

The Lee Park Post

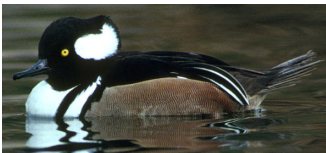
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Recent Wildlife Sightings

White eyed vireos, blue gray gnatcatchers and Northern parulas are singing in the forested wetlands.

Hooded mergansers have been seen using the park's fishing pond.



Frogs are calling day and night - tree frogs during the day and spring peepers at night.

Wood duck hen was spotted going into one of the park's wood duck boxes. We should have ducklings soon.



Barred owl seen flying along one of the park's walking trails near the park office.

Lynches River Water Level

Visit the US Geological Survey's Online Lynches River Gauges

<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/sc/nwis/rt>

Spotlight On Species: Red-headed Woodpecker

Lee is home to 7 kinds of woodpeckers - downy woodpecker, hairy woodpecker, Northern flicker, red-bellied woodpecker, yellow-bellied sapsucker, pileated woodpecker and the red-headed woodpecker.

One of the most visible in the spring is the red-headed woodpecker. These woodpeckers are also quite loud, calling back and forth to one another in the trees.

The male and female look the same - regal red feathers on the head and black and white feathers on the body. They are omnivores which means they eat both plants and animals. Some of their foods include bird eggs and baby birds! Not the typical acorn and insect dinner you might think every woodpecker eats! It is usual for these birds to have two broods or 2 sets of babies each summer. The young are fed insects.

If you are interested in seeing this bird, take a walk out on the park's boardwalk. There are usually 4 to 6 woodpeckers flying around. If you can't find any, stop by the office and I'll go searching with you.



Red-headed Woodpecker

(photo: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)

-Laura Kirk, Interpretive Ranger

Park Facilities and Activities

LEE STATE NATURAL AREA

487 Loop Rd
Bishopville, SC
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Directions to Park
From Columbia

Take I-20 east to exit 123. Turn left on to Lee State Park Road. Entrance to park will be on your left 1 mile north of the interstate.

From Florence

Take I-20 west to exit 123. Turn right on to Lee State Park Road. Entrance to park will be on your left 1 mile north of the interstate.

Camping

Picnic area with shelters

Nature trails

River fishing

Pond fishing for children

Environmental Education Center
with exhibit hall

River floodplain boardwalk

Primitive youth group camping

Education programs for:

- schools

- scouts

- general public

Call Education Office

803 428-4988 for more info

Color It: Red-headed Woodpecker

