



# Grafton Riverbeat

## January Events, Music & Things to do

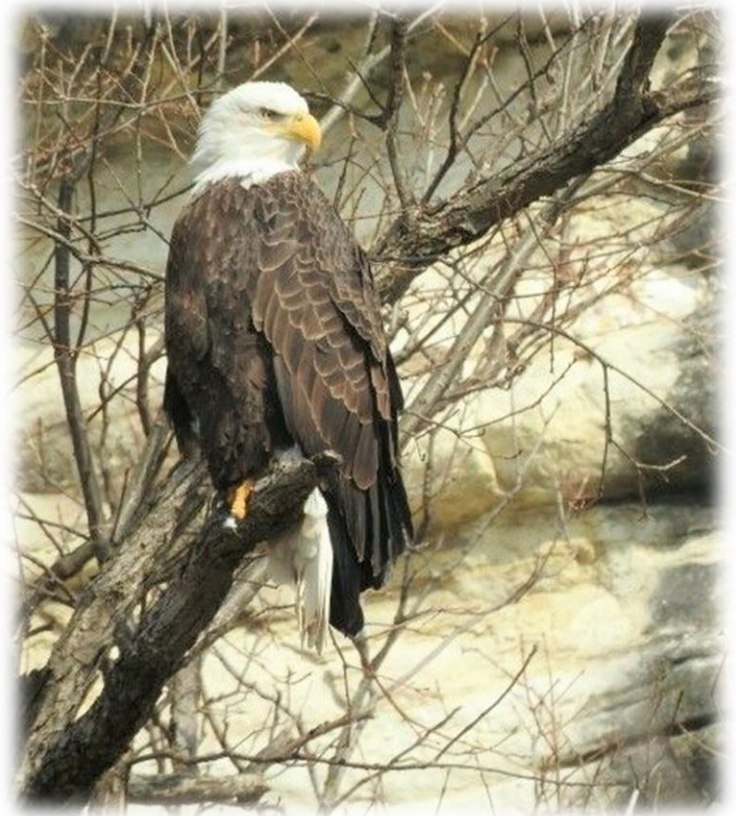
### Eagle Watching in Grafton

January brings the start of Eagle season in Grafton and there are several options for you to view one of nature's most majestic birds in the area.

Greater Rivers and Routes of Alton will be offering bus tours that begin and end from the Grafton Sky tour parking lot every Saturday in January & February starting on Jan. 7. The tours start at 9am and last 2-1/2 hours, the cost is \$30.00 per person. This tour will highlight sites where wintering American Bald eagles are typically seen in the area. Tickets must be purchased in advance. <https://www.riversandroutes.com/things-to-do/buy-tickets/>

On January 14 and 28 there will be a live eagle Meet and Greet at the Visitors Center from 10am to 2pm with an eagle from the World Bird Sanctuary. See an eagle up close and personal and find out more about this once endangered bird.

Take your own scenic drive up the River Rd where you can spot eagles from your car along the riverbank, out on the ice or flying high up above the bluffs, then warm up in Grafton at one of the local bars & grills with a hot meal and one of your favorite beverages.



The little Screech Owl that hangs out at The Edward Amburg History Museum & Visitors Center is also a big attraction during eagle watching season

## Things to Do

**Grafton Sky Tour:** Closed for the Winter, reopening in March.

**Aeries Alpine Coaster:** Winter Hours, Thursday-Sunday 11am-4:30pm (weather permitting).

**Edward Amburg Museum & Visitor Center:** Thursday-Sunday 10am-4pm and Monday Holidays (Closed on New Year's Day).

**Riverside Ice-Skating Rink at the Loading Dock:** Hours are Fridays 5-10pm, Saturdays 12-10pm and Sundays 12-8pm. Also open for special Holiday hours, call 618-556-7951 for more information or email: [loadingdock@gtec.com](mailto:loadingdock@gtec.com).

**The Grafton Winery Vineyards: Fireplace Friday, Fri. Jan. 13, 6-9pm:** Spend a relaxing evening hanging out with friends and fellow wine lovers. Bring a favorite appetizer, dish, or dessert to share.

**Pere Marquette State Park: Stained Glass Retreat Jan 8, 9:30 am (overnight stay required). Bald Eagle Festival Sun Jan 22 11am to 3pm. Eagle Tours starting January 12 (dress warmly & have a full tank of gas, no shuttle bus provided!) call for reservations at 618-786-3323. Trail Hiking, Rock Climbing, Educational Visitors Center. For information and reservations on all events call 618-786-2331.**



Looking for a new creative activity for a group? Consider a Paint Party with Designs by Deseray. She also offers personalized décor, engravings and more. It's a good way to beat the boredom of Winter with a creative activity (and maybe some wine to inspire). Paint Parties are scheduled by appointment. Call 618-535-6718 or email [deserayhardwick@gmail.com](mailto:deserayhardwick@gmail.com) for more information.



### Grafton Winery & Brewhaus Music Lineup for January:

**Jan 7** Terry Beck 3-7pm / **Jan 8** Danny Kalahar 1-5pm

**Jan 14** Rewind 3-7pm / **Jan 15** Scott & Karl 1-5pm.

**Jan 21** Rogers & Nienhaus 3-7pm / **Jan 22** Scott Logan 1-5pm.

**Jan 28** Rockabilly Revival 3-7pm / **Jan 29** Crossed the Line Acoustic 1-5pm.



## Shopping

### Hours for most shops vary in the Winter.

**Aeries Gift Shop 600 Timber Ridge Dr:** Open Thu-Sun 12 -5pm.

**Cox's Rivertown Mill Art & Gifts 115 W Washington:** Call for hours 812-994-9007.

**Golden Eagle Antiques 300 E Main:** Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 1pm-4pm.

**Grafton BP Station 200 E Main:** Open Daily.

**Grafton Fudge Shop 321 E Main:** Open 11am-5pm.

**Grafton Graphix, Darts & Crafts 1406 W Main:** Open 10am-6pm Daily.

**Grafton Harbor Marina Shop 215 W Water St:** Open 10am-6pm Daily (Hours may change in the Winter).

**Grafton Market 1415 W Main:** Open 6am-8pm daily. Call 786-2337 for information.

**Grafton Winery Gift Shop 300 W Main:** Daily from 11am-7pm.

**Harrisons Gifts 224 E Main:** Weekends only, weather permitting.

**Knotty By Nature 15 E Main:** Daily from 10am-6pm.

**Mosby Woodwork 309 Market St:** Call for information on hours 786-2223.

**Fancy Nancy on Main 120 W Main:** Hours vary; Look for the Cardinals and Open flag.

**Pajarito 316 E Main:** Open 11am-5pm Daily.

**Riverbank Gifts 225 E Main:** Friday 2-6pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am-4pm.

**The Lady LaMarsh 25 E Main:** Closed for season until Spring.

**The Wood Artisan 22 E Main:** Tue-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 1-4pm.

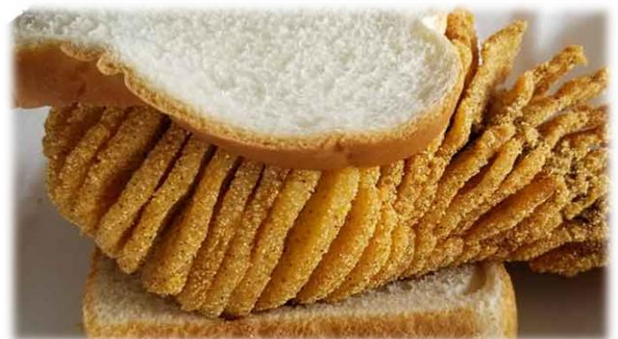
**Main Street Gift Shop: 301 E Main):** Open Thursday - Sunday 10am to 6pm.



### Explore Grafton's History

One of the features on the new smart tables at the Edward Amburg Museum & Visitors Center are the informative videos featuring the locals and their experiences & stories about growing up along the river and Grafton in the days gone by. Or you can watch a video of boat racing in its heyday around here. You can also find some helpful tourist information besides. Stop on by and see for yourself!

The fishing industry has always been an important part of Grafton history. There is nothing better than hot fish and a brew on a cold winter day. Come up to Grafton and stop by one of your favorite eateries and enjoy some this Winter while you are out eagle watching.



# Looking back on 2022 in Grafton



Liberty the Bald Eagle paid a visit to the Grafton Visitors Center in January.



Flip the Frog performing during Music in The Park 2022.

The Grafton fireworks lit up the sky again at Lighthouse Park



The big cruise boats made frequent stops in Grafton the past year including the new Viking boats The Countess and the Duchess.



Wrenchfest 2022 at The Hawg Pit.



October saw the debut of the Aeries Alpine Coaster.



Witches on the Water 2022 had the biggest attendance ever & even more elaborate costumes.

Mr. & Mrs. Claus and friends get together for a group shot during Santa's Chocolate Express.



The 5-ton military truck decorated by Lady Luck Designs & Photography gets in the line up for Grafton's 2nd Lighted Christmas Parade.



A new record attendance for Santa Con 2022. Everyone gathered for a group shot at the Loading Dock Ice rink.