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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!



Leaves

Native trees cling to their final blaze of glorious color in sheltered coves and slopes along the base of the Blue Wall, even as chill air slides off the Blue Ridge Escarpment, even as autumn-colored foliage drifts, one leaf after another, to dry ground. Today's maple leaves cover yesterday's sourwood, sourwood covers last week's fallen tulip poplar. Oaks, the last to let go, will soon spread

a thick brown blanket over the land, rains will return, this blanket of leaves will soften and settle, and small earthly beings—spiders and snails, bumblebees and millipedes, moth and butterfly caterpillars, wasp larvae, beetles and springtails—will snuggle under the blanket, safe from winter freeze. Will they also be safe from our mowers and blowers? ~K



SPECIAL EVENTS WITH JOCASSEE LAKE TOURS

COLD SEASON TOUR SCHEDULE

Giving Thanks Book Now!
November 27: 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

Foothills Trail Hiking Shuttles -- Book NOW for Autumn Hikes!

Book Online
or CALL (864) 280-5501

Private Tours are always available!

WEEKLY EVENTS WITH JOCASSEE LAKE TOURS

Tuesday & Thursday Jocassee Lake Tours
11:00 AM-2:00 PM Book Now!

Friday Private Tours
4 & 6 hour tours available
Book Now!

Saturday Lake Tours
11:00 AM-2:00 PM Book Now!

Sunday Three Hour Tours
2:00-5:00 PM Book Now!



Embracing the challenge and overcoming the fear.

OUTDOOR EVENTS THIS WEEK, NOVEMBER 23, 2026

STATE PARK EVENTS

Oconee State Park
November 27: 10:00 AM-12:00 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.

Oconee Station State Historic Site
November 27: 2:00-4:00 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.

Oconee Station State Historic Site
November 27: 5:30-6:30 PM
Candlelight Tour
Step into the shadows of the past as Oconee Station comes alive by candlelight.

THIS WEEK ON LAKE JOCASSEE NOVEMBER 23, 2026

WILD Times with Jocassee Wild Child! With Outdoor Lab Experiences wrapping up for the season, I've been asked to share some of my favorite moments out on the lake as a new guide. The Wild Child trips I'll cherish the most are when I got a student to overcome their fears. Being there to help a student slow down, breathe, and work through a fear of animals, waterfalls or rock jumping will always be the most rewarding moments of Wild Child for me. Another highlight of the trips from this past season were when I had a timid class in the morning and then throughout the day got my students to have so much fun that the class was a rambunctious crowd hooting and hollering about our day. If my boat was the loudest at the dock, then I knew I had a successful day out on the lake! ~Collin Woods, JWC guide

NEW EVENTS COMING IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

STATE PARK EVENTS

Gorges State Park
November 24: 9:00-10:00 AM
Senior Ramble with a Ranger

Gorges State Park
November 25: 10:00-10:30 AM
Talking Turkey

Oconee Station State Historic Site
November 30: 1:00-2:30 PM
Historic Building Tour

Oconee Station State Historic Site
November 28: 1:00-2:30 PM
Historic Building Tour
Come for a ranger-led tour of the buildings while learning about the history of the site.



OSSHS, Photo by @rho_mcd

OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS

Conserving Carolina
November 24: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
Special 'Guided' Hike on the Wildcat Rock Trail
The Wildcat Rock Trail has been closed since Hurricane Helene. Although trail repairs are complete, the trail remains closed to the public due to ongoing road construction, so we'll be parking on private property rather than at the trailhead. These guided hikes offer a special sneak peek at the restoration work. Space is limited to 20 and pre-registration is required.

Oconee Station State Historic Site
December 5: 10:00 AM-12:30 PM
Phone Photography Workshop

Table Rock State Park
December 12: 2:00-6:00 PM
Music on the Mountain

Oconee Station State Historic Site
December 12: 3:00-5:00 PM
Frontier Fields & Festivities

Oconee Station State Historic Site
December 18: 5:30-6:30 PM
Candlelight Tour

OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS

Conserving Carolina
December 1: 1:00-3:00 PM
Pollinator Paradise Partners

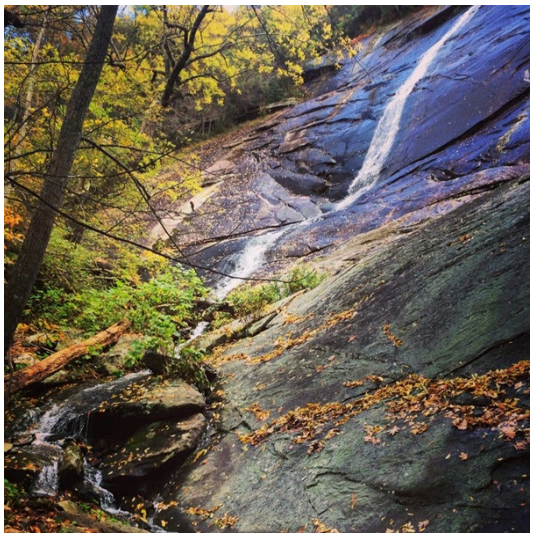
Conserving Carolina
December 4: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
Special 'Guided' Hike on the Wildcat Rock Trail

Hagood Mill Historic Site
December 5 & 12: 10:00 AM-12:30 PM
Woodland Foraging Walk

Hagood Mill Historic Site
December 5 & 20: 1:00-4:00 PM
Mushrooms 101

SCNPS Golden Corner Chapter
December 8: 6:00 PM
December Meeting

Highlands Biological Station
December 10: 1:00 PM
2026 Highlands Field Site Independent Research Symposium



Conserving Carolina Photo

SC Botanical Garden Events



Meet the Education Team from the SCBG--Clemson Champions!

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Halfway to our
fundraising deadline,
and not quite half way to our goal of matching
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WATCH THE PROGRESS!
Every contribution made between now and December 31,
whether through BetterWorld, GoFundMe, PayPal, Square, Fareharbor, check, or cash,

GNHA
December 12: 8:30 AM-4:00 PM
Pinnacle, 9-miles, 2300 e.g.

Conestee Nature Preserve
December 12: 9:00-11:00 AM
From Earth to Paper: A Nature Journaling Class

Mushroom Mountain
December 12: 10:00-11:30 AM
MM Farm Tour

Chattooga Belle Farm
December 12: 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
Christmas on the Farm

SCNPS Upstate
December 15: 6:30-8:00 PM
Upstate Monthly Meeting

Palmetto Trail
December 16: 1:00-4:00 PM
Palmetto Trail Volunteer Training-Upstate Region

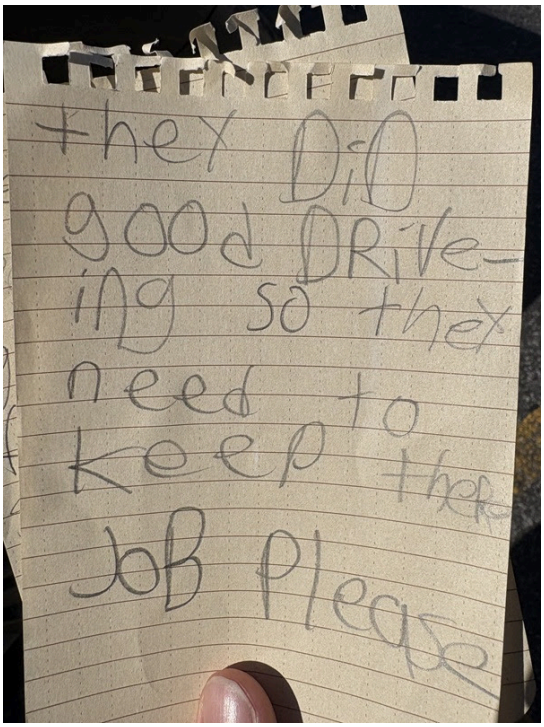
Green Bird Nature Therapy- Jeanne Malmgren
December 19
Silent Hike, Winter Solstice

Sierra Club South Carolina
December 19: 8:00 AM-12:00 PM
Explore the Rocky River Nature Park with the Foothills Group

SC Botanical Garden Events
December 12: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Evergreens, SCNP Certificate Elective

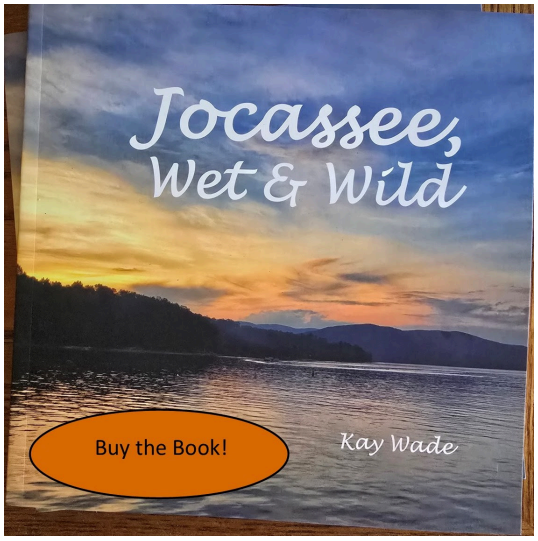
Borrowed Glimpses

counts toward giving local children the chance to explore, discover, and fall in love with wild places like Lake Jocassee and the Jocassee Gorges.
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Salem, SC 29676.



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DID YOU KNOW?

Overall, leaf removal decreased the abundance of emerging arthropods by 17 %, with some taxa more negatively affected (moths and butterflies-45 %; beetles-24 %, spiders-up to 67 %) than others (flies, parasitic wasps). ~Max Ferlauto, *Nat'l Center for Biotechnology Information*
While every insect is an arthropod, not all arthropods are insects. Other groups of arthropods include arachnids (spiders, scorpions), crustaceans (crabs, lobsters), and myriapods (centipedes, millipedes).

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

PLEASE CALL 864-280-5501 AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE TO RESERVE YOUR SEATS!

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