

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 & Speaker Lauren McGough

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

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

JANUARY 19TH - 21ST

LAKE GUNTERSVILLE STATE PARK



PARK INFORMATION

Restaurant Hours:

Friday & Saturday - 7 AM to 9 PM

Sunday - 7 AM to 3 PM

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Check out is at 11 AM



MEET OUR PRESENTERS

Speaker - Lauren McGough

Lauren McGough is a falconer and anthropologist that has dedicated her life to the art and practice of hunting in partnership with eagles.
<https://www.laurenmcgough.com/>

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 diversity of Alabama. You will spend 35 minutes learning about each of these before rotating to the next topic.

**Environmental Connections:
Gopher Tortoises & Indigo Snakes**

The Intriguing Loggerhead Shrike

**Pitcher Plants & Alabama's Plant
Biodiversity**

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

