

THE BLUE WALL WEEKLY

Your Source for Outdoor Activities

Along the Southern Blue Ridge Escarpment

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Greetings!

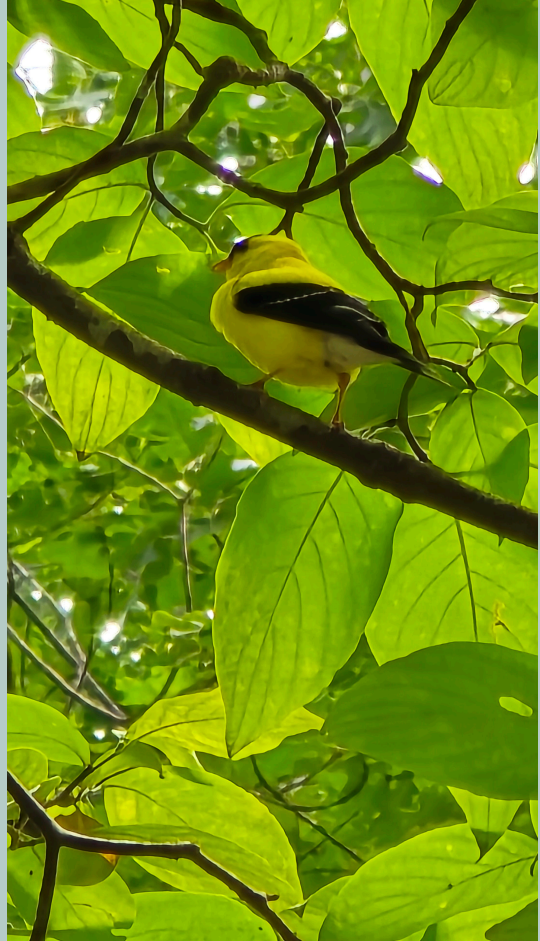


Welcome to the Blue Wall Weekly, your source for what's going on outside along the Southern BlueRidge Escarpment. Feel free to share your own photos, videos, and adventures along the Blue Wall by sending them to the email address at the bottom of the page, and we'll do our best to make you (locally)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

Birds

It's a dog day afternoon, and the welfare birds (as our old friend Joe called them) are coming in for lunch. Singing happy bird songs, too, as if a soaring mercury is what they've been waiting for. Titmouse drops four or five seeds down to waiting doves and a squirrel before

taking one for himself. Goldfinch waits for his turn on a nearby branch. Lady cardinal flies in from across the driveway, chooses a sunflower morsel, and flies back into deep shade to enjoy it away from the crowd. Hummingbird buzzes in for a drink at her personal feeder, ignoring the jostling of house finches who come and go en masse. Birds, of all different feathers, sharing a bounty. It's a peaceful scene on a hot hot day. ~K



This little goldfinch patiently waits for his next turn at the feeder.

SPECIAL EVENTS WITH JOCASSEE LAKE TOURS

Kids Kayak Class & Fun Adventure
[Book Now!](#)
July 16: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Jocassee Adventure Camp [Book Now!](#)
July 19 (full) & 26 (full): 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
August 2: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Full "Buck" Moon Rising Tour
[Book Now!](#)
July 20: 7:15-9:15 PM

Kayak Tours [Book Now!](#)
August 4: 10:00 AM-4:00 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!](#)
Saturday: 7:00-9:00 PM

Sunday Afternoon Tours:
2:30-5:30 PM [Book Now!](#)

[PRIVATE TOURS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE!](#)

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THIS WEEK ON LAKE JOCASSEE JULY 15, 2024



Rare occurrence of an adult loon
here in the summer!
Photo by Dan Whitten



JLT guides - Sheryl White, Kerry
McKenzie (center) & Dan Whitten

We went from last week's holiday busyness with its afternoon thunderstorms, to this week's slower pace with slightly cooler temps and no significant weather. One exciting thing we encountered was when a small, non-venomous water snake dropped from a low hanging branch into our boat. I grabbed a small towel from my guide bag and gently coaxed it across the deck and back into the water. The raptors were enjoying the rising air currents, two hooded mergansers were hanging out in the main basin, one lone adult loon has claimed a spot in the upper Toxaway channel and a white egret was searching for a secluded fishing spot of its own. Much of our time was spent swimming & playing at the waterfalls & peacefully floating. Ahhh... the lazy days of summer on Jocassee. Join us! ~Sheryl White, JLT guide.

THIS WEEK ON LAKE JOCASSEE JULY 15, 2024

STATE PARK EVENTS

Gorges State Park

July 19: 8:30-9:00 PM

Lightning Bug Lookout

Join our park naturalist on a night hike to see if we can spot some

NEW EVENTS

COMING IN JULY/AUGUST

STATE PARK EVENTS

Gorges State Park

July 27: 10:00-10:30 AM

Wildlife Safety

Table Rock State Park

July 27: 8:00-9:00 PM

fireflies, and learn more about this special bug.



GSP photo

Table Rock State Park

July 20: 8:00-9:00 PM

Campfire Program

A fun time for children and any adults young at heart to hear a story or song, learn some animal lore, and participate in other group activities.

OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS

Conserving Carolina

July 16: 6:00-7:30 PM

Landrum Library Speaker Series: Flora of Glassy Mountain Heritage Preserve

This 65 acre, unusual land form provides a spectacular view and harbors several rare plant species.

Highlands Biological Station

July 16: 8:30-9:30 PM

Eyes That Shine Back

Experience the night like never before by learning to recognize the eyeshine of different animals and see who we encounter out on the trail.

Duke Energy World of Energy

Wildlife of Table Rock

Gorges State Park

July 28: 10:30-11:00 AM

Beautiful Bobcats

Table Rock State Park

August 2: 9:00-10:00 AM

Botany & Birds

Oconee Station State Historic Site

August 3: 11:30 AM-2:00 PM

Trade on the Frontier

Table Rock State Park

August 10: 2:00-6:00 PM

Music on the Mountain

OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS

Highlands Biological Station

July 23: 8:30-9:30 PM

Amazing Moths

Oconee History Museum

July 24: 12:00 PM

Lunch & Learn: The Keowee River Valley Before the Flood

Mushroom Mountain

July 25: 2:00-3:30 PM

MM Farm Tour

Highlands Biological Station

July 25: 6:00-7:00 PM

Zahner Lecture 6: Climate- informed Forestry in the Southern Appalachians

Hagood Mill Historic Site

July 26: 11:00 AM

Cooking with Fire

Sierra Club South Carolina

July 26: 4:30-7:00 PM

Twilight Paddling on Lake Keowee

SCUMS

July 29: 6:30 PM

Richard Tehan will present: Cordyceps of North America:

July 17: 10:00 AM

Wednesdays at WOE

Join Duke Energy volunteers for fun STEM activities! Slime, ice cream, exploding chalk and more!

Western Carolina University

July 17-20

Cullowhee Native Plant Conference, a.k.a. Plant Camp!

The purpose of the Cullowhee Conference is to increase interest in and knowledge of propagating and preserving native southeastern plant species in the landscape.

Highlands Biological Station

July 18: 6:00-7:00 PM

Zahner Lecture 5: Fire, Acorns, and Kids that Stay with You Way Too Long: A Natural History of the Threatened Florida Scrub Jay

Hagood Mill Historic Site

July 19: 2:00-4:00 PM

Growing Mushrooms 101

In this class, you will learn through hands-on training, exactly how to use mushroom “plugs” that have been seeded with mushroom spore mycelium to grow mushrooms at home.

Hagood Mill Historic Site

July 19: 6:30-9:00 PM

Banjo Journeys: From Africa to the New World

Come and enjoy banjo tunes and traditional sounds of West Africa, as we present Kora player, Diali Cissokho.

Greenville County Bird Club

July 20: 7:00 AM-12:00 PM (Longer Walk)

Biochemical Treasures of the Forest

Highlands Biological Station

August 1: 6:00 PM

Zahner Lecture 7: The Surface Water & Ocean Topography Mission: Nasa's New Eye in the Sky for Earth's Water

Mushroom Mountain

August 8: 2:00-3:30 PM

MM Farm Tour

KOBA

August 10: 9:00-11:00 AM

2nd Saturday Litter PickUp

GNHA

August 10: 4:00 PM

GNHA Summer Picnic: Gorges State Park

Jocassee Wild Outdoor Education

August 13: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Introduction to the Jocassee Wild Naturalist Certification program Call 864-280-5501 to register

SC Botanical Garden Events

August 3: 10:30-11:30 AM

Saturday Garden Tours

BORROWED GLIMPSES

July 20: 8:00-10:30 AM (Shorter Walk)

Conestee Nature Preserve

GNHA

July 21: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Yellow Branch Falls, Rail Trail & Stumphouse Tunnel

GNHA has more than 700 members who day hike and backpack across the Blue Ridge Mountains of Upstate SC and Western NC.

SC Botanical Garden Events

July 15-19: 8:30 AM-3:00 PM

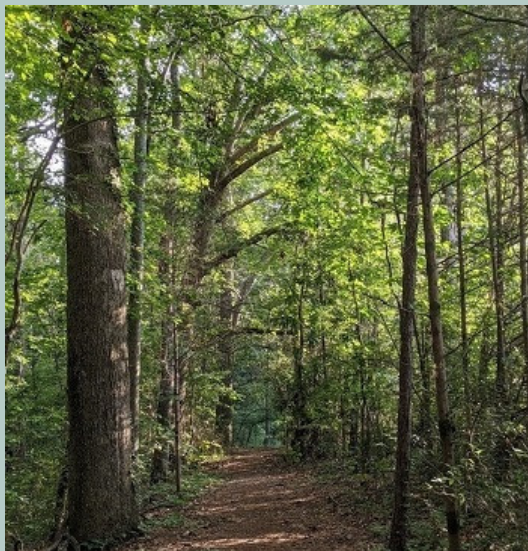
CircleUP! STEM Adventure Camp

CircleUP! STEM can give you tools to imagine and build a future with a healthy people and planet. (Ages 6-11).

July 20: 7:30-8:30 PM

Summer Stroll: Woodland Walk

Join educator Sue Watts for a woodland walk along the upper exhibits of the Natural Heritage Trail.



SCBG Photo



Fun at Mill Creek Falls, Photo by Debra Girard

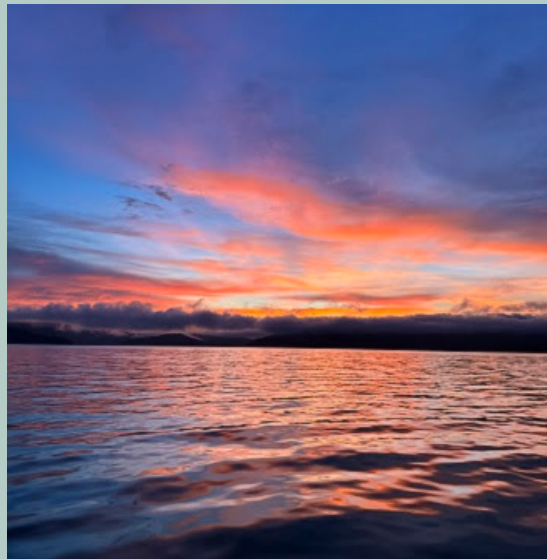


Photo by Troy Henderson



Dog days, Jocassee style



Current conditions at Lake
Jocassee via Devils Fork State
Park webcam
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DID YOU KNOW?

"Dog days" refer to afternoons in the part of the summer often thought to be the hottest, usually considered to be July 3 to August 11. As such, it is often related to feelings of lethargy. In ancient times, people associated the heat during this period with the concurrent rising of Sirius, nicknamed "the dog star."

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

Jocassee Lake Tours Depart from the Main Dock
at Devils Fork State Park, 528 Jocassee Lake Road

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