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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!

Diversity

Trees show up on the mountainside this week as individuals, decked out in finery befitting the curtain call of a gay musical. The thinning canopies of tulip poplars stand out best, their pointed tops twinkling in sunlight with leaves like yellow Christmas lights. Almost as distinctive are the rich burnt gold of hickories, the scarlet red of black gums, the fluorescent orange of maples. All these trees and so many more, a harmonious collection of species sharing space in land known for diversity... of its trees, anyway! ~K



Thursday, on Lake Jocassee
Trees are turning more colorful by the day!

JOCASSEE WILD CHILD

Entering week six of fundraising,
we are one third of the way to meeting the
$100,000 Match Challenge.
Through BetterWorld.com you can give, share, and
WATCH THE PROGRESS!
Every contribution made between now and December 31,
whether through BetterWorld, GoFundMe, PayPal, Square, Fareharbor,
check, or cash,
counts toward our $100K campaign goal,
giving more children the chance to explore, discover,
and fall in love with wild places
like Lake Jocassee and the Jocassee Gorges.
Please direct checks to: Jocassee Wild Outdoor Education,
PO Box 582, Salem, SC 29676.

SPECIAL EVENTS WITH JOCASSEE LAKE TOURS

****PLEASE NOTE**
NEW WINTER HOURS FOR ALL
JOCASSEE LAKE TOURS!**

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

WEEKLY EVENTS WITH JOCASSEE LAKE TOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday
Jocassee Lake Tours
11:00 AM-3:00 PM Book Now!

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

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

Book Online

or CALL (864) 280-5501

Private Tours are always available!

Saturday Lake Tours
11:00 AM-3:00 PM Book Now!

Sunday Three Hour Tours
11:00 AM-2:00 PM Book Now!
2:00-5:00 PM Book Now!



Mr. Explorer!

OUTDOOR EVENTS THIS WEEK, NOVEMBER 9, 2026

STATE PARK EVENTS

Table Rock State Park
November 14: 2:00-10:00 AM
Sunrise Hike--Bald Knob
After experiencing the nocturnal aspects of the forest, we will enjoy the pre-dawn sky from the outcrop as we anticipate the beauty of a new sunrise.

Table Rock State Park
November 14: 2:00-6:00 PM
Music on the Mountain

THIS WEEK ON LAKE JOCASSEE NOVEMBER 9, 2026

Don't take our word for it... hear it from the kids and the teachers! As we wrap up an AMAZING fall season of Jocassee Wild Child, we'll let the teachers and students tell the story:
"Everything from the planning/teacher portal to the actual event--it was perfection!! Our kids said it was their favorite event by far!!" ~ Cassie Hyder, Summit Academy SC
"The feedback I received from adults and students was probably the most positive I've ever heard from any fieldtrip!" ~ Brittany Morgan, Central Academy of the Arts
"I loved the spontaneous lessons built on students observations and questions." ~ Michelle Conley, Amber Elementary
"I am going to protect Lake Jocassee by throwing my trash in the trash can and promise to leave no trace. The best field trip ever" ~ Student, Six Mile Elementary
These experiences, discoveries and lifelong memories happen because of YOU, our donors! Our $100,000 Matching Challenge runs through December 31. Every dollar is matched, helping more children experience the wonder of Jocassee Wild Child!

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



The Lodge at TRSP

OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS

Conserving Carolina
November 10: 2:00-3:30 PM
Saluda Library Speaker Series – Outdoor Education for All in an Ever-Changing Climate
Join Isaac Wyatt, Education Director at Bullington Gardens, for an inspiring conversation about the power of outdoor education!

Golden Corner Chapter SCNPS
November 10: 6:30
Chapter Meeting
Amanda Gladys, teacher and native plant advocate for gardens at Walhalla High School will be our speaker. Everyone is welcome!

GNHA
November 11: 8:30 AM-2:00 PM
Rainbow and Jones Gap Falls
We'll hike from the Jones Gap parking area to Rainbow Falls which is a steep hike to a beautiful waterfall. Then we will retrace our steps and head to Jones Gap Falls, a rolling trail with some elevation towards the end.

Conserving Carolina
November 12: 2:00-3:30 PM

DONATE & DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!

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NEW EVENTS COMING IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

STATE PARK EVENTS

Oconee State Park
November 21: 10:00-11:00 AM
Nature Stroll

Oconee State Park
November 27: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
#OptOutsideSC Ranger-Led Hike

Oconee Station State Historic Site
November 27: 2:00-4:00 PM
#OptOutsideSC Ranger-Led Hike

Oconee Station State Historic Site
November 27: 5:30-6:30 PM
Candlelight Tour

OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS

Conserving Carolina
November 17: 8:25 AM-2:00 PM
Mushroom Mountain Farm Tour

Conserving Carolina
November 17: 1:00-3:00 PM
December 1: 1:00-3:00 PM
Pollinator Paradise Partners

Conserving Carolina
November 17: 6:00 PM
Landrum Library Speaker Series: South Carolina's Botanical Treasures: Exploring Our Native and Rare Plants

SCNPS
November 17: 6:30-8:00 PM
Upstate Monthly Meeting

Etowah Library Speaker Series: Caring for Trees on your Property
This presentation aims to educate property owners on the benefits of trees, while also providing resources to help identify potential risks and health concerns that may increase the likelihood of tree failure or decline.

Mushroom Mountain
November 12: 2:00-3:30 PM
MM Farm Tour
Join us for a 90-minute guided tour through one of the most unique farms in Upstate SC and discover the hidden world beneath your feet!

Friends of Jocassee (FOJ)
November 13: 5:30 PM
Jocassee Fireside Chat: Restoration and Habitat Enhancement for Southern Appalachian Brook Trout
Hailey Goyette, Region 1 Creek Biologist with the SCDNR will share her insight on efforts to date, why we should care and what you can do to help.



***Salvelinus fontinalis* Southern Appalachian brook trout, Photo by Kenneth Lingerfelt**

Conestee Nature Preserve
November 14: 9:00-11:00 AM
From Earth to Paper: A Nature Journaling Class
Participants take a guided hike through the Preserve, collecting

Conestee Nature Preserve
November 19: 3:00-4:30 PM
Elementary Nature Discovery Afterschool Club

Palmetto Trail
November 19-22
Women's Outdoor Weekend

GCBC
November 21: 8:00-10:30 AM (Shorter Walk)
November 21: 8:00 AM-12:00 PM (Longer Walk)
Conestee Nature Preserve

GNHA
November 21: 8:00 AM-3:30 PM
Whitewater Falls via Bad Creek

Friends of Jocassee
November 21: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
Jocassee Santa

GNHA
November 21: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Eastatoee Passage of Palmetto Trail--Ron Anderson

Highlands Biological Station
November 21: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Homestead Skills Drop-In

Sierra Club South Carolina
November 21: 10:00 AM-1:00 PM
Hike in Ashmore Heritage Preserve

SC Botanical Garden Events
November 17: 7:30-9:30 PM
Herbal Delights Series: Bath Salts and Dream Pillows

November 18: 8:30-9:30 AM
Winged Wednesdays

November 18: 9:30 AM-4:00 PM
Adopt-a-Stream Macroinvertebrate Monitoring Workshop

natural items and settle together to spend time sketching what is found.

Sierra Club South Carolina

November 14: 9:00-11:30 AM
Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Greenville
Join us for the quarterly trash clean-up along a 2-mile stretch of E. North Street.

Hagood Mill Historic Site

November 14: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Beginner Foraging Walk with Donna Putney
This hands-on Beginner Foraging Walk starts with a short classroom session on safe, responsible foraging (identification basics, ethical harvesting and plants to avoid), then heads out onto the Hagood Mill grounds to find what's in season this fall.

Holly Springs Center

November 14: 2:00- 4:00 PM
Intro to Bee Keeping
This course is designed for the person who is interested in beekeeping but is unsure of how to get started.

Conestee Nature Preserve

November 15: 10:00-11:30 AM
Mindfulness with the Meadow
This event offers a different kind of gathering — one rooted in direct relationship with the living world, where forests, meadows, and other creatures become doorways into connection, meaning, and belonging.

SC Botanical Garden Events

November 11: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Invasive Species Management, SCNP Certificate Elective
In this course, we'll cover invasive plant management including going in depth on what makes

November 20: 10:00-11:30 AM
Friday Garden Forays

November 21: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Tree Identification, SCNP Certificate Core Class

November 21: 1:00-4:00 PM
Nature Center Open House: Hidden Worlds Beneath Your Feet--Leaf Litter Lab

Borrowed Glimpses

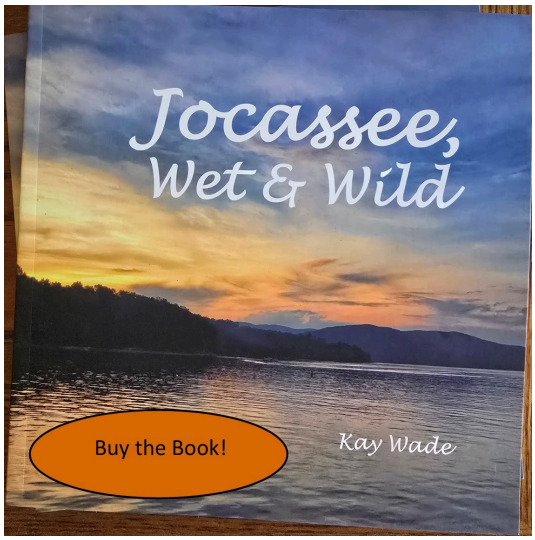




certain non-native plants invasive, the specific species we encounter in the Southeast, and how we can most effectively mitigate them on our own properties.



***Pueraria montana* Kudzu, Photo by Brandon Green**





Thanks again to all our friends who help make a JWC Outdoor Learning Experience possible for so many of our local kids.

Jocassee Wet and Wild is a week-by-week collection of short nature musings by Kay Wade, written over many years for The Blue Wall Weekly newsletter. Each piece captures a moment in one of the most biologically rich landscapes in North America — the Jocassee Gorges.

Buy the Book!

Lake Jocassee Webcam
Sponsored by Friends of Jocassee



DID YOU KNOW?

November 2026 is structurally different from historical averages due to a combination of a historic "Super El Niño" and the earliest recorded collapse of the polar vortex. These two competing forces have disrupted normal seasonal transitions, bringing extreme warmth to some areas and creating highly volatile, unpredictable weather patterns across the Northern Hemisphere.

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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