

## A NOTE FROM THE NATURALIST

Welcome to Lake Guntersville State Park. We are thrilled you and your family have decided to join us for our 38th Annual Eagle Awareness Weekends!

This weekend will be filled with lots of chances to see bald eagles in the wild, programs to get you up close and personal experiences, and educational classes to teach you about other aspects of Alabama's rich biodiversity.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns throughout the weekend, please do not hesitate to let me or any of the park staff know. I hope this weekend brings you closer to nature and you get to experience something new while you are here!

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## SCHEDULE

### Friday

5:30 PM - Wine & Cider Social  
*Sponsored by Jules J. Berta Winery*

6:00 PM - Weekend Introduction

### Saturday

5:30 AM - Early Bird Coffee in Lobby

6:00 AM - Eagle Watch - Campground

7:00 AM - Breakfast

8:30 AM - Guided Trip to Eagle Nest

10:00 AM - Rise Raptor Project

11:00 AM - Lunch Break

1:00 PM - Southeastern Raptor Center

2:30 - Education Classes

5:00 PM - Alabama Wildlife Center

7:00 PM Dinner

### Sunday

6:00 AM - Sunrise Coffee on Lodge Deck

7:00 AM - Breakfast

9:00 AM - Guided Field Trips  
(Bucks Pocket & Guntersville City Nests)

*Overnight guest check out is at 11 AM on Sunday*



*38th Annual*

# EAGLE AWARENESS 2024

**FEBRUARY 2ND - 4TH**

**LAKE GUNTERSVILLE STATE PARK**



## PARK INFORMATION

### Restaurant Hours:

Friday & Saturday - 7 AM to 9 PM

Sunday - 7 AM to 3 PM

WIFI Password: 1800ALAPARK

Check out is at 11 AM



## MEET OUR PRESENTERS

### Rise Raptor Project

While you will learn facts about raptors in our programs we seek to instill not only knowledge but an understanding of the environment and the animals that live here with us. Also, how our culture, history and our scientific understanding contribute to our ability to serve as good stewards of this world we call home.

<https://riseraptor.org/>

### Southeastern Raptor Center

The Southeastern Raptor Center's program is a unique opportunity for audiences to learn about the fascinating world of raptors. This hour-long presentation will feature a selection of the center's raptor ambassadors and may include owls, falcons, hawks, vultures, and eagles. During the program, participants will experience these raptors up-close and learn about the natural history of each species and their vital ecological roles. One of the highlights of the presentation will be the flight demonstrations from some of the raptors, providing attendees insight into their unique adaptations.

<https://www.vetmed.auburn.edu/raptor/>

### Alabama Wildlife Center

Alabama Wildlife Center's birds of prey program teaches audience members all about raptors and their adaptations for survival. We will review the basics of raptor biology and learn about behavior, training, and conservation.

<https://alabamawildlifecenter.org/>

## EDUCATION CLASSES

Each weekend will offer concurrent sessions focused on the diversity of Alabama. You will spend 35 minutes learning about each of these before rotating to the next topic.

**The Art of Leaf Pounding**

**Eagle Monitoring in Alabama**

**Birds in the Mist**

## GUIDED FIELD TRIPS

Sunday will be filled with exploring outside the park.

We will have guided tours to 3 eagle nests in Guntersville or you will have a chance to visit Bucks Pocket State Park with a Naturalist.

**Guntersville Sunset Drive Nest**

**Claysville School Nest**

**Marshall County Park One Nest**

**Bucks Pocket State Park**



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