

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!

Perspectives

Lake Jocassee is turbulent. Some people laugh in delight and jump wakes with wakeboards, or bounce on tubes behind circling boats, some stir the waters even more with jet skis. Others of us note the erosion along the shoreline with disapproval and seek out calmer places. The water is warm, overheated from too many

rain-free days. Some people dive deep, or seek waterfalls to touch cooler water; others luxuriate in the top few inches of warmest water, arms and legs outstretched, floating the dead-man's float. Some will lay our palms to the springy resilience of a Fall webworm nest, and marvel; others recoil at the mess of sheds and frass contained within. We experience the same events in our own different ways. Thankfully, Lake Jocassee provides room for all our different perceptions.. ~K



SPECIAL EVENTS WITH JOCASSEE LAKE TOURS

Kayak Adventure Tours [Book Now!](#)
September 13 & 27: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Full "Harvest" Moon Rising Tour
[Book Now!](#)
September 17: 6:00-8:00 PM

'ALL the Falls' Tour [Book Now!](#)
September 21: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

**CALL OR BOOK ONLINE TO
RESERVE SEATS**
www.jocassee-lake-tours.com

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: 6:00-8:00 PM

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

**PRIVATE TOURS ARE ALWAYS
AVAILABLE!**

[Book online or call 864-280-5501](#)

**THIS WEEK ON LAKE JOCASSEE
SEPTEMBER 2, 2024**



Adult eagle,
Photo by Laura Benscoter

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STATE PARK EVENTS

Oconee 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 SC.

On Saturday afternoon's tour, we
heard the high-pitched piping
sounds that are characteristic of
an eagle call. Hearing our national
bird often inspires amusement
rather than awe. Two mature bald
eagles perched just across the
water. Were they calling out to their
young?

On Tuesday, we watched a bald
eagle swoop down and snatch a
fish out of the water, then fly to a
tree near the shore. We approached
slowly. When we got close enough,
we saw the eagle reaching down
and finishing off the fish in its
talons. The bird then soared
directly over the boat, giving us a
great close-up view before it
soared out of sight.

On Wednesday, my crew of fifth
graders from Tallulah Falls School
spotted a bear cub on the western
shore of the Thompson River. We
slowly followed as it moved
south. One student saw the
momma bear too! I'm sure that
momma had been watching us
carefully the whole time.

We teach our students in the
Jocassee Wild Child program the
importance of maintaining these
wild spaces for our wild friends in
the woods, so it's fabulous when
we get a chance to see them up
close! ~Steve Lewis, JLT guide and
Jocassee Wild Child educator

NEW EVENTS COMING IN SEPTEMBER

STATE PARK EVENTS

Gorges State Park
September 13: 8:00-8:30 PM



Mushroom Mountain Photo

OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS

Holly Springs Center

September 3: 8:00 AM-5:30 PM
Day Camp

Make plans to send your kids to our day camp! When school is out, Holly Springs is in!

Mushroom Mountain

September 3: 7:00-9:00 PM
Edible Wild Mushroom ID- Southeast Fall Season (Online Class)

Join us for an engaging, live online workshop taught by Kenny Rupert, a seasoned mycologist with over 23 years of experience.

Conestee Nature Preserve

September 5: 3:00-4:30 PM
Nature Discovery After School Club-Elementary School –Dirt!

Sunset Hike

Table Rock State Park

September 14: 2:00-6:00 PM

Music on the Mountain

Table Rock State Park

September 21: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Lakeshore Sweep

Caesars Head State Park

September 21: 10:00 AM-11:30 PM

Hawk Watch

Table Rock State Park

September 22: 2:45-10:00 AM

Sunrise Hike

OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS

Friends of Jocassee (FOJ)

September 9: 11:30 AM-12:30 PM
Adopt-a-Highway

Conserving Carolina

September 10: 2:00-3:30 PM
Saluda Library Speaker Series: Moths and Why We Need to Think About Them Differently

Mushroom Mountain

September 12: 2:00-3:30 PM
MM Farm Tour

Conestee Nature Preserve

September 12: 4:00-5:30 PM
Nature Discovery After School Club - Middle School

KOBA

September 13: 9:00-11:00 AM
2nd Saturday Litter PickUp

Conestee Nature Preserve

September 13: 5:30-7:00 PM
Mushroom Meander

Highlands Biological Station

September 13-14
2024 Native Plant Symposium

This is an exclusive opportunity to experience hands-on exploration, investigation and discovery in ways unavailable to those just visiting the Preserve. (1st-5th Graders)

Brooks Center for the Performing Arts/SCBG

September 6: 7:30 PM

Welcome Home, George Washington: A Lecture with Dean Norton

With over 55 years of employment for the Mount Vernon Ladies Association, Mr. Norton's presentation is not a history lesson, but an informative yet entertaining look at the gardening world of George Washington, the Ladies' Association and personal stories.

Hagood Mill Historic Site

September 7: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Plants are Medicine: Collecting & Saving Summer Wild Edibles

In this class, students will learn how to save the leaves and herbs for use in nourishing infusions and medicine.

GNHA

September 8: 1:00-5:00 PM

The Rebooters: Paris Mountain-Mt. Creek Trail

Although hike distance, elevation gain and pace may vary, hikes in this group will be on the easy to moderate levels with low mileage.

SC Botanical Garden Events

September 3: 8:30 AM-3:00 PM

CircleUp STEM Days!

Using the cutting-edge concepts of the Circular Economy, students

Friends of Jocassee (FOJ)

September 14: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

V.I.P Day - Volunteer, Improve, Protect

GNHA

September 16: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Clemson Experimental Issaqueena Lake Dam Road Forest Loop

Upstate SCNPS

September 17: 6:30-8:00 PM

Monthly Meeting-What's Next for Audubon SC?"

Friends of Lake Keowee Society

September 19: 2:30-4:00 PM

Folks Speaker Series: Living Responsibly with Bears

Conestee Nature Preserve

September 19: 3:00-4:30 PM

Nature Discovery After School Club - Elementary School

Sierra Club South Carolina

September 19: 7:00 PM

Energy Efficiency Workshop

Hagood Mill Historic Site

September 20: 7:00 PM-September 21: 10:00 PM

2024 SC Old - Time Fiddler's Convention & State Competition

Greenville County Bird Club

September 21: 7:00 AM-12:00 PM (Longer Walk)

September 21: 8:00-10:30 AM (Shorter Walk)

Conestee Nature Preserve

Green Bird Nature Therapy w/ Jeanne Malmgren

September 21

Green Bird Haven, Pickens County

Conserving Carolina

September 21: 4:30-7:30 PM

Conservation Celebration

GNHA

September 22: 9:00 AM

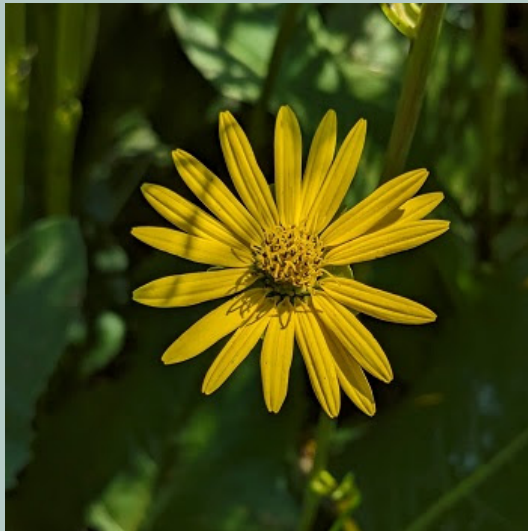
learn how to design products and systems that are truly sustainable and regenerative.

September 5: 4:30-6:00 PM
Junior Naturalist 1 Fall 2024

Every week we'll explore outside and ask and answer questions while getting more acquainted with our beautiful, complex world. Our ultimate hope is that in the process, we will create passionate stewards of the natural world.

September 6: 9:00 AM-4:30 PM
SCNP Certificate Core Class: Basic Botany (Clemson)

This introductory course develops a foundation of knowledge and a working vocabulary for all other courses by exploring the basics of plants: their classification, structure, functions, lifecycle, reproduction strategies, and communities.



Silphium terebinthinaceum **Prairie dock, prairie rosinweed**

BORROWED GLIMPSES

The Rebooters, Table Rock-Lake and Carrick Creek Loops

Conserving Carolina

September 23: 6:00-7:30 PM
Brevard Speaker Series: Fungi, Food and the Future: Using Mushrooms in a Sustainable Lifestyle

Upstate SCNPS

September 24
Fall Native Plant Sale- Early Access for Members and Volunteers

Upstate SCNPS

September 25-27
Fall Native Plant Sale- Public (Online Only)

Mushroom Mountain

September 26: 2:00-3:30 PM
MM Farm Tour

GNHA

September 28: 9:00 AM
Foothills Trail Reroute above Bald Knob

SC Botanical Garden Events

September 12: 4:30-6:00 PM
Junior Naturalist 2 Fall 2024

September 14: 1:00-4:00 PM
Open House: Seed Superpowers

September 25: 9:00 AM-4:30 PM
SCNP Certificate Elective Class: Wetlands Ecology

**JOCASSEE WILD OUTDOOR
EDUCATION!**



**Need a break, a reset, time alone?
We highly recommend
disappearing behind a waterfall!
Photo by Kerry McKenzie**



**500 million years old geology, right
under our noses!**



**Current conditions at Lake
Jocassee via Devils Fork State
Park webcam
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Jocassee!**

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Adventures on Facebook!
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DID YOU KNOW?

As nights lengthen and days cool, wildlife sightings around Lake Jocassee increase. Soon we'll be counting monarch butterflies on their journey south!

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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