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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!

Stumps

Sixty years have gone by since these trees were laid down by the sawyer's chain. The stumps remain. Six decades, hiding just under the surface of Lake Jocassee, marking the past life of living, breathing beings who once sent young root tips poking through shallow, fragile soil into bedrock fractured millions of years before. A life, constantly searching for what moisture this rock could



One Jocassee stump
is like no other!

give, holding on for dear life on the slope of this steep ravine. Occasionally Lake Jocassee recedes enough for these stumps to perch high and dry on the banks, and with their graceful, sprawling roots, they remind us of dancers. ~K



**These stumps
are as individual
as the trees who once grew here.**

SPECIAL EVENTS WITH JOCASSEE LAKE TOURS

**“All the Falls” Tour [Book Now!](#)
October 24: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM**

**Full Moon Rising Tour [Book Now!](#)
October 25: 5:15-7:15 PM
(Hunter’s Moon)**

**Halloween [Book Now!](#)
October 31: 11:00 AM-2:00 PM**

**[Foothills Trail Hiking Shuttles --
Book NOW for Autumn Hikes!](#)**

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or CALL (864) 280-5501

WEEKLY EVENTS WITH JOCASSEE LAKE TOURS

**Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday
Jocassee 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!](#)**

**Sunday Three Hour Tours
10:00 AM-1:00 PM [Book Now!](#)
2:00-5:00 PM [Book Now!](#)**

[Private Tours are always available](#)

THIS WEEK ON LAKE JOCASSEE OCTOBER 19, 2026

Yesterday, Monday afternoon, Kerry, our dogs and another dog of our friends, landed at one of the ‘Beaches’ near one of the boat ramps. We climbed a bit because of the steepness of getting down into the cove. When we climbed back up



Rhododendron minus,
Photo by David White

**OUTDOOR EVENTS THIS
WEEK,
OCTOBER 19, 2026**

STATE PARK EVENTS

Gorges State Park

October 21: 10:00-10:30 AM

10 Hiking Essentials

Do you know how to be safe and prepared while hiking? Join a ranger to learn about what to bring along.

Oconee Station State Historic Site

October 24: 6:45-7:45 PM

Candlelight Tour

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

Gorges State Park

October 25: 10:00-10:30 AM

Fall Colors Hike

Join a Ranger for a moderate, 30-minute hike to explore the

to go to our car, I noticed white to pink blossoms on the Gorge Rhododendron (or Piedmont Rhododendron), Rhododendron minus!!! OH my!! That is one of my favorite plants! These Rhododendrons bloom in spring... but every now and then, they will have a second bloom again, especially when the weather is warm in October. Some of you may have been to our place in the woods. We have a 'skinny cove' on our family property, and it has a NE facing slope where we have the gorge Rhododendron. After I got home yesterday, I walked up to the patch to see if it might have a second bloom. NOPE. Given the warm weather, more sun and that big lake may have something to do with the blooms! There is a similar Gorge Rhododendron, R. carolinianum (a Southern Appalachian endemic) flowering earlier at higher elevations. One of several differences between the Gorge Rhododendron vs the Great Rosebay Rhododendron (R. maximum) – R. minus has smaller leaves and glandular-peltate scales, like gold dots on the underside of the leaf. R. maximum have longer leaves and don't have glandular scales. ~ David White, JLT Naturalist

**NEW EVENTS COMING IN
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER**

STATE PARK EVENTS

Oconee Station State Historic Site

October 29: 1:00-2:30 PM

Historic Building Tour

Table Rock State Park

October 30: 5:00-6:00 PM

Let's Get Batty

colors of the fall forest and learn about the changing of the seasons and the science of leaves.



GSP Photo

OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS

Conserving Carolina

October 20: 6:00-7:30 PM

Landrum Library Speaker Series: Beneficial Bats

This program explores the fascinating world of bats, highlighting their incredible adaptations, ecological importance, and the challenges they face.

SCNPS Upstate

October 20: 6:30-8:00 PM

Upstate Monthly Meeting Presentation: Late Season Aster and Goldenrod Identification

Join this monthly meeting where we welcome the owner of Restoration Landworks, Cory Dodgens and SC DNR Upstate Botanist, Sam Tessel.

Table Rock State Park

October 30: 6:15-7:45 PM

Bat Watch

Gorges State Park

October 30: 7:00-8:00 PM

Haunted History Hike

Gorges State Park

November 3: 9:00-11:00 AM

Native Plant Gardens Volunteer Day

Oconee Station State Historic Site

November 8: 12:00-3:30 PM

Harvest Picnic and Art Show

Table Rock State Park

November 14: 2:00-10:00 AM

Sunrise Hike-Bald Knob

Table Rock State Park

November 14: 2:00-6:00 PM

Music on the Mountain

OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS

Upstate SC Young Birders

October 27

Furman University, Greenville

County- email Aerin at

Upstatesc.youngbirders@gmail.com for details

Conserving Carolina

October 27: 9:00 -11:00 AM

November 3: 9:00-11:00 AM

November 3: 1:00-3:00 PM

Pollinator Paradise Partners

Highlands Biological Station

October 30: 9:00-10:00 AM

Creepy Critter Crawl

Foothills Trail Conservancy

October 31: 9:00 AM-12:30 PM

Lower Whitewater Falls



Solidago sp.,
Photo by Sheryl White

GNHA

October 31: 9:30 AM-1:30 PM
Clemson Experimental Forest -Fants
Grove-Green Triangle Trail

Conestee Nature Preserve

November 5: 3:00-4:30 PM
Elementary Nature Discovery
Afterschool Club

GNHA

November 7: 9:15 AM-4:15 PM
Jones Gap

SCNPS Upstate

November 7: 9:30 AM-3:00 PM.
Conestee Nature Preserve 20th
Anniversary Volunteer Activity

Mushroom Mountain

October 20: 7:00-9:00 PM
Mushroom Hunting Made Easy:
Learn to Identify Edible Wild
Mushrooms (Live Online Class)
Discover the world of wild mushrooms from the comfort of home!

Hagood Mill Historic Site

November 7: 10:00 AM-8:00 PM
Midgard at the Mill: A Viking Invasion

Conestee Nature Preserve

November 7: 11:00 AM-2:00 PM
Celebrate 20 Years of Trail
Connections

Upstate Forever

October 22: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Volunteer Workday: Rocky River
Nature Park
Please join us for a volunteer workday removing invasive plant species in Anderson's beloved Rocky River Nature Park.

Conserving Carolina

November 12: 2:00-3:30 PM
Etowah Library Speaker Series:
Caring for Trees on your Property

Mushroom Mountain

November 12: 2:00-3:30 PM
MM Farm Tour

Oconee History Museum

October 23: 7:00 PM
Intriguing Tales of Crime and
Punishment
Step into Oconee County's darker chapters as we explore real stories of crime, justice,

Sierra Club South Carolina

November 14: 9:00-11:30 AM
Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Greenville

Conestee Nature Preserve

November 15: 10:00-11:30 AM
Mindfulness with the Meadow

and the people caught in between.

Hagood Mill Historic Site

October 23: 6:00 PM- October 24: 7:00 PM

4th Annual Pickens Appalachian Folk Festival

This free, two-day festival celebrates the music, stories, heritage, food, and culture of the Appalachian region.

GNHA

October 24: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Table Rock Summit-Table Rock State Park

Be advised this is a steep hike with 2205 feet of elevation gain and does involve numerous stone and rock steps to reach the summit.

Mushroom Mountain

October 24: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Fall Mushroom Cultivation Workshop

This immersive, hands-on workshop explores the world of fungi and practical mushroom cultivation techniques.

Sierra Club South Carolina

October 24: 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Bike the Doodle Trail

We will ride about halfway to Pickens and turn around, for approximately 8 miles round trip.

Hagood Mill Historic Site

October 24: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Artifact Identification Day

The SC Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology (SCIAA) is coming to the Hagood Creek

SC Botanical Garden Events

October 31: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Natural Plant Communities, SCNP Certificate Core Class

October 31: 1:00-4:00 PM

Nature Center Open House: After Dark- Creatures of the Night Revealed

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

Fall Invasive Plant Management Workshop

November 7: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Sustainable Landscaping, SCNP Certificate Core Class

November 11: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Invasive Species Management, SCNP Certificate Elective

JOCASSEE WILD CHILD 2026 FUNDRAISER OCT. 1-DEC. 31



<https://www.facebook.com/jocasseewild>

Petroglyph Site for a special event to help identify locally found treasures like arrowheads, pottery shards, or other interesting artifacts. Bring your discoveries and join us for a day of exploration and education.

SC Botanical Garden Events

October 20: 7:30-9:30 PM

Conestee Nature Preserve

Herbal Delights Series: Sachets and Soaps

October 24: 6:30-8:30 PM

Night Hike: Bats, Owls and More!

In this hands-on, interactive workshop, you will discover some of the more "spooky" new easy and rewarding it is to visit to the Preserve including bats, owls, zombie fungus, and more!



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October 21: 8:30-9:30 AM

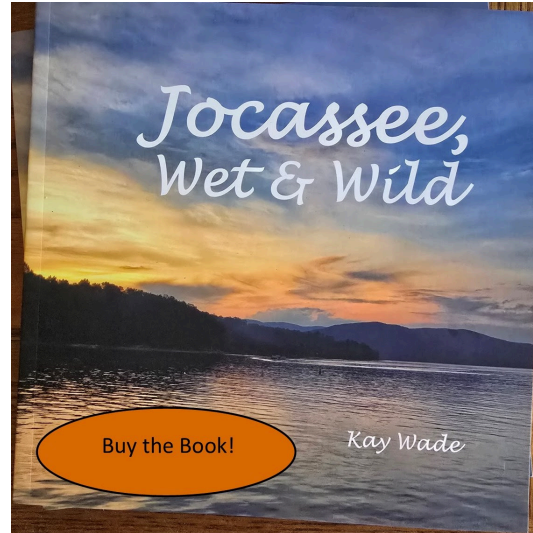
Winged Wednesdays

This guided walk offers a chance to see a variety of bird species in their natural habitat. No experience is required.



Lake Jocassee Webcam
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THIS YEAR, GIVE THE GIFT OF JOCASSEE



DID YOU KNOW?

Remontancy (pronounced ri-MON-tan-see) is the ability of a plant to flower more than once during the course of a growing season or year. The trait is heavily favored and selected by plant breeders and hybridizers.

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!

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at Devils Fork State Park, [528 Jocassee Lake Road](#)

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