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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!

Fresh Fern

New coils of Christmas fern push forth into soft spring air which still retains the possibility of early morning frost. By day the fern stems lengthen, baby-tender, hairy as a terrier. One could watch its growth, if one had all day to sit still in a place, and there are worse ways to spend a day. Day to day the stem lengthens, adjusting to

springtime yo-yo temperatures that range from cool to warm to cold to warm again, punctuated by drying winds and pounding rains. Inside the frond's young stem water is rising, pushing, forcing those bottom most leaflets to soon unfurl, unfold, and stretch wide as the welcoming arms of a child running to a grandparent. The orderly progression has begun, each set of leaflets opening slightly ahead of the ones above, until the entire frond—the entire forest floor-- is laid open to receive the blessing of light from a single sun. ~K



SPECIAL EVENTS WITH JOCASSEE LAKE TOURS

Loons, Eagles, and Waterfalls

Book Now!

March 30: 2:00-5:00 PM

Hiking the Gorges Book Now!

April 5: 8:30 AM-4:00PM

Trek # 4 Horsepasture-Bad Creek

Sunrise Photography tour w/ Pam

Barbour Book Now!

April 10: 6:30-9:30 AM

Full “Pink” Moon Rising Tour

Book Now!

WEEKLY EVENTS WITH JOCASSEE LAKE TOURS

Cool Season Lake Tours

Tues, Thurs, Sat:

11:00 AM-2:00 PM Book Now!

Sunday Afternoon Tours:

2:00-5:00 PM Book Now!

**CALL OR BOOK ONLINE TO
RESERVE SEATS
Book Now!**

**PRIVATE TOURS
ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE!**

April 12: 6:30-8:30 PM

[\(864\) 280-5501](tel:(864)280-5501)

Happy Easter Sunday! [Book Now!](#)

April 20: 2:00-5:00 PM

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Pretty Boney. But that voice!

THIS WEEK ON LAKE JOCASSEE MARCH 24, 2025

They come in pulses. Or so it seems. One day lots of Loons and Bonaparte's can be seen from the dock, the next day the lake is quiet. I include both birds as their migrations, both fall and spring, seem almost synchronous. The call of the Bonaparte's (let's call them Boneys for short) can be heard from a great distance on calm days. They get quite raucous when feeding, and especially so when harassing a loon trying to swallow a fish. On migratory mornings you can hear their anxious calls first, well before light, and you know to prepare for some exciting departure behavior. Give a listen here, to their wiry, gnarly sound. It is quite unique. Be sure to listen to the last call. That's the crazed call we have here. ~B

[The calls of Bonaparte's gull](#)

OUTDOOR EVENTS THIS WEEK, MARCH 24, 2025

STATE PARK EVENTS

Oconee Station State Historic Site

March 27: 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Wildflower Walk

Take an easy to moderate walk to beautiful Station Cove Falls, where wildflowers such as green and gold, hepatica, halberd-leaf violet, bloodroot and various species of trillium are in bloom!

Oconee State Park

March 29: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Flip the Script: Honoring the Women of the She-She-She Camps

Join us as we step into the shoes of the women who worked, learned, and built their futures in

NEW EVENTS COMING IN MARCH/APRIL

STATE PARK EVENTS

Oconee Station State Historic Site

April 1: 10:00-11:30 AM

Monthly First Day Hike

Table Rock State Park

April 5, 12 & 19: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Spring Wildflower Walk

the shadow of the Great Depression.

Table Rock State Park

March 29: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Spring Wildflower Walk

Join us for a beautiful morning walk around the Lakeside Trail and explore the area in search of native wildflowers.



Nodding trillium,
Photo by Bill Robertson

OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS

Conserving Carolina

March 25: 6:00-7:00 PM

Landrum Library Speaker Series: "Something in These Hills: the Culture of Family Land in Southern Appalachia"

This talk explores two themes: the duality of the southern Appalachians as both a menacing and majestic landscape and the emotional relationship to family land characteristic of long-term residents of these mountains.

Table Rock State Park

April 12: 3:00-10:00 AM

Sunrise Hike–Bald Knob

OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS

SCUMS

March 31: 6:30 PM

Current Happenings in the Mushroom World w/Alan Bergo

SC Wildlife Federation (SCWF)

April 1-30: 12:00 PM

Wild Webinar Wednesdays

Conserving Carolina

April 2: 10:00-11:30 AM

Edneyville Library Speaker Series: An Overview of Native Brook Trout Conservation in North Carolina

SC Wildlife Federation (SCWF)

April 4: 9:00 AM

POWR+: Women's Fly Fishing Day- Mountain Rest SC

Mushroom Mountain

April 5: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Spring Mushroom Cultivation Workshop

Foothills Trail Conservancy

April 5: 2:00-7:00 PM

FTC Spring Picnic

Conserving Carolina

April 8: 2:00-3:30 PM

Saluda Library Speaker Series: History of the Saluda Grade

Conestee Nature Preserve

April 10: 3:00-4:30 PM

Nature Discovery After School Club – Elementary

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March 27: 3:00-4:30 PM

Nature Discovery After School Club – Elementary

Wake up little birdy! - Baby birds are starting to wake up and take flight. How many can we find?

Conestee Nature Preserve

March 27: 4:00-5:30 PM

Nature Discovery After School Club – Middle School

Mastering Migration - Birds travel many miles, but why? Let's find out together!

SCNPS-Savannah River Chapter

March 27: 6:30 PM

History of Botany in SC w/ Rick Huffman

This program will feature the many botanists that explored SC using the Savannah River and Aiken area as a center of their work.

SCNPS- Upstate

March 29: 9:30 AM-2:30 PM

Chestnut Ridge Heritage Preserve, Landrum SC

Please join this hike led by Dan Whitten to enjoy trillium, bloodroot, chickweed, violets, Solomon's seal and many others.

Conestee Nature Preserve

April 10: 4:00-5:30 PM

Nature Discovery After School Club – Middle School

SCNPS- Upstate

April 11-12: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

Upstate SCNPS Volunteer Opportunity at the Spring Native Plant Sale

Duke Energy-World of Energy

April 12: 9:00-11:00 AM

Energy-Saving Free Tree Giveaway

KOBA

April 12: 9:00-11:00 AM

2nd Saturday Litter PickUp

SCNPS- Upstate

April 12: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Upstate Spring Native Plant Sale at Conestee Park

Hagood Mill Historic Site

April 12: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Homestead Day Camp

GNHA Hiking Club

April 12: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

King Creek Falls via Cherry Hill Campground & Burrells Ford -A Key Swap

Mushroom Mountain

April 12: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

MINI CLINIC - Building Soil with Mushrooms

Western NC Backpackers

April 12-13: 8:15 AM-12:00 PM

Backpacking Overnight: Jocassee Gorges

SCNPS- Upstate

April 15: 6:30-8:00 PM



Chickweed

Photo by Bill Robertson

Hagood Mill Historic Site

March 29: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Soil: From the Ground Up- A Hands-On-No-Till Gardening Class

This class will explore alternative soil-building methods that can be easily applied at home, whether in an urban garden, raised beds, or larger garden plots.

Mushroom Mountain

March 29: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Growing Mushrooms on Logs at Holly Springs Center

With just a fresh cut log, basic tools, and mushroom spawn, you can enjoy a bountiful harvest for years to come.



Shitakes, MM Photo

“Garden Scale Landscape Design with Natives”

Mushroom Mountain

April 17: 2:00-3:30 PM

MM Tour

Greenville County Bird Club

April 19: 7:00 AM-12:00 PM (Longer Walk)

April 19: 8:00-10:30 AM (Shorter Walk)

Conestee Nature Preserve

SC Botanical Garden Events

April 4: 2:00-6:00 PM

Garden Members Spring Plant Sale

April 5: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Public Spring Plant Sale

April 7: 1:00-3:00 PM

SCBG Docent Orientations

April 14: 10:00 AM-2:30 PM

Lake Jocassee, Perfect Outdoor Classroom: SCNP Certificate

Elective

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April 15: 1:30-3:30 PM

An Introduction to Native Bees

April 19: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Basic Horticulture: SC Native Plant

Certificate Core Class

BORROWED GLIMPSES

SC Botanical Garden Events

March 29: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Clemson Experimental Forest- Forest Fest

An interactive event designed to connect all members of the community with the biodiversity of the SC Upstate, while highlighting the importance of environmental stewardship and natural resource management.

March 29: 1:00-4:00 PM

Nature Center Open House: Beautiful Birds

In this open house, learn more about the lives of SC's migratory and resident birds as you make your own nest, and bird feeder.



***Sialia sialis* Eastern bluebird,
Photo by Anthony Q Martin**



**Fire on the mountain!
Table Rock, 3.22.25**



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Jocassee via Devils Fork State
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**APRIL 1 - THE FOOTHILLS TRAIL REOPENS
THROUGH THE JOCASSEE GORGES! HAPPY HIKING!**

DID YOU KNOW?

Vernation refers to the manner in which leaves are arranged within the unopened bud. The Christmas fern has a convolute vernation, which means the leaf is wholly rolled lengthwise from one margin, so that one margin is at the center of the coil and the other is outside.

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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