

THE BLUE WALL WEEKLY

Your Source for Outdoor Activities

Along the Southern Blue Ridge Escarpment

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Greetings!

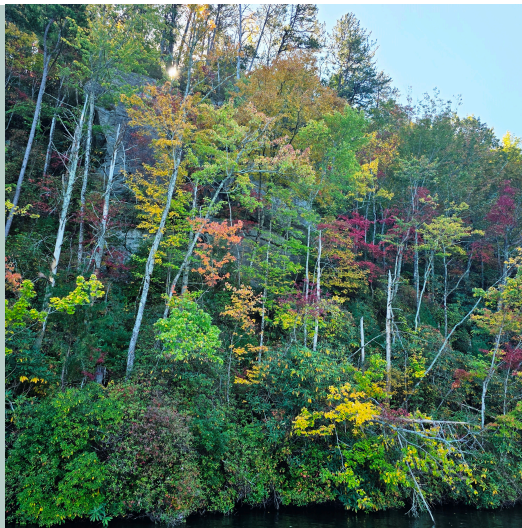


Welcome to the Blue Wall Weekly, your source for what's going on outside along the Southern BlueRidge Escarpment. Feel free to share your own photos, videos, and adventures along the Blue Wall by sending them to the email address at the bottom of the page, and we'll do our best to make you (locally)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

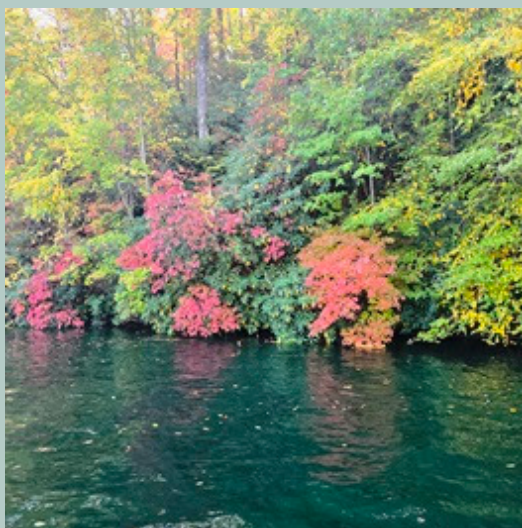
Competition

In a quiet cove on the west side of Lake Jocassee, one brilliant yellow paw-paw tree glows in light of autumn sun shining through its leaves. We sit in awe. Surely, this is the most beautiful tree in the Jocassee Gorges. We putter on, across Devils Fork and around Fisher Knob Mountain, and the same sun illuminates a brilliant red

maple in the far distance. The closer we come, the more magnificent it appears, until we are sure – some of us – that this is the most beautiful tree in the Jocassee Gorges. We argue. Red vs yellow. Meanwhile, we drift by splendid burgundy black gums and golden hickories and birches, and multi-color sweet gums and maples. Human folly, this focus on the few instead of the many. In a few short weeks these trees will fade and drop their leaves, and we will forget how we argued over which was more beautiful. ~K



Late October on Lake Jocassee



Incomparable beauty.

**SPECIAL EVENTS WITH
JOCASSEE LAKE TOURS**

“All the Falls” Tour [Book Now!](#)
November 2: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Full Moon Rising Tour - Beaver
Moon! [Book Now!](#)
November 15: 3:30-5:30

**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:
11:00 AM-2:00 PM [Book Now!](#)

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

**CALL OR BOOK ONLINE TO
RESERVE SEATS**

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**THIS WEEK ON LAKE JOCASSEE
OCTOBER 28, 2024**



Whitewater River, 10.24.24

**OUTDOOR EVENTS THIS WEEK,
OCTOBER 28, 2024**

STATE PARK EVENT

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.



OSSHS was established in 1792

VOTE! Yep, it's that time again. Every four years we are called to help shape the future of our country, and with that comes an opportunity to let you know where we stand. And since we know you are waiting breathlessly for our sage guidance, here it is. With a deep sense of urgency, we encourage you to vote for -- wait for it -- The Earth! That's right. We encourage you to vote for the candidate you think will do the most to help heal our sublimely beautiful, deeply wounded earth. If we do not do so, if we continue to let our home be savagely degraded, then ultimately all the political chatter about other issues simply won't matter at all. Vote for the Earth! That's our bumper sticker. ~B

**NEW EVENTS
COMING IN NOVEMBER**

STATE PARK EVENTS

Table Rock State Park

November 9: 2:00-6:00 PM

Music on the Mountain

OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS

Friends of Jocassee (FOJ)

November 4: 12:00-2:00 PM

Native Plant Day

SCUMS

November 4: 6:30 PM

SCUMS Monthly Meeting with Julia
Kerrigan

South Carolina State Parks
Temporary Closures and Updates

OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS

Foothills Trail Conservancy

November 1-3

FTC Fall Gathering at Oconee State Park

FTC members, friends and family, come join us this weekend for a variety of hikes of various lengths, a scavenger hunt, maintenance project, guest speakers, annual meeting and great food & fellowship.



Hagood Mill Historic Site

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

Cool Weather Foraging w/ Donna Putney

In this class, students will learn to identify common cool weather plants and trees that offer food, drink, and medicine.

SC Botanical Garden Events

October 31: 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 (ages 6-11).

Conestee Nature Preserve

November 7: 3:00-4:30 PM

Nature Discovery After School Club - Elementary School

Upstate Forever

November 7: 3:00-5:00 PM

Volunteer Workday: Upper Shoals at Glendale

KOBA

November 9: 9:00-11:00 AM

2nd Saturday Litter PickUp

Sierra Club South Carolina

November 9: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Virginia Hawkins Falls - A Highlight of the Laurel Fork Heritage Preserve PLEASE CONFIRM!

Conestee Nature Preserve

November 9: 12:00-2:30 PM

Nature Therapy

Mushroom Mountain

November 14: 2:00-3:30 PM

MM Farm Tour

Conestee Nature Preserve

November 14: 4:00-5:30 PM

Nature Discovery After School Club - Middle School

Greenville County Bird Club

November 16: 8:00-10:30 AM

(Shorter walk)

November 16: 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

(Longer walk)

Conestee Nature Preserve

GNHA

November 16: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Pinnacle Mtn/Bald Knob via Mill Creek Pass PLEASE CONFIRM!

GNHA

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

The Rebooters Lake Wattahoo

Hagood Mill Historic Site

November 16: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Native American Celebration

Mushroom Mountain



***Eptesicus fuscus* Big brown bat
Celebrate International Bat Week!**

**November 18 & 21: 2:00-3:30 PM
MM Farm Tour**

**Conestee Nature Preserve
November 23: 11:00 AM
The Cherokee and Conestee: A
Look Back!**

**Friends of Jocassee (FOJ)
November 23: 12:00-3:00 PM
Jocassee Santa**

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November 23: 3:00-5:00 PM
FOJ Annual Meeting**

JOCASSEE WILD CHILD



**We have a new "Captain,"
courtesy of the Youth Learning
Academy in Pickens!
GREAT JOB, Andrew!**

**SC Botanical Garden Event
November 9: 9:00 AM-4:30 PM
SCNP Certificate Core Class: Tree
Identification**

**November 16: 9:00 AM-4:30 PM
SCNP Certificate Core Class: Basic
Horticulture**

BORROWED GLIMPSES



**Busy skies over Jocassee
10.25.24**



Close your eyes...
listen, smell, feel, breathe.
ahhh...that Jocassee therapy!
Photo by Kerry McKenzie



Kids 'n boats = Happiness!
Photo by Brad Elder

All Foothills Trail hiking
shuttles are suspended until
further notice.



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

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Jocassee Wild Child Adventures
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CHILD TODAY!



DID YOU KNOW?

Kidding Around Greenville sponsors a contest to find out who offers the BEST FAMILY FUN in the Upstate! Visit <https://kiddingaroundgreenville.com/kaboom#/gallery/455458875> daily through November 8th and help Jocassee Wild Child Family Adventures become known as the #1 Best Outdoor Fun in the area!

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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