

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!

Power

Trees grow up and trees fall down. Rivers rise into floodplains. Human settlements among trees and along floodplains are left as fragments in the aftermath of nature's awesome power. We start over. We clean up messes. We, the humans affected by nature's power, meet the challenges with strength and patience, until both ebb with the



passing of days. Today's big story is the struggle to restore electrical power and internet communication, those links to civilization broken and buried under mountains of tree debris, or washed away in wild and raging rivers.

This is not the fault of trees.

This is not the fault of water.

This is not the fault of wind.

This is the way the physical world works according to the laws of nature.

Eventually, years and generations from now, we may even forget the tragedies. ~K

Stacks of cleared trees line every back road and every highway for hundreds of miles.



Some of the biggest oaks toppled, snatching up huge chunks of earth, leaving gaping holes.

SPECIAL EVENTS WITH JOCASSEE LAKE TOURS

Kayak Tours [Book Now!](#)

Oct. 13 & 27: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Full Moon Rising Tour

“Hunter’s” Moon [Book Now!](#)

October 17: 5:30-7:30 PM

All Foothills Trail hiking shuttles are suspended until further notice.

PRIVATE TOURS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE!

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

WEEKLY EVENTS WITH JOCASSEE LAKE TOURS

Cool Season Lake Tours**

Tues-Thurs, Sat & Sun:

10:00 AM-2:00 PM [Book Now!](#)

Sunset Tours [Book Now!](#)

Saturday: 5:15-7:15 PM

Sunday Afternoon Tours:

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

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THIS WEEK ON LAKE JOCASSEE OCTOBER 7, 2024

The storm came and went, leaving so much devastation and sadness. So many of us moved to this part of the world to escape hurricanes, and for the most part, that strategy has worked. Not this time. As the



This week on Lake Jocassee all is calm, all is bright.

**OUTDOOR EVENTS THIS WEEK,
OCTOBER 7, 2024**

STATE PARK EVENTS

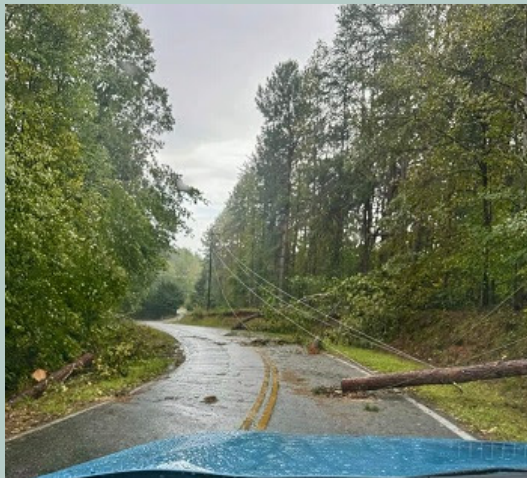
Table Rock State Park

October 12: 2:00-6:00 PM

Music on the Mountain (Check website for Cancellations)

Enjoy traditional Blue Grass music as local musicians gather at Table Rock to keep this inspirational talent alive.

**South Carolina State Park
Temporary Closures**



The road leading into Devils Fork State Park after the storm. Photo

oceans warm, the weather is becoming more unpredictable, more ferocious. And yet it is fall, and the course of nature is still keeping on with its phenological ways. The number of monarchs we see while on the lake is picking up. The eagles of winter are returning. And we saw our first loon of the fall yesterday, on Friday. A flock of waterbirds was seen at a distance, flying rapidly just above the surface. The lake is quiet now, with so many busy putting their lives back together. If solitude is what helps you to heal, If you find silence and the wonder of wild places as a balm to help you to cope with life's unexpected challenges, then a day on Jocassee might just be what you need. Works for me. ~B

**NEW EVENTS
COMING IN OCTOBER/NOVEMBER**

STATE PARK EVENTS

Table Rock State Park

October 18: 6:30-10:00 PM

**Music on the Mountain Featuring
Andy Leftwich**

Table Rock State Park

October 26: 3:45-10:30 AM

Sunrise Hike-Bald Knob

OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS

Hagood Mill Historic Site

October 16: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

**Plants are Medicine: Prepping
Perennial Herbs for Winter**

Mushroom Mountain

October 17: 2:00-3:30 PM

MM Farm Tour

OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS

Oconee History Museum

October 9: 6:00-8:00 PM

20th Anniversary Party

Join us in celebrating 20 years of preserving Oconee County history!

Hagood Mill Historic Site

October 11: 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.

Highlands Biological Station

October 11: 4:00-5:00 PM

October 12: 2:00-3:00 PM

Leaf Walks

Celebrate fall with a guided walk through the Botanical Garden to discover what leaves are changing & why.

KOBA

October 12: 9:00-11:00 AM

2nd Saturday Litter PickUp

Meet at the Food Lion parking lot at the corner of Hwy 123 and Old Clemson Highway.

GNHA

October 12: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Yellow Branch Falls, Rail Trail, Issaqueena Falls, and Stumphouse Tunnel

This hike starts with a pleasant ramble to Yellow Branch Falls a 50-foot cascade in a typical mixed hardwood forest and then we'll

Upstate SCNPS

October 18-19

2024 Symposium: Solidago

Greenville County Bird Club

October 19: 8:00-10:30 AM (Shorter walk)

October 19: 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

(Longer walk)

Conestee Nature Preserve- (Check for cancellations)

Mushroom Mountain

October 19: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Fall Mushroom Cultivation Workshop

Hagood Mill Historic Site

October 19: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Storytelling Festival & Liar's Competition

Oconee History Museum

October 19: 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

October 19: 2:00 PM

Walhalla Walking Tour

Conserving Carolina

October 22: 6:00-7:30 PM

Landrum Library Speaker Series: Owls of the Carolinas

Oconee History Museum

October 25: 7:00-8:30 PM

Intriguing Tales of Crime & Punishment

GNHA

October 26: 7:00 AM

Lake Jocassee Boat Hike: Foothills Trails-Canebrake to Laurel Valley

GNHA

October 26: 8:30 AM-3:30 PM

Lake Jocassee Boat Hike - Rock Creek Access to Laurel Fork Falls

GNHA

October 26: 10:30 AM-6:30 PM

Lake Jocassee Boat Hike: Laurel Fork Falls to Toxaway Bridge

Upstate Forever

drive across the road to the Stumphouse Tunnel Area to continue the hike.



Stumphouse Tunnel

Brooks Center for the Performing Arts/SCBG

October 12: 12:00-5:00 PM

Murmuration: A Sound Installation
by Jonathon Kirk and Lee Weisert

“Murmuration” is an innovative outdoor sound artwork that comprises 100 wirelessly controlled robotic woodblocks that are mounted on trees in large wooded areas. The instruments are triggered by computer-generated algorithms that mimic biological and geological processes.

SC Botanical Garden Events

October 11: 3:30-5:30 PM

Junior Tree ID

In this class children (and their grown-ups) can learn how to easily identify common trees on their own.

October 27: 2:00-5:00 PM

Annual Meeting

Conserving Carolina

October 28: 6:00 PM

Brevard Speaker Series: Masters of the Night – Bats

Foothills Trail Conservancy

November 1-3

FTC Fall Gathering at Oconee State Park

GNHA

November 2: 8:00 AM-3:00 PM

Jones Gap - Buckeye, Rainbow and Jones Gap Falls

Sierra Club South Carolina

November 2: 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

7 Mile Hike on the Kingsnake Trail in CNP

SC Botanical Garden Event

October 16: 8:00-9:00 AM

Winged Wednesdays Fall 2024

October 18: 10:00-11:30 AM

Friday Garden Foray Fall 2024

October 19: 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

SCNP Certificate Elective: Introduction to South Carolina Invasive Plants

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SCBG Photo



October 12: 9:00 AM-4:30 PM
SCNP Certificate Core Class:
Sustainable Landscaping
Join instructor Rick Huffman,
ASLA, Earth Design, SCNPS, to
explore how to design with nature
and how native plants are
essential characters in
functioning ecological
landscapes.



These are just a few pictures of a
very short section of the Foothills
Trail. This will be a long recovery
process.

**PLEASE CHECK LINKS
FOR UPDATES TO ALL
EVENTS IN CASE OF
CANCELLATIONS.**

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Current conditions at Lake

Jocassee via Devils Fork State
Park webcam

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DID YOU KNOW?

'Tip-up' mounds caused by uprooted trees provide hiding places for ground-nesting birds and collect pools of rainwater necessary to salamanders and frogs. The logs will be decomposed by fungi, eventually becoming 'nurse logs' for new seedlings.

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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