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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**

They've been underground since 2011. That year, vertical slits cut into slender tree twigs were tell-tale signs of where Magicicada females had laid their eggs. Eventually, eggs hatched, tiny nymph cicadas dropped and burrowed through decomposing leaves, and for the past thirteen years they've lived in the ground, slowly, slowly, growing. Soon, maybe today, nature observers will find ½" holes around the base of deciduous trees. (Look for their mud 'turrets'!) Soon, maybe tonight, the sun will set and those holes will be full of the Great Southern Brood of periodical cicadas, emerging from thirteen long years underground. In one acre there might be tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands: stout, inch-long insects, with wings. Under dark cover they will climb trees and fence posts and your favorite rose bush and even you, if you stand still long enough. It'll take them less than a week to start looking for love, or at least for sex, and that, according to our friends a little further down in South Carolina, is when things get noisy enough to call the cops. ~K



Could a crowd of cicadas be enough to turn a little boy into... concrete?

Photo by Alice Floresch



One has to wonder whether, thirteen years ago, a tree stood in this location in a Chicago garden!

Photo by Alice Floresch

### **SPECIAL EVENTS WITH JOCASSEE LAKE TOURS**

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

### **WEEKLY EVENTS WITH JOCASSEE LAKE TOURS**

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

**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**

**June 21: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM**

**“All the Falls” Tour Book Now!**

**June 8: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM**

**Happy Father’s Day Book Now!**

**June 16: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM**

**June 16: 2:30-5:30 PM**

**Kids Kayak Class & Fun Adventure**

**June 18: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM**

**Call (864) 280-5501 to Book!**

**Full Moon Rising Tour**

**“Strawberry Moon” Book Now!**

**June 21: 7:30-9:30 PM**

**Sunset Tours Book Now!**

**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!**

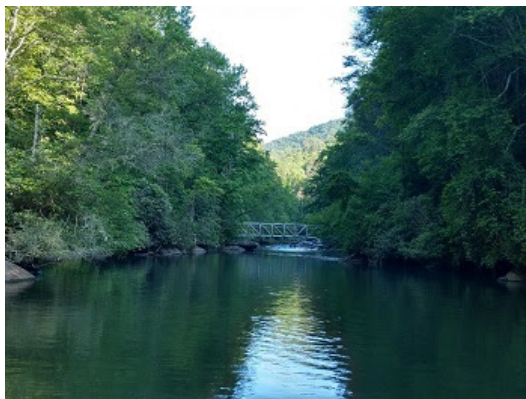
**Book online or call 864-280-5501**

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RESERVE SEATS**

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**THIS WEEK ON LAKE JOCASSEE**

**May 27, 2024**



**Early morning on the  
Horsepasture River**

After an early morning shuttle up lake to drop a couple of hikers at the Horsepasture Bridge Access to the Foothills Trail, I contently sat listening to the river and birds singing as the morning sun warmed me. Finishing my coffee, I made my way back to the dock to pick up another group for a morning tour. With school ending and summer approaching, the lake is getting busy again with families and friends sharing time and celebrating special occasions, from birthdays and graduations to just spending a quiet couple of hours together watching a sunset or a full moon rising over





**Birthday celebration with great friends, good food and beautiful scenery**

Jocassee. Warmer days mean water temps are rising, too, making swimming a very "refreshing" experience (translation: still chilly in the shade.) From early morning to late evening, you can't go wrong spending some time out here. Leave your boat at home, let us do the driving and come... make some new memories. ~Sheryl White, JLT Naturalist guide

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## **THIS WEEK ON LAKE JOCASSEE MAY 27, 2024**

### **STATE PARK EVENTS**

**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

Originally a military compound and later a trading post, this Historic Site offers both, recreational opportunities and a unique look at 18th and 19th century South Carolina.



**Station Cove Falls at  
OSSHS**

## **NEW EVENTS COMING IN JUNE**

### **STATE PARK EVENTS**

**Gorges State Park**  
June 5: 1:00-2:00 PM  
Gorges Bingo

**Oconee State Park**  
June 7: 5:00-6:30 PM  
Play Ball!

**Table Rock State Park**  
June 8: 2:00-6:00 PM  
Music on the Mountain

**Oconee State Park**  
June 20: 8:00-9:30 PM  
Summer Solstice Splash

**Gorges State Park**  
June 22: 8:30-9:00 PM  
Astronomy Night Hike

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### **OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS**

**Museum of the Cherokee in South Carolina**

**Table Rock State Park/Foothills  
Trail Conservancy**

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

National Trails Day

Celebrate National Trails Day with TRSP & FTC by hiking up the Pinnacle Mountain Trail to the Bald Knob overlook to take in the fantastic views during a lunch break. The hike will include sections of the Foothills and Palmetto Trail.

**Caesars Head State Park**

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

National Trails Day Recreational  
Hike

Celebrate National Trails Day with a ranger-led hike to the magnificent Raven Cliff Falls at the Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area!

**Oconee State Park**

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

National Trails Day- Lake Loop  
Hike

Join us for fun and exercise.

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**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

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**SCUMS**

June 3: All Day

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

**Greenville Bird Club**

June 5: 7:00 AM-5:00 PM

Blue Ridge Parkway

**World of Energy**

June 5: 10:00 AM

June 12: 10:00 AM

June 19: 10:00 AM

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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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

### **Greenville Bird Club**

June 1: 7:30-11:30 AM

#### **Tree Identification for Birders**

Steve Patterson will lead us on a walk at Bunched Arrowhead Heritage Preserve looking primarily at trees to learn to identify.

### **Sierra Club of South Carolina**

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

#### **National Trails Day - Trail Maintenance at Chau Ram County Park**

Sierra Club of SC Foothills Group has been partnering with Chau Ram County Park for 8 years to recognize National Trails Day through providing trail maintenance leadership. Come join the team this year.

### **Foothills Trail Conservancy**

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

#### **National Trails Day!**

The FTC and Table Rock State Park are partnering to celebrate National Trails Day by hiking up the Pinnacle Mountain Trail to the Bald Knob overlook to take in the fantastic views during a lunch break. (7.7 miles loop).

### **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**

### **Greenville Bird Club**

June 15: 7:00 AM-12:00 PM

(Longer Walk)

June 15: 8:00-10:30 AM (Shorter Walk)

#### **Conestee Nature Preserve**

### **Hagood Mill State Historic Site**

June 15: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

#### **Americana Folk Festival**

### **Upstate SCNPS**

June 15: 10:00 AM-7:00 PM

#### **Field Trip to Roan Mountain**

### **Conestee Nature Preserve**

June 15: 8:30-9:30 PM

#### **Bats - A Walk and Talk!**

### **Upstate SCNPS**

June 18: 6:30-8:00 PM

#### **"Growing Wild Things in a Polite Neighborhood"**

### **Hagood Mill State Historic Site**

June 21: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

#### **Plants are Medicine: Medicinal Gardening**

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### **SC Botanical Garden Events**

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**

June 18: 3:30-5:00 PM



**Bald Knob Overlook**

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### **SC Botanical Garden Events**

**May 30: 4:15-5:45 PM**

**Junior Naturalist 2**

**We'll discover how plants and animals adapt to their environments and how those environments are changing over time. (12-16 years old).**



**Junior Naturalists at SCBG**

**June 1: 10:30-11:30 AM**

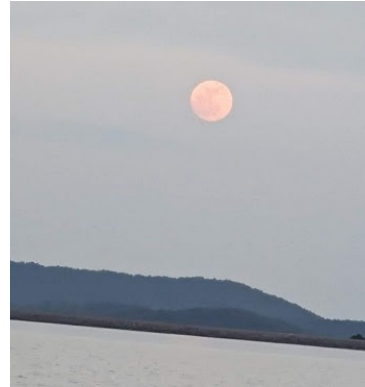
**Saturday Garden Tours**

**These tours last approximately an hour and focus on the Garden's history, development, and seasonal highlights.**

## **Beginner Butterfly Gardening**

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### **BORROWED GLIMPSES**



**Full Flower Moon Rising  
over Jocassee**

**Photo by Sue Watts**



**Rainbow in the mist  
Photo by Cam McDade**



Current conditions at Lake  
Jocassee via Devils Fork State  
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## **DID YOU KNOW**

In the world of Magicicada, (the Latin name for 'periodical cicada,') the double emergence of Broods XIX and XIII is rare, occurring every 221 years (when the 13-year and 17-year cicadas overlap, as 13 times 17 is 221). These two broods haven't been aboveground at the same time since 1803, and after this year, they won't be reunited until 2245. This overlap will occur throughout limited range, and not at all in SC.

## **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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and to all JLT GUIDES for photos and continuous inspiration!

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