

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!

INDYA GUTHRIE, PARK NATURALIST



SCHEDULE for Package Holders

Friday

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

6:30 PM - 38 Years of History of Eagle Awareness Weekends

Linda Reynolds, Park Naturalist Emeritus &
Founder of Eagle Awareness at Lake
Guntersville State Park

Saturday

5:30 AM - Early Bird Coffee- Lodge Lobby
6:00 AM - Eagle Watch - Campground
7:00 AM - Breakfast
8:30 AM - Guided Trip to Eagle's Nest
10:00 AM - Rise Raptor Project*
11:00 AM - Lunch Break

12:00 PM - Eagle Awards

Greg Lein, Director of Alabama State Parks

1:00 PM - Southeastern Raptor Center*
2:30 - Education Classes-Lodge
5:00 PM - Alabama Wildlife Center*
7:00 PM Dinner

Sunday

6:00 AM - Sunrise Coffee-Lodge Deck
7:00 AM - Breakfast

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

**Indicates LIVE birds of prey program*

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

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

Renee S. Raney, Chief of Interpretation

Environmental Education Organizations:

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 biodiversity of Alabama. Participants will spend 30 minutes learning about each of these before rotating to the next topic.

Raptors: Roles & Relationships

Valerie Castanza, Raptor Ridge Wildlife Educator

Eagle Monitoring in Alabama

Mercedes Maddox, Non-game Wildlife Biologist

Intriguing Loggerhead Shrike

Michelle Reynolds, Shrike Enthusiast

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

Claysville School Nest

Marshall County Park One Nest

Bucks Pocket State Park

