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Greetings!

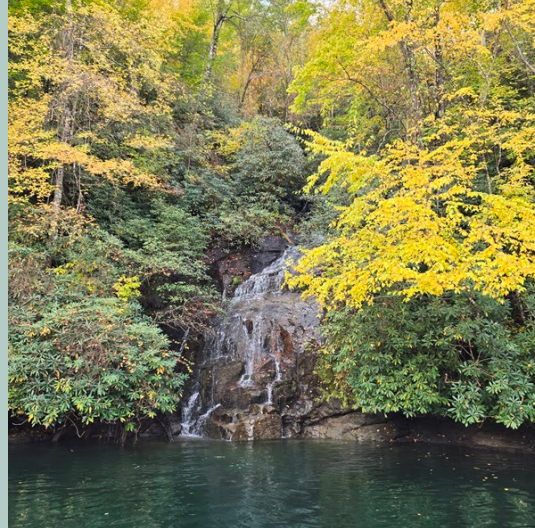


Welcome to the Blue Wall Weekly, your source for what's going on outside along the Southern Blue Ridge Escarpment. Feel free to share your own photos, videos, and adventures along the Blue Wall by sending them to the email address at the bottom of the page, and we'll do our best to make you (locally)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

Noticing November

Our boat motor switches off, and our wake laps shore with gentle slaps. Everyone takes a deeper breath. Sixty seconds of no-one-say-anything. Sound is the shushing of clear, cold water falling over rock, the rustle of leaves in the slight fall breeze. Jocassee's deep waters reflect the luminous beauty like adoring green eyes, like our eyes drinking in the preciousness of the day.

There's a little shifting in the seats, a few quiet coughs, but no one speaks a word. We all get a full sixty seconds of just being here, now, in this corner of Jocassee that glows. No manmade gold leaf luster touches us deep down like these Jocassee Gorges mountainsides. Sixty seconds is up, we go back to talking, but Jocassee has worked her magic again. ~K



Waterfall, rhododendron, and a sweetly yellowing yellow birch.
Ahhh, Jocassee in autumn.
And the best is yet to come!

SPECIAL EVENTS WITH JOCASSEE LAKE TOURS

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

All the Falls Tour! [Book Now!](#)
November 8: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

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WEEKLY EVENTS WITH JOCASSEE LAKE TOURS

Jocassee Lake Tours [Book Now!](#)
Tues, Wed, Thurs:
11:00 AM-3:00 PM

FREE TUESDAYS at Devils Fork
State Park!

Friday Private Tours [Book Now!](#)
11:00 AM - 2,4,6 hour options

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

THIS WEEK ON LAKE JOCASSEE NOVEMBER 3, 2025

Cool nights, shorter days and soaking rain have transformed the Jocassee Gorges. The streams are full again with picturesque cascades and surging waterfalls.



Coley Creek



**Looking into
the Thompson River Gorge,
Photos by Sheryl White**

WATCH THIS!

**See the Jocassee Wild Child
program in action!**

**The Jocassee Wild Child
FUNDRAISER**

**is 33.7% of the way
to the**

\$75,000 goal.

**Only 44 days left to unlock the
matching donation!**

**THANK YOU to all who donated
this past week!**

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Now that chlorophyll production has significantly slowed, the scarlet, maroon, terra cotta, amber and olive leaves are dazzling. They won't last long - so book a seat and check them out before they drop. Brooks will tell you more about the birds we're beginning to see...so again, layer up, bring a blanket, something warm to drink and see for yourself. It's finally Fall, y'all!~ Sheryl, JLT guide and exceptionally nice person.

**JOCASSEE LOON AND
WINTERBIRDS REPORT!**

And it's about time. My neck is just about stretched out looking up for the first loons of winter to arrive. We've had increasing numbers of Bald eagles over the last few weeks, and on Thursday, Oct. 10 our first loons appeared. ! Most of our guides spotted them. 2 here, 3 there. Sheryl saw one flying in and landing! Also spotted were two big, mottled brown Herring gulls, the largest gulls we see in this part of the world. They are a rare and wonderful visitor during the cool weather months. And yesterday, a cloud of tree swallows appeared just over the dock. Wonder is upon us, and joy. The life of Lake Jocassee in winter is the hundreds of waterbirds who call this place home for several months.

**NEW EVENTS COMING IN
NOVEMBER**

STATE PARK EVENT

Oconee State Park

November 15: 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Jocassee Wild Outdoor Education
PO Box 582
Salem, SC 29676

OUTDOOR EVENTS THIS WEEK, NOVEMBER 3, 2025

STATE PARK EVENTS

Oconee Station State Historic Site

November 4: 1:00-2:30 PM

Historic Building Tour

Come for a ranger led tour of these buildings while learning about the history of the site.

Caesars Head State Park

November 7: 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

Fall Color Hike

Come enjoy the mountains blaze of color and spectacular views of Raven Cliff Falls on this moderately strenuous hike.

Table Rock State Park

November 8: 2:00-6:00 PM

Music on the Mountain

Visitors are invited to bring their acoustic instruments and join in a jam session or simply sit back to enjoy the music with the lake and mountains as a beautiful backdrop.

Table Rock State Park

November 9: 12:00-2:00 PM

Lake Oolenoy Paddle with a Ranger

Join a ranger on a guided paddle around this 67-acre lake.

CCC History Stroll

Oconee Station State Historic Site

November 15: 12:00-3:30 PM

Harvest Picnic & Early American Pie Contest!

Oconee Station State Historic Site

November 18: 4:00-5:00 PM

Hands-On History

Oconee Station State Historic Site

November 20: 4:00-5:00 PM

Tales From the American Pen

Oconee Station State Historic Site

November 22: 1:00-2:30 PM

Historic Building Tour

Oconee Station State Historic Site

November 28: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

#OptOutsideSC Ranger-Led Hike

Oconee State Park

November 28: 2:00-3:00 PM

#OptOutsideSC Ranger-Led Hike

OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS

Conserving Carolina

November 11, 18 & 25: 9:00-11:00 AM

Pollinator Paradise Partners

Conserving Carolina

November 12: 10:00-11:00 AM

Etowah Library Speaker Series: The Effects of Light Pollution on Wildlife

Mushroom Mountain

November 13: 2:00-3:30 PM

MM Tour

Palmetto Trail

November 13-16



Lake Oolenoy

Photo by southcarolinakes.info

OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS

SCUMS

November 3: 6:30 PM

Laura Boggess will present: Paths of Enlichenment

In this talk, ecologist and lichenologist, Dr. Boggess will introduce the fascinating world of lichens, highlight a few common species you can spot on your next walk, and share insights from her research on lichen ecology in the Southern Appalachians.

Conserving Carolina

November 4: 9:00-11:00 AM

Pollinator Paradise Partners

If you enjoy gardening and want to help create a beautiful, welcoming space for pollinators and people alike, come join us!

Conserving Carolina

November 4: 5:30-7:00 PM

Stories of Resilience: Films from the Year Since Hurricane Helene

Join us for an inspiring evening of storytelling, resilience, and environmental restoration.

Mushroom Mountain

November 5: 3:30-6:00 PM

Clemson Farmers Market: Harvest Market

Women's Outdoor Weekend

Highlands Biological Station

November 15: 8:00-9:00 AM

Morning Bird Walk

GCBC

November 15: 8:00-10:30 AM

(Shorter Walk)

November 15: 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

(Longer Walk)

Conestee Nature Preserve

GNHA

November 15: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Conestee Nature Park - Brushy Creek Trails

Hagood Mill Historic Site

November 15: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Native American Celebration

Conserving Carolina

November 18: 6:00-7:30 PM

Landrum Library Speaker Series:

Caring for Trees on your Property

Conestee Nature Preserve

November 20: 3:00-4:30 PM

Nature Discovery After School Club--Elementary School

Conestee Nature Preserve

November 20: 4:00-5:30 PM

Nature Discovery After School Club--Middle School

Conestee Nature Preserve

November 22: 8:00-10:00 AM

History Hike, Part 2 - A Naturalist-Led, Walk and Talk About Conestee's Past

Friends of Jocassee (FOJ)

November 22: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Jocassee Santa

Eat Healthy--Buy Local--Have Fun!



Clemson Farmers Market

Hagood Mill Historic Site

November 5-6: 7:00-9:30 PM

Irish Music & Appalachian Jam

Experience the award-winning Tigh na Coille performers from County Clare, Ireland, alongside our very own Young Appalachian Musicians (YAM) and the HotFoot Cloggers of Six Mile — celebrating two musical traditions that share the same roots.

Friends of the Reedy River (FORR)

November 6: 9:00-11:30 AM

Volunteer Workday 6 at Reedy River Meadow - Invasive Plant Pull and Mulching

We will teach volunteers about the importance of meadows, native plants, riparian buffer zones, and proper identification and removal of invasive plant species - specifically hand-pulling invasive plant species and small saplings.

Foothills Trail Conservancy

November 7-9

FTC Fall Gathering at Table Rock State Park

Join us for a FUN weekend get-together of FTC members, family, and friends.

Conestee Nature Preserve

November 22: 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Family Friendly Guided Hike

Palmetto Trail Foundation

November 28

How Will You #OptOutside?

SC Botanical Garden Events

November 13: 4:30-6:00 PM

SCBG Junior Naturalists, Fall 2025

November 15: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Sustainable Landscaping, SCNP Core Class

November 15: 1:00-4:00 PM

Nature Center Open House: Creatures of the Night

November 18: 3:00-4:30 PM

Gardening for North American Native Bees

November 21: 10:00-11:00 AM

Friday Garden Forays



Our man, Zach. He, along with a couple of our other great shuttle crew get these boats ready for your trips out on the lake. Their days often begin early and end late. We couldn't function without them!

Thanks for all you do guys!

Photo by Kerry McKenzie

Mushroom Mountain

November 8: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

MINI CLINIC- Mushroom Log Gardening

Learn from experts Olga and Megan and take home your first log to kickstart your mushroom garden.

SC Botanical Garden Events

November 6: 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Invasive Plant Management Workshop, Fall '25

Participants will receive their own species ID cards to help recognize invasive plants and will get personal guidance in the field on how to safely and effectively remove them.



***Elaeagnus umbellata*,
Autumn Olive**

Photo by Lynn Yenkey



The calming effect of nature's color palette.

Photo by Sheryl White

Current conditions at Lake Jocassee via Devils Fork State Park Webcam

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DID YOU KNOW?

Bird banding studies have shown that our 'Jocassee loons' come here to winter from the upper mid-West states of Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin, a commute of over 1000 miles!

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,
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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