

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

6:00 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 - Alabama 4-H Science School*

11:00 AM - Lunch Break

1:00 PM - Wings to Soar*

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 & Guntersville City Nests)

**Indicates LIVE birds of prey program*

Saturday Photography Workshop:

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM - Year of Alabama

Birding Beth Cowan Drake, *Alabama The Beautiful*

\$35 fee; pre-registration required

Sweet Home
Alabama

Overnight guest check out is at 11 AM on Sunday



38th Annual

**EAGLE
AWARENESS
2024**

JANUARY 26TH - 28TH

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
Lauren M. Massey, Oak Mountain
Kathryn Gray, Cheaha
Renee S. Raney, Chief of Interpretation

Environmental Education Organizations:

Alabama 4-H Science School

Our live bird collection includes both diurnal and nocturnal raptors that students can see up close. Students will learn about the adaptations unique to raptors, their role in our ecosystem, and the conservation efforts we can do to help these animals thrive in the wild.
<https://alabama4hcenter.org/4-h-science-school/>

Wings to Soar

Wings to Soar's mission is to create awareness, about the vital role birds of prey play in the natural world. Through our interactive outreach programs, we take environmental education to new heights. In our free flying raptor programs, we give our audience a unique opportunity to view birds of prey.
<https://www.soarsouth.org/>

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/>

Additional Opportunity:

Year of Alabama Birding Photography

*Workshop Hosted by Alabama The Beautiful's
Beth Cowan Drake*

A photography workshop designed to teach the field techniques of bird photography. Saturday 1 pm-4 pm Located in Dogwood Room and outside in the park- **\$35 participation fee**

Photo Credits: Terry Shell

EDUCATION CLASSES

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

The Rare Oaks of Oak Mountain

Lauren Massey, Oak Mountain State Park Naturalist

Alabama's almost Extinct Eastern Hemlocks

Janice Barrett, Wild Alabama

Cranes in Alabama

Tom Ress, Wheeler NWR

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

