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Greetings!



Welcome to the Blue Wall Weekly, your source for what's going on outside along the Southern BlueRidge Escarpment. Feel free to share your own photos, videos, and adventures along the Blue Wall by sending them to the email address at the bottom of the page, and we'll do our best to make you (locally) famous!

The Blue Wall Weekly

She senses us from a distance, squats into the grassy field, but a bird the size of a turkey hen can hardly disappear in shorn grass. We stop, watch quietly. She stands tall again. Within seconds a fluffy

ball of baby turkey appears behind her. And then another, and another, until seven baby turkeys follow mom across shorn field, across gravel road, into the woods. We stay a careful distance away, but still alarm her. Back she comes, across the road, into the field, dragging her wings and clucking to attract our attention. She lures us away from her babies and we obligingly follow, until she's far from her brood. Now we are alarmed. Her chicks are unprotected, peeping frantically for their mother. We turn back their way; the hen crosses back into the woods and hurries ahead to her young family. She's a good mama, and all is well. ~K



Mama turkey had a hard time hiding in this short grass, but her babies didn't!

SPECIAL EVENTS WITH JOCASSEE LAKE TOURS

Memorial Day Book Now!
May 27: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Kayak Tours Book Now!
June 2: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
June 23: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Jocassee Adventure Camp!
Book Now!
June 7: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
June 14: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

“All the Falls” Tour Book Now!
June 8: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Full Moon Rising Tour - “Strawberry Moon” Book Now!
June 21: 7:30-9:30 PM

WEEKLY EVENTS WITH JOCASSEE LAKE TOURS

Warm Season Lake Tours**
Tues-Thurs, Sat & Sun:
10:00 AM-2:00 PM **Book Now!**

Sunset Tours Book Now!
May 25: 6:30-8:30 PM
June 1, 8, & 15: 7:00-9:00 PM

Sunday Afternoon Tours:
2:30-5:30 PM **Book Now!**

Fishing Adventures w/ Capt. Zach
8:00 AM-12:00 PM
Call (864) 280-5501 to Book!

PRIVATE TOURS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE! Book online or call 864-280-5501

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THIS WEEK ON LAKE JOCASSEE
May 20, 2024

Photo by Betsy Lewis

The Wonder Benches. There are two of them at Devils Fork State Park, thanks to the generosity of Friends of Jocassee. One faces out on the lake from the day use area, the other just above the working dock. Both are perfectly good places to plant oneself and just take in the wonder of Jocassee. The landscape of the lake and gorges from the dock bench is simply intoxicating. It is surely one of the most magnificent landscapes to be seen on this fine earth. And yet, it is the little things that absorb me. The Rough-winged swallows darting about, chasing insects too small to see. The ever-so-cranky geese, steering their brood along the grassy berms. The buzzards, extending their wings to catch the first thermal of the day in early morning, or gliding in to roost at the end of the day. I'm perfectly happy just sitting there for long stretches. It's a wonder. ~B

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May 20, 2024

NEW EVENTS
COMING IN MAY

STATE PARK EVENTS

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Oconee Station State Historic Site
Park Grounds Open Daily: 9:00
AM-5:00 PM
Call (864) 638-0079 for ranger
guided tours or information

Oconee Station State Historic Site
May 31: 3:00-5:30 PM
Planting by the Signs

Table Rock State Park

Frontier Encampment Description- (photo in BWW-OSSHS file)

Travel back in time to the years immediately following the American Revolution for a Frontier Encampment at Oconee Station State Historic Site. This program will include a variety of period-related activities such as cooking and black powder demonstrations.

Oconee State Park

May 23: 8:30-10:00 PM

Full-Moon Hike

Join our ranger to explore Oconee State Park after dark. Enjoy a casual one-mile hike around the lake as the sun sets and the moon rises.

OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS

Museum of the Cherokee in South Carolina

Now-October 26: Tues.: 10:00 AM-7:00 PM

Now-October 26: Wed.,-Sat.: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Anderson Co. Museum (temporary exhibit) - The Cherokee Heritage of Anderson County and the SC Upstate

This temporary Exhibit displays beautiful artifacts along with interesting historical information that you may not have heard before.

Highlands Biological Foundation

May 21: 3:00-4:00 PM

BEE Kind: Experiencing Nature

June 1: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

National Trails Day

Caesars Head State Park

June 1: 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

National Trails Day Recreational Hike

Oconee State Park

June 1: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

First Day Hike - Lake Loop

Table Rock State Park

June 8: 2:00-6:00 PM

Music on the Mountain

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Sierra Club of South Carolina

June 1: 9:00 AM-12:30 PM

National Trails Day - Trail Maintenance at ChauRam County Park

Foothills Trail Conservancy

June 1: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

National Trails Day!

SCUMS

June 3: All Day

Jonathan Horton will present: "The Effects of Prescribed Fire on Fungal Communities at Dupont State Recreational Forest"

World of Energy

June 5: 10:00 AM

June 12: 10:00 AM

Join Julie Thomson, HBF Education Specialist, for a Nature Walk that offers three different approaches for ways to experience and connect with Nature.

Upstate Forever

May 21: 5:30-7:30 PM

Generations Campaign Launch

Come celebrate along with Upstate Forever staff, Board of Directors and supporters as we launch our campaign to protect and maintain the Upstate's high quality of life for future generations.

Upstate SCNPS

May 21: 7:00-8:00 PM

Upstate Chapter Meeting

Melanie Ruhlman from Save Our Saluda shares her presentation- "*Utilization of Native Species in Riparian and Floodplain Restoration Projects in the Upper Saluda Watershed*".

Holly Springs Center

May 25: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Kudzu Ribbed Basket/ Nancy Basket

We will use invasive vines to weave into a ribbed basket. Wisteria, Kudzu, and other vines will be discussed and split into pliable lengths.

Wednesdays at the World of Energy.

Mushroom Mountain

June 6: 2:00-3:30 PM

MM Farm Tour

Conserving Carolina

June 6: 6:00-7:30 PM

Landrum Library Speaker Series: André Michaux and his contribution to botany in the southeast w/ Charles Williams

Conestee Nature Preserve

June 8: 9:00-10:00 AM

World Oceans Day: Changing Tides

KOBA

June 8: 9:00-11:00

2nd Saturday Litter PickUp

Hagood Mill State Historic Site

June 8: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Woodland Foraging w/ Donna Putney

Friends of Jocassee (FOJ)

June 10: 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Adopt-a-Highway

Hagood Mill State Historic Site

June 12: 8:45 AM- June 14: 4:00 PM

Camp Hagood

Green Bird Nature Therapy/ Jeanne Malmgren

June 15

Summer Solstice Silent Hike

Conestee Nature Preserve

June 15: 8:30-9:30 PM

Bats - A Walk and Talk!

SC Botanical Garden Events

June 1: 10:30-11:30 AM

Saturday Garden Tours

June 3-7: 8:30 AM-3:00 PM

Mountains to Sea Camp



June 10-14: 8:30 AM-3:00 PM
Garden Discovery Camp

June 15: 1:00-3:00 PM
SCBG Docent Orientations 2024

BORROWED GLIMPSES



**Another Jocassee Wild Child
 Adventure, another day of (mutual)
 discovery!**

GNHA Hiking Club

May 25: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
Thompson River via Foothills Trail

This is an out and back rolling trail with a few steep inclines leading to the beautiful Thompson River where we'll have lunch.

Upstate SCNPS

May 25: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
May 25: 1:00-3:00 PM
2024 Parks Mills/Rocky Shoals
Spider Lily Preserve Annual Open
House, Session 3&4

Please join us for this guided visit! Admission is free. Full details will be provided after registration is completed.

SC Botanical Garden Events

May 25: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
South Carolina Native Plant
Certificate Core Class: Tree
Identification

Come along with Dan Whitten (JLT Naturalist guide) and become familiar with our native trees, shrubs and woody vines by learning to recognize their bark, leaves, twigs, fruit, and form.

May 25: 1:00-4:00 PM
Nature Center Open House: Life in Our Ponds and Streams

From dragonflies flashing above the water, to crayfish and turtles underneath, explore the diversity of animals in this watery space.



This reptile youngster might well have been discovering humans for the very first time!



Photo from SCBG



Slow down. Look closer. There's so much to see! 3 photos by Kerry McKenzie



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**Watch the DFSP webcam as kids
from
Westminster Elementary School
leave the dock on
May 21: 9:30-ish am
Watch them return at 1:30-ish
pm!**

**Current conditions at Lake
Jocassee via Devils Fork State
Park webcam
Sponsored by Friends of
Jocassee!**

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DID YOU KNOW

By 1900, the combination of hunting and habitat loss had driven populations of Eastern wild Turkeys to near extinction throughout South Carolina. From 1951 through 1958, the SC Department of Natural Resources carried out a live-trapping and transplanting program in an effort to replenish turkey populations in the piedmont and mountain portions of the state. Healthy populations of wild turkeys now inhabit all 46 counties in South Carolina.

ABOUT THE BLUE WALL

Spanning three states (North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia) and encompassing 859,000 acres, the Southern Blue Ridge Escarpment, known as the 'Blue Wall' by Native Americans, contains some of the highest natural diversity of rare plants and animals found anywhere in the world.



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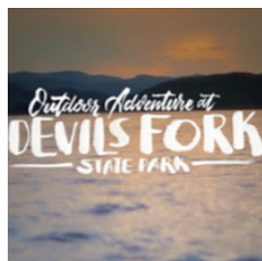
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Thanks to Sheryl White for compiling the Blue Wall Weekly calendar,
and to all JLT GUIDES for photos and continuous inspiration!

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at Devils Fork State Park, 528 Jocassee Lake Road

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VIA DEVILS FORK STATE PARK WEBCAM
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