts moving, it will be more visible. Until then, Park System Naturalists will keep a close watch hoping to catch a glimpse.

Visitors to the Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell, can view the activity remotely on a TV screen. Best of all, Park System Naturalists will be on hand to answer questions about the eagles and their nest. The Environmental Center is open daily from 10am-4:30pm, free of charge.

To learn more about the Park System, please visit www.monmouthcountyparks.com or call (732) 842-4000. For persons with hearing impairment, the TTY/TDD number is 711. The Monmouth County Park System, created in 1960 by the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, is Monmouth County's Open Space, Parks, and Recreation agency.

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