

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!

Tree-in-air

Once upon a time in the near future, a trillionaire—the world's first human to have accumulated so much money—will seek the cooling shade of a nearby tree. The human lives a life of money and power: travel, extravagance, prestige; Tree lives the life of trees: grounded. Trillionaire has bought his way into space. Tree has converted carbon into wood. Trillionaire has invented luxury

cars to drive him around. Tree has fed bees and birds and caterpillars. Trillionaire has slashed the national budget. Tree has provided homes for birds and squirrels.

With all his riches, Trillionaire still can't turn sunshine into sugar. Who would you rather spend a day with, the trillionaire, or the tree? ~K



SPECIAL EVENTS WITH JOCASSEE LAKE TOURS

Jocassee (Family) Adventure Camp [Book Now!](#)

June 12, 19 & 26: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

“All the Falls” Tour [Book Now!](#)

June 13: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Wild River Adventure Tour [Book Now!](#)

June 21: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Kayak Tours [Book Now!](#)

June 28: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Full ‘Strawberry’ Moon Rising Tour [Book Now!](#)

June 28: 6:45-8:45 PM

[PRIVATE TOURS ARE ALWAYS
AVAILABLE !](#)

WEEKLY EVENTS WITH JOCASSEE LAKE TOURS

Tues., Wed., & Thurs. Lake Tours

10:00 AM-2:00 PM [Book Now!](#)

Friday Private Tours

4 & 6 hour tours available

[Book Now!](#)

Saturday Lake Tours

10:00 AM-2:00 PM [Book Now!](#)

Sunset Lake Tours [Book Now!](#)

June 6: 6:45-8:45 PM

Sunday Three Hour Tours:

10:00 AM-1:00 PM [Book Now!](#)

2:00-5:00 PM [Book Now!](#)

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**THIS WEEK ON LAKE JOCASSEE
JUNE 8, 2026**



**Great blue heron,
Photo by Steve Lewis**

**OUTDOOR EVENTS THIS WEEK,
JUNE 8, 2026**

STATE PARK EVENTS

Table Rock State Park

June 10: 9:00-11:00 AM

Critter Chronicles

Join us as we uncover the secrets of nature, meet the creatures that call South Carolina home, and learn how we can help protect the habitats around us.

Table Rock State Park

June 11: 9:00-10:30 AM

Creek Detectives: Secrets of the Stream

Join us for a hands-on adventure in Carrick Creek as we search for

In Chicago, the fog comes in on little cat feet, or so said poet Carl Sandburg. On Jocassee, I imagine that the fog comes sweeping in on the wings of a great blue heron. In fact, I have seen it. As the heron lands, the fog settles, enshrouding the landscape in a misty veil of gray. The gray suits the heron, who also settles into her customary stillness and gazes across the water. I imagine she is pleased, as am I, that at least for today, all we can see is the fog, and the little world we are sharing is hushed and still. She stands there for a long time, lost in heron-thought, until finally, having remembered she must take care of some heron-business I couldn't possibly understand, she takes flight and disappears - quickly swallowed by the fog. Perhaps we will meet again one bright sunny day when the boat I drive disturbs her and she reluctantly leaves her fishing spot for a quieter cove. That day, I will surely whisper my apologies to the universe for disturbing her and think of the quiet morning we spent together- sharing a space, staring into the fog. ~Betsy Lewis, JLT naturalist guide.

**NEW EVENTS COMING IN
JUNE/JULY**

STATE PARK EVENTS

the amazing critters that call this mountain stream home.



Foothills dusky salamander,
Photo by Kevin Hutcheson

Oconee Station State Historic Site

June 11: 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Quill and Ink

Try your hand at using traditional writing tools as you learn how early settlers and historical figures recorded stories, letters, and important documents.

Oconee Station State Historic Site

June 11: 2:00-3:00 PM

Historic Building Tour

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

Oconee Station State Historic Site

June 13: 8:45-9:45 PM

Candlelight Tour

As dusk settles over the frontier, the flicker of flames will guide your way through the historic site.

OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS

South Carolina Wildlife Federation

June 8: 7:00 AM-1:00 PM

Palmetto Pro Birders: Blue Ridge Parkway

Highlands Biological Station

June 8-12

Rock Outcrop and Cliff Ecology

Gorges State Park

June 16: 10:00-10:30 AM

10 Essentials

Table Rock State Park

June 17 & 24: 9:00-11:00 AM

Critter Chronicles

Table Rock State Park

June 18 & 25: 9:00-10:30 AM

Creek Detectives: Secrets of the Stream

Oconee State Park

June 27: 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

CCC History Stroll

Table Rock State Park

June 27: 8:30-9:30 PM

Bat Watch

OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS

Highlands Biological Station

June 15: 5:00 AM-1:00 PM

MAPS Bird Banding at HBS

SCNPS Upstate

June 15: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Upstate Field Trip to Mount Mitchell State Park

Highlands Biological Station

June 15-26

The Biology and Conservation of Birds

Conserving Carolina

June 16: 6:00-7:00 PM

Landrum Library Speaker Series: Fungal Foundations – How Mushrooms Build the Earth Beneath Our Feet

Oconee History Museum

June 16: 6:00 PM

In this weeklong, field-intensive course, we will explore the emerging field of cliff ecology and conservation.

Conserving Carolina

June 9: 2:00-3:30 PM

Saluda Library Speaker Series- Animals We Love to Hate

Join Carlton Burke, naturalist and educator, to learn more about certain species of animals that many people fear and hate, largely due to prejudice and misinformation.

Friends of Reedy River (FoRR)

June 9: 6:00-7:30 PM

By the Banks: Working with Water: Ecological Planning and Green Infrastructure

Grab a brew and hear from scientists, storytellers, and the river experts about everything from local ecology to urban runoff.

Conserving Carolina

June 11: 5:30-7:00 PM

Green Drinks: Restoration of the Green and Broad Rivers... with a little Trash Trivia!

MountainTrue's Jordan McDaniel and Matt Willing, will take you behind the scenes of the ambitious cleanup and restoration efforts on the Green and Broad Rivers following Hurricane Helene.

Highlands Biological Foundation, Zahner Conservation Lectures

June 11: 6:00-7:00 PM

Weird and Underappreciated Arthropods of NC

In this presentation Dr. Matt Bertone, strange critter

Revolutionary Reads: Kings Mountain by Sharyn McCrumb

SCNPS Upstate

June 16: 6:30-8:00 PM

Upstate Monthly Meeting w/ Carson Barefoot--"Conservation Programs at the Greenville Watershed"

Mushroom Mountain

June 18: 2:00-3:30 PM

MM Farm Tour

Highlands Biological Foundation, Zahner Conservation Lectures

June 18: 6:00-7:00 PM

Story: Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, Conservation, and the Science Inside the Nest

Palmetto Trail

June 18: 6:00-8:00 PM

Upstate June Trail Talk

Oconee History Museum

June 19: 7:00 PM

The Revolution on the Screen: Black Patriots: Heroes of the Revolution

Green Bird Nature Therapy

June 20

Silent Hikes: St. John in the Wilderness, Flat Rock, NC

GCBC

June 20: 7:00 AM-12:00 PM (Longer Walk)

June 20: 8:00-10:30 AM (Shorter Walk)

Conestee Nature Preserve

GNHA

June 20: 9:55 AM-2:00 PM

Yellow Branch Falls, Rail Trail, Issaqueena Falls, and Stumphouse

enthusiast, will share with you information and photos of some of North Carolina's weirdest and least talked about arthropods.

GNHA

June 13: 8:00-10:00 AM

Whitewater Falls via Bad Creek

This hike will take in views of both Lower Whitewater Falls in South Carolina and Upper White Water Falls in North Carolina.

SCNPS Upstate

June 13: 8:30 AM-1:30 PM

Upstate Summer 2026 Native Plant Sale

This will be an appointment-only sale, so email Cathy McCurdy (cathymccurdy@yahoo.com) to reserve your slot.

Oconee History Museum

June 13: 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

Flag Day Festivities

Oconee History Museum & Oconee Military Museum are partnering up for a unforgettable Flag Day celebration!

Foothills Trail Conservancy

June 13

Bats @ Night Outing

Join DNR bat biologist, Jen Kindel, on an informative outing to see Rafinesque's big-eared bats in a bat tower and observe bat behavior at night using electronics to actually hear the chirping communication used by bats to navigate and capture prey.

Tunnel

Chattooga Belle Farm

June 20: 10:00 AM

Summer Solstice Festival

Hagood Mill Historic Site

June 20: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Americana Folk Festival

Highlands Biological Station

June 21-July 2

Southern Appalachian Mayflies, Stoneflies, and Caddisflies: Session

Conserving Carolina

June 25: 2:00-3:30 PM

Green River Library Speaker Series: Southern Appalachians During the Ice Age

Highlands Biological Foundation, Zahner Conservation Lectures

June 25: 6:00-7:00 PM

The Blue Wall: What we know--and don't know--about Southern Appalachia's enigmatic weather-making landform

Upstate Forever

June 25: 6:00-8:00 PM

Inside the Process: Local Planning & State Advocacy Mixer

GNHA

June 27: 9:00 AM-4:30 PM

Chattooga River Trail--Licklog and Pigpen Falls--A Key Swap

Conestee Nature Preserve

June 27: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Opossums and Popsicles

Hagood Mill Historic Site

June 27: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Beginner Foraging Class



Plecotus rafinesquii Rafinesque's
Big-eared bat,
SCDNR photo

SC Botanical Garden Events

June 11: 9:30 AM-4:30 PM
Fanning Endowment Teacher
Workshop at SC Botanical Garden
Calling local elementary teachers!
Join us for a day-long workshop
to enrich and deepen your
curriculum content.



SCBG photo

Oconee History Museum

June 27: 1:00-2:00 PM

What is Carolina Day.

Oconee History Museum

June 30: 1:00-3:00 PM

Revolutionary Kids Day

NCNPS Oconee Bell Chapter

June 30: 5:30 PM

Nature Nights by the Pond

Conestee Nature Preserve

July 1: 5:30 PM

Mindful Walk & Talk for Women

SC Botanical Garden Events

June 26: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

SCNP Certificate Elective: Invasive
Plants & Pests/Diseases

Borrowed Glimpses

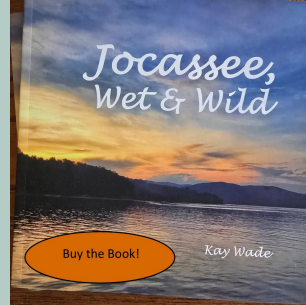


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Lake Jocassee Webcam



DID YOU KNOW?

Great blue herons use fine powder from the fray of their own chest feathers (called “pulviplumes”) to waterproof themselves and help wipe away grime. These feathers transform into the elegant wispy plumes (called “nuptial plumes”) that the birds display during breeding season to attract a mate.

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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