



Golden Eagle
Migration Survey
Big Belt Mtns, Montana

Driving directions to the main Big Belt Hawk Watch site:

FROM HELENA:

Take HWY 287 south to Townsend. At the stop sign in Townsend turn left on to HWY 12 (Broadway). Drive 2.4 miles to HWY 284 and turn left. Go 11.1 miles and turn Right onto Duck Creek Road.

Go 13.1 miles to the top of Duck Creek Pass. This will take 35 to 45 minutes to drive, and the road deteriorates the last three miles. At the pass, turn right - note the sign for the "Hidden Lake" trailhead - drive through a few trees to where it opens up, and park. From here, follow **HIKING DIRECTIONS** below.

FROM BOZEMAN:

Take HWY 287 north to Townsend. At the stop sign in Townsend turn right on to HWY 12 (Broadway). Drive 2.4 miles to HWY 284 and turn left. Go 11.1 miles and turn Right onto Duck Creek Road.

Go 13.1 miles to the top of Duck Creek Pass. This will take 35 to 45 minutes to drive, and the road deteriorates the last three miles. At the pass, turn right - note the sign for the "Hidden Lake" trailhead - drive through a few trees to where it opens up, and park. From here, follow **HIKING DIRECTIONS** below.

Hiking directions to the Big Belt Hawk Watch site:

From the parking area, hike south (up the hill) on a rough 4-wheel drive road, 1.4 miles (900 feet of vertical elevation gain) until you are almost to the communications tower.

When you arrive at the top "meadow", and the communications tower is just ahead of you and there are about 4 telephone poles - without wires - leading the way to/from the tower, make a right turn and walk down the meadow 200 yards, or so. You'll see the decoy great-horned owl on top of the pole in a dead tree. The observers will be just below the owl.

The observers' names are Hilary and Jeff.