

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 - Alabama 4-H Science School

11:00 AM - Lunch Break

1:00 PM - Wings to Soar

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM - Year of AL Birding
Photography Workshop

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 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



MEET OUR PRESENTERS

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/>

Year of Alabama Birding Photography Workshop

Hosted by Alabama The Beautiful's Beth Cowan Drake

Join Beth Cowan Drake from Alabama the Beautiful for a photography workshop designed to teach the field techniques of bird photography. From numerous approaches to photographing different species of bird, she will explain how to control the variables to capture the image of a bird, discuss her personal settings for various images she has captured, and review her Lightroom editing technique.

Located in Dogwood Room - \$35 participation fee

Photo Credits: Terry Shell

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 Oak of Oak Mountain

Alabama's Hemlocks

Cranes of Alabama

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

