

A NOTE FROM THE NATURALIST

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!

INDYA GUTHRIE, PARK NATURALIST



SCHEDULE for Package Holders

Friday

5:30 PM -

Wine & Cider Social*

Sponsored by Jules J. Berta Winery

6:00 PM -

**38 Years of Eagle Awareness Weekends
at Lake Guntersville State Park**

Eagle Chat and Q & A

with Linda Reynolds, Park Naturalist Emeritus

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 - Raptor Ridge*

11:00 AM - Lunch Break

12:00 PM - Eagle Awards

Greg Lein, Alabama State Parks Director

Chris Blankenship, DCNR Commissioner

1:00 PM - Southeastern Raptor Center*

2:30 - Trio of 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 Birding or Guntersville City

Eagle Nests

**Indicates LIVE birds of prey program*

Overnight guest check out is 11 AM on Sunday



38th Annual

**EAGLE
AWARENESS
2024**

JANUARY 19TH - 21ST

LAKE GUNTERVILLE 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

To register for an Eagle Awareness
Weekend Package or for more
information contact

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MEET OUR PRESENTERS

Alabama State Parks:

Indya Guthrie, Lake Guntersville
Brittney M. Hughes, DeSoto
Kelly Reetz, SW District Parks
Renee S. Raney, Chief of Interpretation

Environmental Education Organizations:

Raptor Ridge

Raptor Ridge Wildlife Education is an interactive outreach program focusing on the vital role raptors play in the natural world. We strive to teach the importance of environmental stewardship and develop a passion for protecting our natural resources. <https://www.facebook.com/RaptorRidgeWildlifeEducation/>

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/>

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EDUCATION CLASSES

Each weekend will offer concurrent sessions focused on the biodiversity of Alabama. Participants will spend 30 minutes learning about each of these before rotating to the next topic.

Gopher Turtles & Indigo Snakes
Jimmy Stiles, Auburn University

The Intriguing Loggerhead Shrike
Michelle Reynolds, Shrike Enthusiast

Carnivorous Pitcher Plants & Biodiversity
Brittney M. Hughes, State Park Naturalist

SUNDAY GUIDED FIELD TRIPS

Explore Bucks Pocket State Park with a Park Naturalist or join the triple eagle nests tour in Guntersville. All destinations are outside the park.

Directions in QR Code below

Guntersville Sunset Drive Nest

Clayville School Nest

Marshall County Park One Nest

Bucks Pocket State Park

