

# THE BLUE WALL WEEKLY

Your Source for Outdoor Activities

Along the Southern Blue Ridge Escarpment

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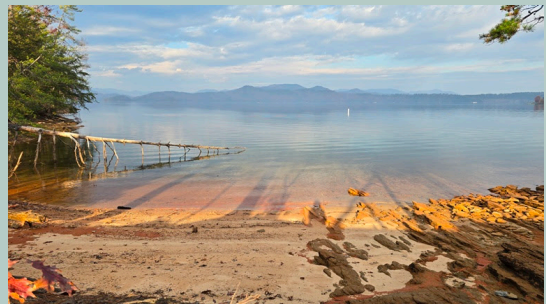
## Greetings!



Welcome to the Blue Wall Weekly, your source for what's going on outside along the Southern 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!

## Gratitude, continued

There are days when this place called Jocassee is a living devotional. When the water is clear and calm, when light is radiant, when cloud shadows tiptoe across mountaintops, when the glorious elegance of an unexpected moment in time makes the heart beat a little faster—this is what brings us, again and again, to sit by water's edge. Jocassee leaves a tactile imprint on our human



psyche. We come here to experience a unique love of place. We breathe in beauty, breathe out peace. We are, one and all, overwhelmingly grateful for the experience. ~K



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## **SPECIAL EVENTS WITH JOCASSEE LAKE TOURS**

**"NO-Shop" Friday Tour!**

**Book Now!**

**November 28: 11:00 AM-2:00 PM**

(and if you *do* shop, please keep it local!)

**PRIVATE TOURS  
ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE**

**CALL (864) 280-5501**

**or**

**BOOK ONLINE**

## **WEEKLY EVENTS WITH JOCASSEE LAKE TOURS**

**Jocassee Lake Tours Book Now!**

**Tues, Thurs, Sat:**

**11:00 AM-2:00 PM**

**FREE TUESDAYS at Devils Fork  
State Park!**

**Friday Private Tours Book Now!**

**11:00 AM - 3,4,6 hour options**

**Sun. Afternoon Tours Book Now!**

**2:00-5:00 PM**



**Cascades Ravine, a.k.a. "Gaddy Falls"**

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## **THIS WEEK ON LAKE JOCASSEE NOVEMBER 24, 2025**

And so... the quiet time begins. Leaves are falling along with the water temps, exposing rock houses, slopes & portions of waterfalls that are usually hidden from view. Wildlife surely must breathe a sigh of relief as peace echoes down the escarpment and across the water. A slower pace doesn't mean we're not busy. We join in the 'loonacy' as our resident loons, gulls, & grebes arrive to spend winter with us. We take advantage of every opportunity to be out here, continually learning about this magical place (always with grateful hearts). Come join in



Photo by Kerry McKenzie

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## OUTDOOR EVENTS THIS WEEK, NOVEMBER 24, 2025

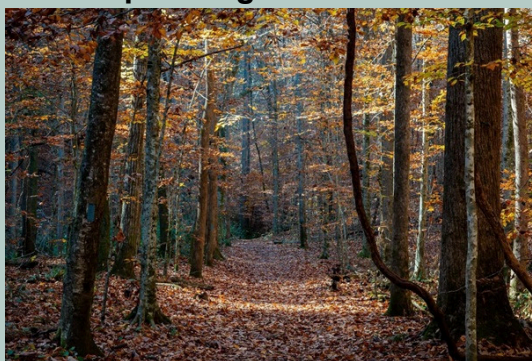
### STATE PARK EVENTS

#### Oconee Station State Historic Site

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

#### #OptOutsideSC Ranger-Led Hike

Together, we'll explore the natural beauty of Oconee Station, discover local wildlife, and learn about the unique history of the landscape along the trail.



Station Cove Falls Trail

Photo

by

@wonderfulworldphotography

#### Oconee State Park

November 28: 2:00-3:00 PM

#### #OptOutsideSC Ranger-Led Hike

This family-friendly hike is a great way to reconnect with nature, get some fresh air, and make memories outdoors.

#### Gorges State Park

November 30: 10:00-10:30 AM

#### Upper Bearwallow Falls Hike

Join Ranger Hill for this moderate, 30-minute hike to the Falls overlook.

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### OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS

the discovery! Wishing each of you a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

~ Sheryl White, JLT guide

*Walk through the garden's dormant splendor. Say only, thank you.*

*Thank you.* Excerpt from Ross Gay's poem Thank you!

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### NEW EVENTS COMING IN DECEMBER

### STATE PARK EVENT

#### Table Rock State Park

December 13: 2:00-6:00 PM

#### Music on the Mountain

#### Oconee Station State Historic Site

December 21: 3:00-4:30 PM

#### Frontier Fields & Festivities

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### OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS

#### Conserving Carolina

December 2, 9 & 16: 1:00-3:00 PM

#### Pollinator Paradise Partners

#### Friends of the Reedy River (FoRR)

December 5: 9:00-11:30 AM

#### Volunteer Workday #8 at Reedy River Meadow- Invasive Plant Pull and Mulching

#### Sierra Club South Carolina

December 5: 4:00-5:00 PM

#### Arbor Day Tree Planting with the Foothills Group

#### Hagood Mill Historic Site

December 6 & 13: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

#### Plant Medicine 102a: Let's Make Ointments, Salves, and Lotions



## **Conserving Carolina**

November 25: 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!

## **Palmetto Trail Foundation**

November 28

### **How Will You #OptOutside?**

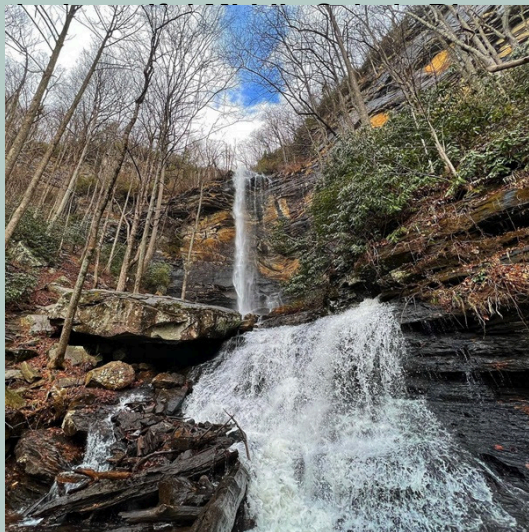
Join us on Friday, November 28th as we embrace the outdoors across SC! Hitting the trails and soaking up the fresh air to savor the holiday season.

## **GNHA**

November 29: 9:15-11:15 AM

### **Silver Step, Jones Gap, Rainbow Falls Loop**

This 11.5-mile hike features Jones Gap and Rainbow Falls as well as



Rainbow Falls at JGSP,  
Photo by @fradellahikes

## **SC Botanical Garden Events**

More Events Coming Soon!

### **Seasonal Highlights**

## **Conestee Nature Preserve**

December 13: 8:00-10:00 AM

### **Birding 101: Winter Residents**

## **GNHA**

December 13: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

### **Walhalla Fish Hatchery to Spoonauger Falls-Ron Anderson**

## **Jeanne Malmgren**

December 20

### **Silent Hikes**

## **Greenville County Bird Club**

December 20: 8:00-10:30 AM

(Shorter Walk)

December 20: 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

(Longer Walk)

### **Conestee Nature Preserve**

## **Conserving Carolina**

December 21: 7:00 PM

### **A Nighttime Walk to Celebrate the Winter Solstice**

## **SC Botanical Garden Events**

December 4: 4:30-6:00 PM

### **SCBG Junior Naturalists, Fall 2025**

December 6: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

### **Evergreens, SCNP Elective**

December 11: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

### **SCBG Nature Journaling Club**

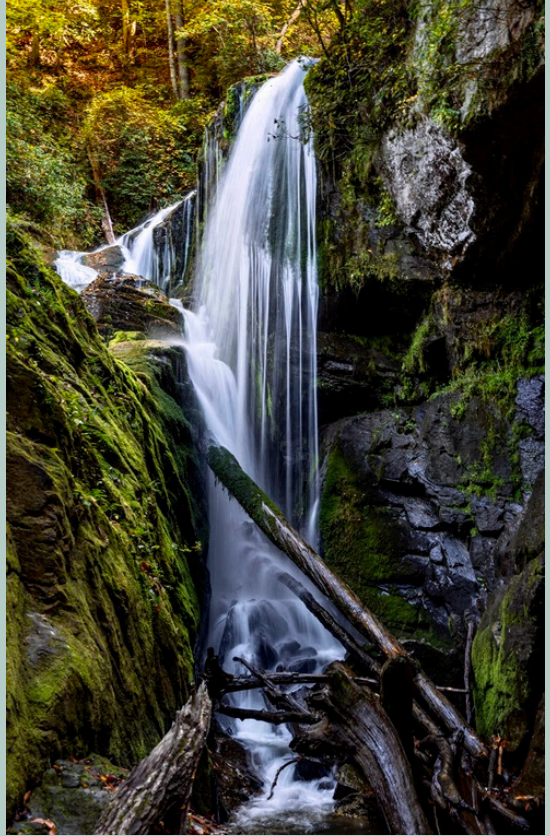
December 19: 10:00-11:00 AM

### **Friday Garden Forays, Fall 2025**

## **Borrowed Glimpses**



Come visit the Garden. There's always something in bloom here.



Laurel Fork Falls  
Photo by Michael Horan

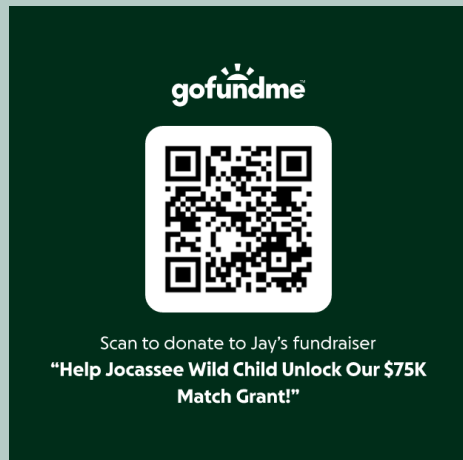
The Jocassee Wild Child  
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is 76.15% of the way  
to the  
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There are only 22 days left to raise  
another \$18,000!

**CAN WE DO IT, TOGETHER?**  
**THANK YOU** to all who donated  
this past week!  
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### DID YOU KNOW?

November was established as National Gratitude Month in 2015. According to [NationalDayCalendar.com](http://NationalDayCalendar.com), gratitude's amazing powers have the ability to shift us from focusing on the negative to appreciating what is positive in our lives. Practicing daily gratitude gives us a deeper connection to ourselves, and to the world around us.

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### 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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