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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!

Swinging from a star...

For my husband to pull me out of the warm and cozy house on a cold and cloudy morning just past daybreak, it better be good. It is. I spy the leaf as the car rolls towards the boat ramp. A single bright yellow maple leaf is suspended in mid-air, nothing holding it from either side or the bottom, and the slenderest single

thread of silk connecting it to the heavens. Is the far end of this silken thread attached to a cloud? A star? Or has a spider shot that silk across the asphalt with a little bow and arrow? Nothing about this makes logical sense. I'm thankful for these simple mysteries! ~K



Suspended from... what,
we wonder?
It's yet another mystery...

SPECIAL EVENTS WITH JOCASSEE LAKE TOURS

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND TOURS!

**FRIDAY and Sat. Tours: 11:00 AM-
2:00 PM [Book Now!](#)**

**Sunday Afternoon Tour:
2:00-5:00 PM [Book Now!](#)**

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**Bonaparte's gull, Lake Jocassee
Photo by Nina Schoch**

THIS WEEK ON LAKE JOCASSEE NOVEMBER 25, 2024

**JOCASSEE WINTERBIRDS
REPORT.** The Boney's have arrived! That's what we gull loving bird nuts call the magnificent Bonaparte's gulls, the smallest, most agile and acrobatic gull we see in our part of the world. They are the harbinger of fall and spring winterbird migration here. They



Red-necked grebe
Lake Jocassee, Nov. 15, 2024
Photo by Jay Mager

OUTDOOR EVENTS THIS WEEK, NOVEMBER 25, 2024

STATE PARK EVENTS

Oconee Station State Historic Site
Park Grounds Open Daily: 9:00
AM-5:00 PM

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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.

come and go with the loons, every
year. They do not winter with us,
but leave for parts farther south,
only to return every spring, right
along with loons who are migrating
to the Gulf of Mexico. On Thursday
of this past week, November 20, we
saw our first Boneys, in the middle
of a feeding frenzy with the
formidable cormorants, clearly
holding their own against a much
larger bird. Later that same day we
saw them again, joined into a
frantic feeding with loons. And,
prepare yourselves, my crazed
bird-listing friends, we saw a Red-
necked grebe smack in the middle
of the cormorant frenzy! A bird that
is way south of its route to its
winter waters. Oh, how I love this
time of year. Jocassee water
comes alive with birds. ~B

NEW EVENTS COMING IN DECEMBER

STATE PARK EVENTS

Table Rock State Park
December 14: 2:00-6:00 PM
Music on the Mountain

OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS

Conestee Nature Preserve
December 5: 4:00-5:30 PM
Nature Discovery After School
Club - Middle School

Hagood Mill Historic Site
December 7: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Plants are Medicine: Early Winter
Essentials



This is the kind of tangled mess
our William Richard's houses are
dealing with. Photo by the staff
of clean up ahead. FTC photo.
More Events Coming Soon!
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SC Botanical Garden Events

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[Click here to read about the
Camellias at the SCBG](#)

Friends of Jocassee (FOJ)

December 9: 11:30 AM-12:30 PM
[Adopt-a-Highway](#)

Sierra Club South Carolina

December 11: 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
[Stumphouse Park: Tunnel,
Waterfall, Palmetto Trail Hike](#)

Conestee Nature Preserve

December 14: 8:00-10:00 AM
[Birding 101: Waterfowl](#)

KOBA

December 14: 9:00-11:00 AM
[2nd Saturday Litter PickUp](#)

Chattooga Belle Farm

December 14: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
[Christmas on the Farm](#)

Alarka Expeditions

December 14: 1:00 PM
[Leopold Bench Making](#)

Mushroom Mountain

December 19: 2:00 PM
[MM Farm Tour](#)

GCBC

December 21: 8:00-10:30 AM
(Shorter Walk)
December 21: 8:00 AM-12:00 PM
(Longer Walk)
[Conestee Nature Preserve](#)

SC Botanical Garden Event

December 7: 9:00 AM-4:30 PM
[SCNP Certificate Elective Class:
Evergreens](#)

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On behalf of every

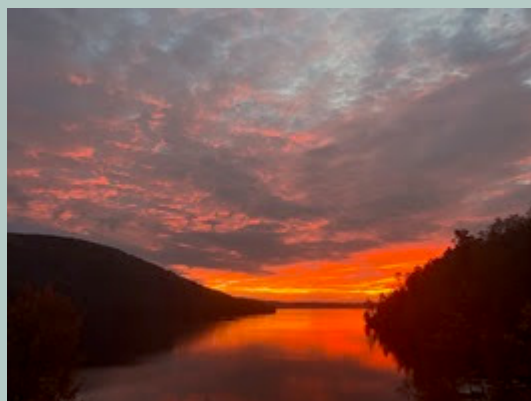


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Grateful for sunrises...



And grateful for friends who share
sunrises...

Photo by Julie McKenna

**JLT Christmas Vacation-
December 2-15**



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

The tree nests of Bonaparte's gulls in the taiga are unique among gulls, which nest on the ground as a rule. Because much of their foraging in spring and summer is on flying insects, they feed mostly over marsh and open water, but they also forage over trees if insects are present, sometimes hawking them in company with Common Nighthawks or Black Terns.

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!

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at Devils Fork State Park, 528 Jocassee Lake Road

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