

Coon Dog Days Festival Rally

July 6 - 9, 2023

Activities / Things to do in the Area

NOTE: (all activity details are below the dividing line; Schedule follows at the end.)

1. GROUP ACTIVITIES on FRIDAY. These are the only planned group activities away from the campground – still optional as there is no up-front commitment.
 - a. Pearson's Falls. Details below.
 - b. House of Flags. Private guided tour confirmed.
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NOTE: All mileage is distance from campground.

NATURE

- **FRI GROUP: NATURE WALK TO Pearson's Falls.** Pearson's Falls (4.6 mi.) short ¼ mile trail to a 90-ft waterfall. \$5 parking fee. Car pool to save. (maintained by garden club); 2748 Pearson Falls Rd, Saluda, North Carolina 28773

MUSEUMS

(miles are from campground)

- **FRI GROUP: House of Flags private guided tour.** (12 mi.) <https://houseofflags.org/> FREE; 33 Gibson St. Columbus, NC. Or go on your own Open Sat 10-4.
- **Saluda Historic Depot** (4.6 mi - in town) <http://www.saludahistoricdepot.com/> Thurs - Sat 12 - 4 FREE. Learn about the Saluda Grade (see below)
- **Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site** (13 mi) Flatrock. 1928 Little River Rd. Flat Rock, North Carolina. FREE. Sign up for tours in advance at Recreation.gov. Tours Thursday - Sunday 11am, 1pm, 2pm.

ADVENTURE

- **Green River Adventures** greenriveradventures.com
 - Suggested: \$39 self-guided Lower Green River Adventure (3 mi. Class 1 - 2)
 - Other Trips & Prices: (<https://book.singenuity.com/214/activity>)
- **5K Run.** Saturday morning (8 am) \$30
<https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Saluda/CoonDogDayRace>

TOWNS

- Hendersonville, Flat Rock

Schedule

NO RALLY FEE

THURSDAY

- 2-5:30 pm Arrive.
- 6:00 Pot Luck at tent/pavilion near golf area (meat provided by club)
- 7:00 Go over the schedule.
- 7:30 evening canoe ride on the lake at the campground. FREE

FRIDAY

- GROUP: 9:00 Caravan to Pearson Falls
- GROUP: 11:00 House of Flags Museum. Private guided tour.
- FREE TIME - Lunch suggestion: Southern Manners (Amish deli 1 block from flag museum).
- 7:30 Campfire

SATURDAY

- 8 am: 5K Run (who's going to do this with Mary?)
- FESTIVAL - on your own; activities into the evening.
- 8:30 night hike around campground (bring flashlights as back-up but we'll try to rely on our night vision)

SUNDAY

- 1:00 checkout

What is the Saluda Grade?

The Saluda Grade is a portion of the railway owned by the [Norfolk Southern Railway](#). Its claim to fame is that it is the steepest standard-gauge mainline railway grade in all of the U.S. It gains a miraculous 606 feet of elevation in less than just 3 miles in the area between Melrose and Saluda, North Carolina. To put that in perspective, the average maximum gain is just 300 feet.