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## Honoring Our Fallen Heroes: The Mission of the LazerWerk Memorial Bracelet Foundation

By Anderson SC Living

At the LazerWerk Memorial Bracelet Foundation, our mission is simple yet profound: to honor fallen heroes' bravery, sacrifice, and service. Whether they are police officers, soldiers, K9s, or those who have been lost to Invisible Wounds, we are committed to ensuring their legacy lives on. We commemorate these heroes through our custom-engraved metal bracelets, while extending our support to their families and organizations in need.

Founded in Anderson, South Carolina, the LazerWerk Memorial Bracelet Foundation has grown from a heartfelt desire to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice. To date, we have provided thousands of memorial bracelets to agencies and

military units across the nation—at no cost to them. These bracelets serve as more than just a symbol; they are lasting tributes to our fallen heroes' courage, dedication, and selflessness.

Each bracelet is engraved with a name, but it carries much more than that. It embodies a legacy—a legacy of individuals who stood strong in the face of danger, who protected their communities, who fought for freedom, and who left behind families and colleagues who now carry the weight of their loss.

Our commitment doesn't stop at remembrance. A key part of our mission is providing tangible support to the families and organizations

impacted by these losses. Proceeds from the sale of our bracelets directly fund efforts to assist these families, ensuring they receive the support



they need during times of grief. We also contribute to the Carolina Cops Foundation, further extending our mission to honor and assist those

who serve and protect.

As a recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit, the LazerWerk Memorial Bracelet Foundation is driven by the desire to give back to the community of first responders, military service members, and their families. As we continue to grow, our goal is to expand the number of memorial bracelets we send, ensuring that no hero is forgotten.

The events of September 11, 2001, serve as a powerful reminder of the bravery and sacrifice of first responders. Firefighters, police officers, and everyday citizens put their lives on the line to protect others. At the LazerWerk Memorial Bracelet Foundation, we honor those 9/11 heroes and all fallen heroes by ensuring their legacy is never

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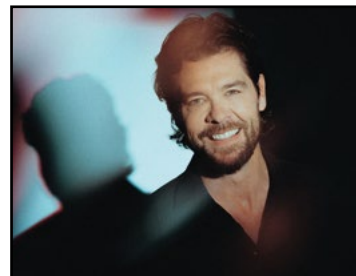
## Denver Downs to Host Grammy® Award Winning Christian Music Band During Fall Festival

By Visit Anderson

A double Grammy-award winning Christian music band is planning to bring down the house at Denver Downs Farm in Anderson, SC, this fall during their annual fall festival. This is the first Christian music band that Denver Downs will be hosting as part of their fall festivities.

The Jason Crabb Band, sponsored by the Trafalgar Group, will be performing at Denver Downs on Sunday, October 27, 2024, as part of the annual fall festival. It includes more than 30 barnyard games, an award-winning corn maze, pig races, a mega slide, and amazing memories for guests of all ages.

“Having live music at the farm



is always a fantastic experience for everyone who visits and we are thrilled to be hosting our first ever Christian music band this year with Jason Crabb,” said Catherine Garrison Davis, co-owner at Denver Downs Farm. “Jason is incredibly talented with two GRAMMY® Awards and almost two dozen GMA Dove Awards and we cannot wait to

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## Light 'Em Up! Join the 10th Annual WCSC Parade of Lights

As the holiday season approaches, it's time to celebrate in true festive style with the 10th Annual WCSC Parade of Lights. This dazzling event, benefiting Toys for Tots and the Good Neighbor Cupboard food pantry, will be held on two nights: Friday, December 6th, and Saturday, December 7th. It's a great chance to bring joy to others while enjoying a magical display of illuminated boats cruising through the water.

The Parade of Lights is more than just a beautiful sight—it's an opportunity to embrace the holiday spirit and support two worthy causes. Picture a fleet of colorfully lit boats glowing against the night sky, creating a heartwarming and festive atmosphere for everyone.

For those looking to enjoy the

parade, the best place to watch the beautifully decorated boats is at Green Pond Landing and Event Center (470 Green Pond Rd, Anderson, SC 29625). The parade will make two passes by Green Pond Landing each evening, starting around 7:00 PM. This location provides a prime view of the event, making it the perfect spot for families, friends, and the entire community to gather and take in the holiday magic.



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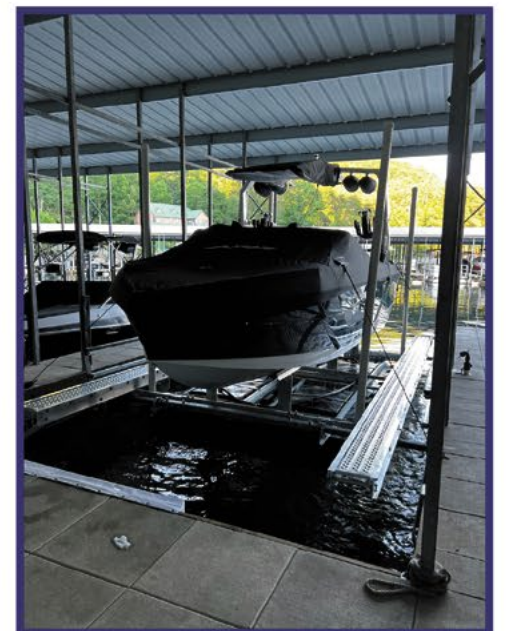
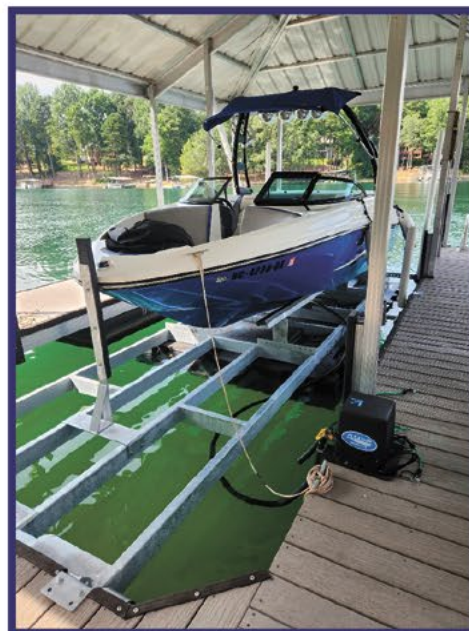


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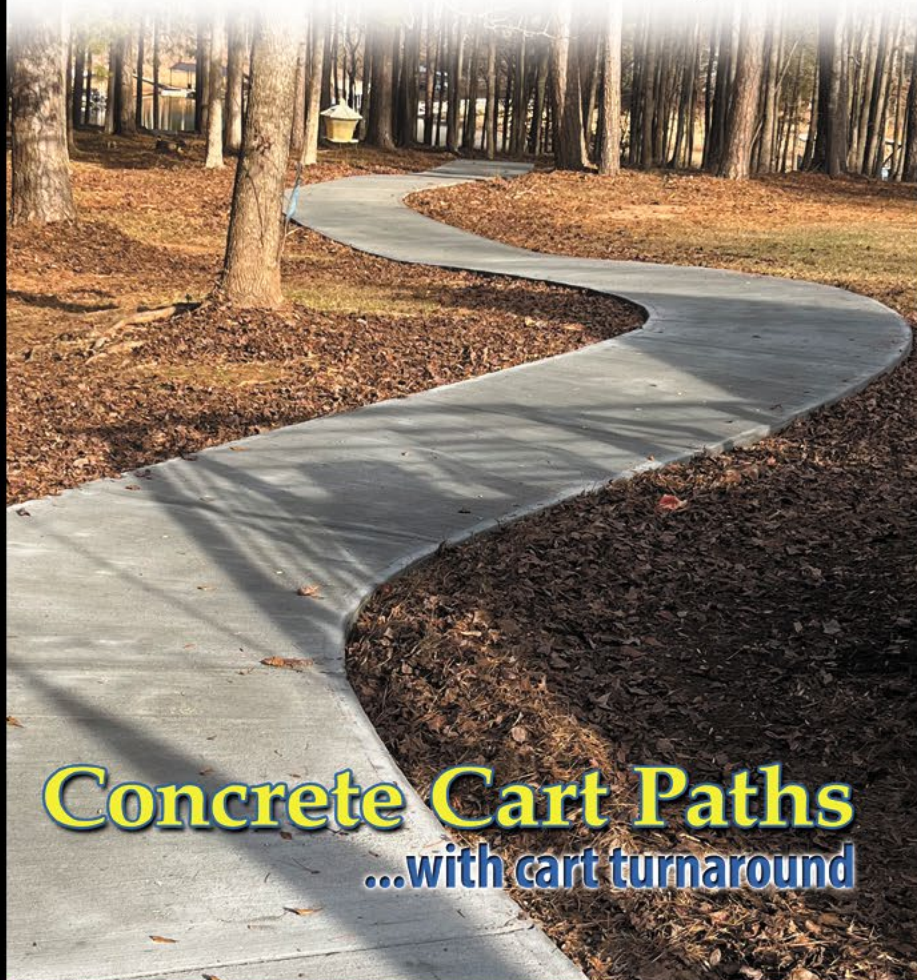
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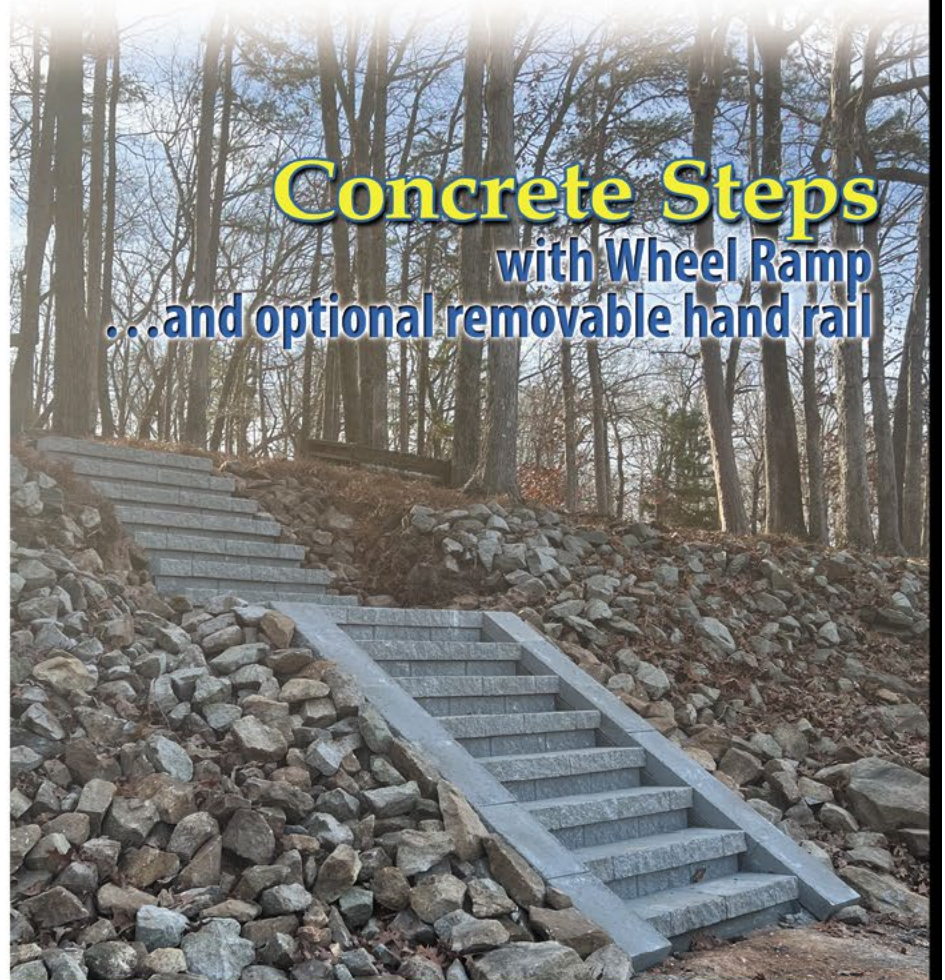
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forgotten. Through our bracelets, we carry forward their stories of courage and service.

We invite you to join us in our mission of remembrance and support. By purchasing a memorial bracelet or donating to our cause,

you contribute to honoring the lives of these remarkable individuals while supporting the families and communities they leave behind. Together, we can ensure that their sacrifice is never forgotten.

At the LazerWerk Memorial Bracelet Foundation, our heroes are more than names engraved in metal. They are legacies of courage, service, and love—and through our work, we ensure that legacy continues. To learn more or

get involved, please visit our website, send us an email at [dalen@lazerwerk.com](mailto:dalen@lazerwerk.com), or give us a call at 864.617.5877. We would be honored to hear from you and help you pay tribute to the heroes in your life. ■

**Denver Downs to Host Grammy Award Winning Christian Music Band During Fall Festival – continued from pg. 1**

share his music with all of our guests this fall.”

The Fall Festival at Denver Downs kicks off September 27th and runs through November 10th. Each weekend is themed and guests will enjoy dozens of activities as many times as they like! There’s also a pumpkin patch, giant corn maze, food and beverages for purchase, and live music.

Denver Downs is also hosting comedian Mickey Bell during their 2024 fall festivities. Bell’s comedy is appropriate for all ages and he has entertained guests from all over the world. Bell will be performing at the Denver Downs

Fall Festival on October 27 with Jason Crabb.

“Laughter is contagious and there’s no better comedian to bring laughter and smiles to our guests this season than Mickey Bell,” said Catherine. “We strive every year to create the absolute best experience at our farm for everyone who visits and we know our guests will be laughing all the way home after seeing Mickey Bell at the farm.”

One of Gospel and Christian music’s most iconic voices, Kentucky-born Jason Crabb has been honored with two GRAMMY® Awards

and 22 GMA Dove Awards, the latter including nods for Artist, Male Vocalist and Song of the Year. He is the youngest member inducted into the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame, and his hometown of Beaver Dam, Kentucky, has paid tribute with a street in his name. Since his first solo release in 2009, he has performed on many of the world’s most prestigious stages, such as Carnegie Hall, the Grand Ole Opry, the Brooklyn Tabernacle and Billy Graham’s final crusade. Crabb’s electrifying stage presence, powerhouse vocals and magnetic personality have endeared him to millions across

the world through extensive personal appearances, media coverage and social media, including over 20 million views on YouTube.

Denver Downs Farm is a century farm located in Anderson, South Carolina, and proudly owned by the Garrison family since 1869. This historic farm started with cotton, then dairy, and now offers agri-tourism and entertainment.

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**Light ‘Em Up! Join the 10th Annual WCSC Parade of Lights– continued from pg. 1**

In addition to the breathtaking sights, this is also an opportunity to give back to those in need. Volunteers from WCSC will be stationed at Green Pond Landing to collect donations for Toys for Tots and canned goods for the Good Neighbor Cupboard food pantry. Please remember that Toys for Tots donations should be new and unwrapped, and all non-perishable canned goods are greatly appreciated to help support local families this season.

Why watch when you can participate? If you own a sailboat, bass boat, pontoon, cruiser,

or even a houseboat, you’re invited to join the Parade of Lights by decorating your boat and becoming part of the spectacle. The more boats, the more festive the parade will be! Whether you participate for one night or both, your decorated boat will add to the holiday magic on the water.

To participate, it’s important to register your boat in advance. Registration details will be shared closer to the event, so stay tuned for updates. For more information about getting involved, you can reach out to Ron Sanga at [ronsangasr@gmail.com](mailto:ronsangasr@gmail.com) or Ronnie Ashmore at [sailtanzer@aol.com](mailto:sailtanzer@aol.com).

A fun competition adds even more excitement to the event. The parade will feature a contest for the best-decorated sailboats and powerboats, with trophies awarded to the top three in each category. This is a great chance to let your creativity shine! Adorn your boat with lights, ornaments, and festive decorations to impress the judges and captivate the audience.

The 2024 Parade of Lights is an event you won’t want to miss. It’s a wonderful way to celebrate the holidays, support your community, and enjoy a night of festive fun. After the event,

you can visit the WCSC website to find out who won the best-decorated boat contest and enjoy highlights from the event.

For any additional information or questions, contact Ronnie Ashmore at [sailtanzer@aol.com](mailto:sailtanzer@aol.com) (864-420-4782) or Ron Sanga at [ronsangasr@gmail.com](mailto:ronsangasr@gmail.com) (864-313-8255). You can also visit the WCSC website at [www.wcsc-sailing.org](http://www.wcsc-sailing.org) for more details.

So, are you ready to light ‘em up? Whether you’re sailing or spectating, this event is sure to bring holiday cheer to all. We look forward to seeing you there! ■

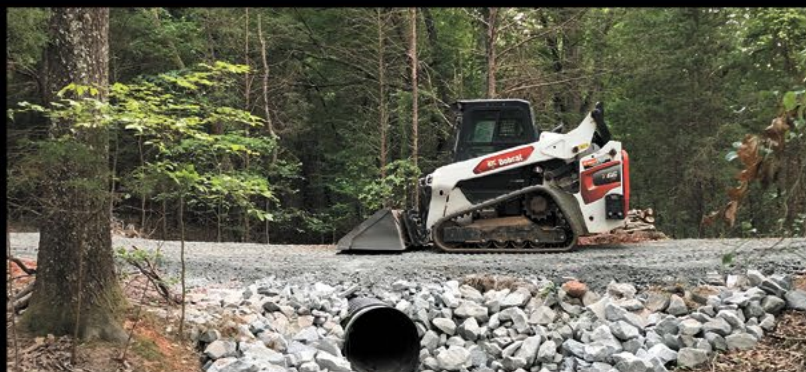
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## New Ramp Assist App Uses Augmented Reality to Simplify Boat Loading

For many boaters, loading a boat onto its trailer after a day on the water can be a stressful experience, especially for those who are inexperienced. Now, there's a new app for iOS that promises to make this task easier by using video game-like augmented reality (AR) guides overlaid onto your smartphone's camera screen. The app, called Ramp Assist, is designed to help boaters confidently and smoothly load their boats onto trailers, making boat ramp experiences less intimidating.

While there are already a few boat launch ramp locator apps available, Ramp Assist sets itself apart by going beyond simple navigation. The app calculates crucial measurements such as speed, distance, and angle, then overlays AR guides onto the live feed of your smartphone camera. These guides provide real-time feedback, helping you align your boat correctly with the trailer, no matter how tricky the conditions may be. This innovative feature is a welcome addition, especially for novice boaters who often struggle with getting their boats back onto trailers in

crowded or unfamiliar boat ramps.

Surprisingly, Ramp Assist comes from ZF Marine Propulsion Systems, a company better known for its marine transmissions and thrusters, a somewhat unconventional fit for the outboard-dominated trailer boat market. ZF Marine's focus has typically been on inboard propulsion systems,

but the development of this app represents a strategic pivot as the inboard market continues to shrink.

"It's a shrinking market for inboards, so we're always looking to diversify our portfolio," says Lars Hoffmann, digital product manager for ZF Group. "This technology guides users to the optimal path, ensuring smooth and safe loading, even in busy conditions. No additional equipment is required,

making it easy to use."

The Ramp Assist app is designed to be brand-agnostic, which means it works with any type of boat engine and trailer configuration, regardless of manufacturer. This flexibility makes it an attractive option for a wide range of boaters, whether they're using an outboard motor, a pontoon, or a personal

watercraft. The app doesn't require any specialized sensors or hardware, relying solely on your phone's existing camera and GPS technology to guide you, making it accessible and easy to adapt for users without the need for extra costs or complicated setups.

The app's user interface is straightforward and intuitive, providing a clear AR overlay that guides boaters with visual markers, much like what

you'd find in augmented reality video games. This simplifies the process of lining up the boat with the trailer and reduces the guesswork involved in determining the correct approach angle or speed. By providing visual cues in real-time, Ramp Assist helps prevent common mistakes, such as overcorrecting or misjudging distances, which can lead to damage to the boat or trailer.

For boaters who often face busy ramps, adverse weather conditions, or are simply looking for more confidence when loading their boats, Ramp Assist offers an invaluable solution. As more boaters discover the convenience of augmented reality in easing traditionally tricky tasks, it's likely that apps like this one will become essential tools for water enthusiasts everywhere.

With Ramp Assist, ZF Marine Propulsion Systems is showing that even the most experienced marine technology companies can bring innovative, user-friendly solutions to the broader boating community. The app is now available for download on iOS, offering boaters a high-tech helping hand at the ramp. ■

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## Discover the Unique Opportunity at Lake Hartwell Villas: A Perfect Blend of Investment and Lifestyle

Have you ever dreamed of owning an investment property, a vacation rental, or perhaps a peaceful weekend getaway? If so, look no further than Lake Hartwell Villas, nestled in the picturesque heart of South Carolina's scenic Highway 11. This 40-acre property, conveniently located just off I-85 in Westminster, SC, offers an incredible opportunity for investors, homeowners, and outdoor enthusiasts



alike. With 114 beautifully renovated condominium units and a variety of amenities, Lake Hartwell Villas is more than just a place to live—it's a lifestyle.

Lake Hartwell Villas are just three miles from the beautiful Lake Hartwell, one of the largest recreational lakes in the Southeast. This close proximity to two boat launches makes it a dream destination for boating enthusiasts, anglers, and anyone who enjoys the water. But Lake Hartwell is only the beginning—this area offers countless opportunities for outdoor activities, including hiking trails, fishing spots, and the chance to explore over 100 waterfalls scattered across Oconee County. Whether you prefer spending your days on the lake or exploring South Carolina's natural beauty, Lake Hartwell Villas is the perfect home base for outdoor adventures.

The villas are ideally situated between Atlanta, GA, and Greenville, SC, giving you the peace and tranquility of lakeside living while maintaining convenient access to urban amenities. Whether you're seeking a weekend getaway, a vacation rental, or even a peaceful retirement retreat, Lake Hartwell Villas' central location makes it an ideal destination for anyone looking to escape the hustle

and bustle of city life while remaining connected.

Lake Hartwell Villas is not only a beautiful place to live but also an attractive investment opportunity. These rent-ready units are perfect for anyone looking to generate income through short-term or long-term rentals. Nightly rental rates for these units range from \$200 to \$400, making it a popular spot for vacationers.

For those interested in long-term rentals, monthly rates start at \$1395 per month, providing a consistent and reliable source of income.

What sets Lake Hartwell Villas apart from other condominium communities is the flexibility it offers to property owners. According to Amy Taylor, the on-site realtor, "most condo communities have restrictions regarding

rentals, but we allow both long-term

and short-term rentals." This flexibility allows property owners to maximize their investment potential by offering short-term rentals on platforms like Airbnb or opting for longer-term leases. Whether you want to live in your condo full-time, rent it out seasonally, or generate a steady income through vacation rentals, Lake Hartwell Villas provides you with the flexibility to choose what works best for you.

Lake Hartwell Villas is designed to be more than just a place to stay; it's a community where residents and visitors can enjoy an array of top-notch amenities. The property's clubhouse is undergoing significant renovations, transforming it into a central hub where residents can relax and socialize. Additionally, the pool, hot

tub, and sun deck are nearing completion, offering residents a relaxing retreat right on the property.

But, the amenities don't stop there. Lake Hartwell Villas boasts a wide range of activities and conveniences designed to enhance the quality of life for residents. Fitness enthusiasts will appreciate the on-site gym, sauna, and massage room, while golfers can enjoy the putting green. The property also provides boat and RV storage, mini-storage units, and fire pits scattered throughout, perfect for those cozy evenings by the fire.

The on-site restaurant and bar, Blackjack Grill, adds to the community's charm, offering a fun and relaxed environment for meals and social gatherings. With so many amenities at your fingertips, Lake Hartwell Villas offers the perfect blend of comfort,



Wertan's vision is shared by Amy Taylor, who is equally enthusiastic about the project. "I am thrilled to be given this opportunity to be a part of this project and assist in bringing this complex back to life for the community. What a great feeling to be on the side of community revitalization in such a beautiful part of our great state!" she says.

As the property continues to grow, additional buildings will be renovated, and new amenities will be introduced, further enhancing the appeal of Lake Hartwell Villas. The community is becoming a destination for a diverse range of residents and visitors, from primary homeowners to long-term renters and vacationers.

Lake Hartwell Villas isn't just a place to stay—it's a place to thrive. The property offers a quality lifestyle at an affordable price, which is increasingly rare in today's market. With its combination of flexible living options, outstanding amenities, and proximity to both nature and city life, Lake Hartwell Villas truly offers a unique and valuable living experience.

Whether you're searching for an investment property, a vacation home, or a permanent residence, Lake Hartwell Villas provides the perfect blend of opportunity and lifestyle. With easy access to Clemson football, local festivals, hiking trails, and, of course, Lake Hartwell's excellent fishing and boating, this community offers a peaceful, charming lifestyle without sacrificing modern conveniences.

Don't miss out on the chance to be a part of this growing community. Schedule a tour today, meet with Amy Taylor, and see for yourself why Lake Hartwell Villas is more than just a condo—it's a lifestyle waiting to be discovered. ■

***Lake Hartwell Villas isn't just a place to stay  
—it's a place to thrive.***

convenience, and entertainment.

David Wertan, the visionary owner behind Lake Hartwell Villas, has been passionate about real estate for over 40 years. His keen eye for properties with untapped potential led him to Lake Hartwell Villas, where he saw an



opportunity to not only renovate and revitalize the condos but to breathe new life into the surrounding community. "These units got my attention because of the awesome location," Wertan says, reflecting on the property's unique appeal.



## IT'S NOT JUST A CONDO. IT'S A LIFESTYLE.

Nestled at the Foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Lake Hartwell Villas is surrounded by waterfalls, rivers and lakes. This cozy condo community offers a variety of floor plans starting at \$149,900 while in phase one of the development. Owners have the flexibility to use their condo as a private residence or enjoy the benefits of both long and short term rentals making this community a unique treasure near the lake. Indulge in a variety of onsite amenities, spend the day on the lake, attend a Clemson football game or head out to nearby shopping and breweries. Schedule your private tour to experience all that this community has to offer.



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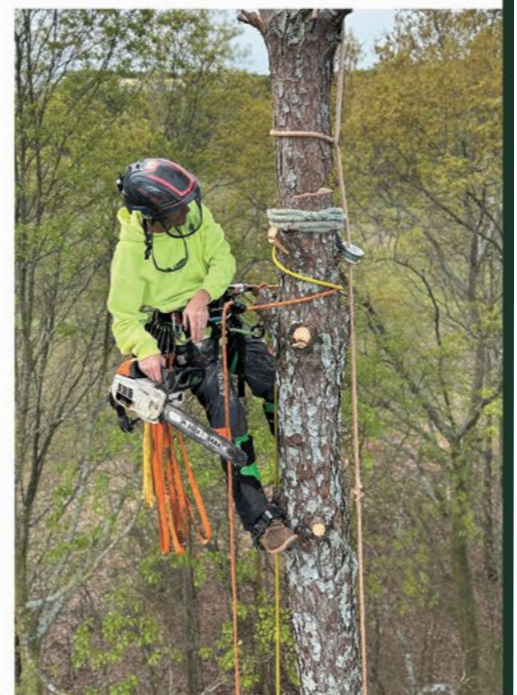


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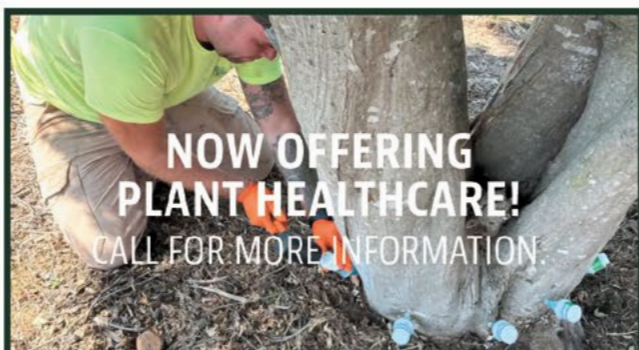
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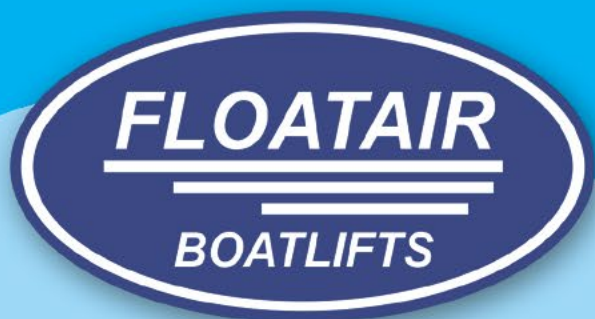
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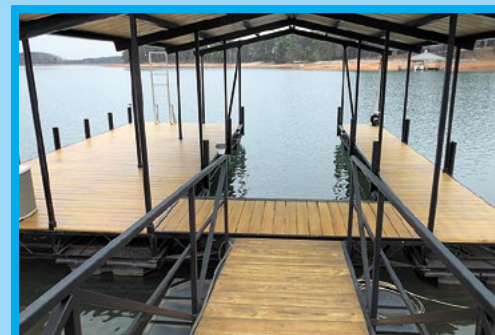


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## 5 Simple Walks for Better Mental Health

Walking is well-known for its physical benefits, but it also significantly improves mental wellness. Mental Health America emphasizes that even short walks in nature can enhance well-being: “Ten minutes here and there can lead to becoming mentally healthier.” However, walking is not just about physical movement; it’s about engaging your mind as well.

Here are five ways you can incorporate walking into your routine to nurture both body and mind. These simple, yet powerful practices encourage mindfulness, reflection, and a deeper connection to your surroundings, all while giving your mental wellness a boost.

Silent walks provide an opportunity to escape the everyday noise and stress, allowing you to find calm and quiet within your mind. By walking slowly and focusing on your movements, you can let go of distracting thoughts and fully immerse yourself in the moment.

Nature offers a natural soundtrack that helps guide your attention. Listen to the rustling leaves, birdcalls, or even distant traffic sounds.

These gentle noises can help keep your mind from drifting into anxiety or negative thoughts. Whether you walk alone or with others, the key is to remain silent, allowing the experience to become a meditative escape. Afterward, take time to reflect on your inner peace.

Mindfulness is the art of being fully present, and when combined with walking, it becomes a powerful exercise for both body and mind. Mindfulness walks involve focusing entirely on your surroundings, appreciating the environment, and tuning in to how your body feels as it moves.

Unlike silent walks, where external sounds guide you back to the present, mindful walks make your environment the primary focus. Engage all your senses—the sights, sounds, smells, and feel of the ground beneath your feet. If your thoughts wander, gently bring your attention back to the physical sensations of walking. By the end of a mindfulness walk, you’ll likely feel more centered, calm, and grounded.

While solo walks are great for personal reflection, social connection is just as important for

mental well-being. Research shows that connecting with others enhances mental health. Walking with friends, family, or a group not only provides the physical benefits of walking but also satisfies the innate human need for social interaction.

Walking together fosters a sense of community, trust, and mutual understanding. The camaraderie shared during these walks can provide emotional support, advice, and motivation. Even if you can’t physically meet up, apps like Strava allow you to stay connected with others, celebrating each other’s progress.

Walking is an ideal time to be productive. Whether it’s listening to an audiobook, podcast, or music, you can engage your mind while exercising your body. Learning walks allow you to absorb new information or relax your mind, depending on your chosen content.

Listening to a podcast or music during a walk can also make time pass faster, helping you extend your walk and turn familiar routes into new

adventures.

Wander walks are all about embracing the unknown. Instead of following your usual route, take a random turn or explore an unfamiliar street. Walking without a specific destination can spark curiosity, create a sense of wonder, and add excitement to the experience.

This approach lets you enjoy the moment without any pressure or expectations. The new surroundings stimulate your mind, and you may even discover new favorite spots along the way.

Relax, follow your instincts, and let your body guide you—you’ll find that even aimless wandering can lead to inner growth.

Each of these walks offers a unique way to boost your mental wellness, whether through mindfulness, connection, learning, or exploration. Simply step outside, take a deep breath, and walk your way to better mental health. ■



## Pre-Holiday Getaway Checklist: Ensure a Stress-Free Return

Leaving town for a holiday celebration? It’s easy to get caught up in the excitement of packing for a trip and forget about preparing your home for your absence. Whether you’re heading out for a long weekend or an extended stay, a little pre-planning can help you avoid unpleasant surprises when you return. If you don’t have a house sitter lined up, follow this handy checklist to ensure your home remains safe, secure, and in order

while you’re away.

**1. Clean Out the Refrigerator.** Before heading out, take a moment to clear your fridge of perishable items. Dairy products, fresh produce, and anything that will spoil should be discarded to avoid a foul smell upon your return. Toss or give away any leftovers that won’t survive until you’re back. This simple task can spare you the unpleasant experience of dealing with expired

food later.

**2. Take Out the Trash.** Nobody wants to come home to a smelly trash can! Make sure to empty all your trash bins right before you leave. It’s one of the easiest ways to ensure a fresh, clean-smelling home when you return.

**3. Set Light Timers.** For added security, consider setting light timers throughout your home. These plug-in devices, available at most

home-improvement stores, allow you to program lights to turn on and off at different times, giving the appearance that someone is home. It’s a small step that can help deter potential burglars.

**4. Adjust the Thermostat.** Make sure your thermostat is set to a temperature that conserves energy without compromising safety. In colder

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months, adjust it to around 65 degrees to prevent pipes from freezing while saving on heating costs. In warmer climates set it a bit higher to reduce energy usage while keeping the house comfortable enough to avoid any issues.

**5. Unplug Electronics.** Unplugging devices such as computers, televisions, and small appliances can reduce energy waste and protect your home from potential electrical issues. Many appliances continue to draw energy even when turned off, so unplugging them helps both the environment and your energy bill. Make it a habit to unplug unused items even when you're at home.

**6. Give Keys to a Neighbor.** If you don't have a house sitter, ask a trusted neighbor or friend to check on your home periodically. Providing them with a spare key allows them to walk through the house every couple of days and spot any potential issues, such as plumbing problems or security concerns. This peace of mind can make your vacation even more relaxing.

**7. Create a Clever Key Chain.** Consider making a customized key chain for your house

sitter or neighbor. Use a luggage tag to include a list of emergency contacts, including your phone number and any necessary service providers. Use different-colored caps or markers to label the keys for specific areas, such as the front door or garage, and include a color-coded legend for easy reference. This added organization makes it easier for your house sitter to navigate your home in your absence.

**8. Hire a House Sitter.** If you're planning to be away for more than a few days, hiring a house sitter might be a wise option. Ask friends or coworkers for references or check online platforms. Costs can vary based on location and the specific tasks required, but the average hourly rate is around \$16, with flat rates for weekend stays ranging from \$30 to \$80 per day. If you have pets, expect to pay more, with overnight rates between \$50 to \$125 for stays up to 12 hours. A house sitter can provide added security and peace of mind, especially if your absence is extended.

By following these simple steps, you can ensure your home is secure and well-prepared for your return, leaving you free to enjoy your holiday celebration stress-free. ■



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**October 30, 9:15AM - 9:45AM**, Toddler Storytime, Anderson County Main Library, 300 N. McDuffie St., Anderson

**October 30, 6PM - 8PM**, Boo Bash, Free Entry, Rides, Bounce Houses, Face Painting, Fairy Hair, Games, Prizes & Candy, \$2 Hot Dog Plates, Hartwell First Methodist Church, Gym Parking Lot, 200 E. Howell St., Hartwell

**October 30, 5PM - 7PM**, Trunk or Treat @CFA, Spooky Night of Fun, Kids wear your cool costumes, Free Treats, Chick-Fil-A, 20 Owens Dr., Lavonia

**October 31, 4PM - 6PM**, Mayor's Monster Mash, Music, Trick or Treating, Games & Prizes, Railroad St. Park, 87 Jackson St., Hartwell

**November 1, 8PM - 10PM**, Woodburn Ghost Tour, 130 History Ln., Woodburn

**November 1, 7PM**, Mitchell Tenpenny Concert, Anderson Sports & Entertainment Center, 3027 Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd, Anderson

**November 1-2, 7:30PM - 9:30PM**, Rocky Horror Show, Market Theatre, 110 Federal St., Suite 6, Anderson

**November 1, 4PM - 8PM & Nov. 2, 10AM - 3PM**, Mistletoe Market, Anderson County Museum, 202 E., Greenville St., Anderson

**November 2, 1PM - 5PM**, AAC & Craft Beer Festival, Anderson Art Center, 100 Federal Str., Anderson

**November 2, 8PM - 10PM**, Ashtabula Ghost Tour, 2725 Old Greenville Hwy, Anderson

**November 2**, Holiday Card Making Workshop, Kids K-8 Grade, Design & Complete Festive Cards, \$25, Hartwell Art Center, 338 E. Howell St., Hartwell

**November 2, 9AM - 2PM**, 16 Annual Arts & Craft Sales, Unique Artistry, Many Crafts, Baked Goods, Casseroles, Breakfast & Lunch Will Be Available, Raffle Tickets, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1009 Benson St., Hartwell

**November 2, 10AM - 4PM**, Anderson Makers Market/Holiday Edition, Over 100+ Vendors, Food Trucks, Live Music, Santa's Special Visit all at Rocky River Plantation, 2000 East River Street, Anderson

**November 2, 10AM - 2PM**, Holiday Fair, Vendors & Yard Sale, Chiquola Church, 405 Chiquola Ave., Honea Path

**November 3, 2PM - 4PM**, Fashion Show Fundraiser All For H.I.M., Fashion, Finger Food & Fun, Hartwell First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Tickets \$20, 706-436-5308

**November 3, 5PM - 8PM**, 6 Annual UnFRUgettable Low Country Action, All Proceeds Benefit Northeast GA Animal Shelter in Lavonia, Tickets \$50, Purchase at Hart Chamber, Boathouse Grill & The Shelter, 706-356-5363

**November 6, 6:30PM - 8:30PM**, Olde Towne Charles Wine & Dinner \$100 All Inclusive., Kitchen Emporium, 418 N. Main., Anderson

**November 7, 6PM - 7:30PM**, Connection For Special Parents Annual Christmas Party, Franklin Community Players, 12005 Augusta Road, Lavonia, Must Register Before Nov. 29

**November 7, 7:30PM - 9:00PM**, The Music Man, Southwood Academy of the Arts, 1110 Southwood St., Anderson

**November 7, 5PM - 8PM**, Holiday Open House, City Seed at the Station, 520 N Murry, Anderson

**November 7, 6PM - 8PM**, Live Music, The Fickle Palate, 109 E. Calhoun St., Anderson

**November 9, 11AM - 12PM**, Junior Docents, Anderson County Museum, 202 East Greenville St., Anderson

**November 9, 10AM**, Honea Path Veterans Parade, 204 S. Main St., Honea Path

**November 9 & 10, All Day**, Harvest Festival, Ballyhoo Petting Zoo, 849 Norris Rd., Anderson

**November 14**, "Littles" Cooking Class, Chef Chris Moree, Holiday Cookies, Miniature Canapes, Petit Fours, Bruschetta With Olive Tapenade & Caponata, Blimi w/Smoke Salmon, Shrimp Salad and More, Advanced Registration is Required by November, Call 864-338-7400, The Belton Area Museum Association.

**November 10, 3PM**, Anderson County Veterans Parade, 400 South McDuffie Street, Anderson

**November 10, 3PM**, Veteran's Day Parade, All Veterans Are Welcome, Downtown Hartwell

**November 10, 3PM - 5PM**, Concert In The Garden, Live Music, \$25, Purchase Tickets go to [www.bit.ly/47f8ctw](http://www.bit.ly/47f8ctw), Hart County Botanical Garden Amphitheater, Bring Your Beverages

**November 13, 12PM - 5PM**, Parade of Trees, The Depot on Railroad Street, 338 E. Howell St., Hartwell, Free

**November 14, 12PM - 7PM**, Girls Night Out, Parade of Trees, The Depot on Railroad Street, 338 E. Howell St., Hartwell, Free

**November 15, 12PM - 5PM**, Parade of Trees, The Depot on Railroad Street, 338 E. Howell St., Hartwell, Free

**November 16, 10AM - 3PM**, Parade of Trees, The Depot on Railroad Street, 338 E. Howell St., Hartwell, Free

**November 16, 10AM - 12PM**, Nativity for Natural Disaster, Clay Sculpting Workshop, The Art Canter of Hartwell, All Purchases Will Go Directly to Samaritan's Purse for Hurricane Relief, Ages 16+, Mikala Alewine, [www.whpotteryco.com](http://www.whpotteryco.com)

**November 21, 9PM**, Fall Dance Concert, Unique Pieces from punchy jazz to elegant ballet, Anderson College, 316 Blvd., Anderson

**November 24, 2PM - Until**, Holiday Open House/Christmas Tree Lighting, Christmas Carols, Seasonal Stories, Food Trucks, Holiday Vendors, Hot Cocoa & Smores, Free Photo with Santa, Downtown Honea Path

**November 24, 2PM - 10PM**, Christmas Tree Lighting, Main Street, Honea Path

**November 25, 5PM - 7PM**, Christmas Tree Lighting, 185 W. Franklin St., Hartwell

**November 27, 6:30PM**, URC Anderson at Anderson Light of Hope, Walk or Run Around the Anderson Lights of Hope, Lights Will Be Testing with No Car Allowed on the Property, Donation \$5 Per Adult, Hot Chocolate, S'more Kits For Sale, Large Fire Pit Available. All Donations Will Help Support 12 Local Charities, 15 Rose Valley Blvd., Anderson

**November 28, 10:30AM - 11AM**, Family Storytime, Anderson County Main Library, 300 N. McDuffie St., Anderson

**November 29, 4:30PM - 8:30PM thru November 30, 4:30PM - 8:30PM**, Pendleton Christkindlmarkt, Festive Shopping, Christmas lights, Local Makers, FREE Santa Visits Every Night, Warm Mulled Wine & Apple Cider, Seasonal Beer, New Delicious Food Vendors, Sweet Holiday Treats - Join in the Fun! 105 Exchange St., Pendleton

**November 30, 10AM - 2PM**, Holiday Market, Anderson County Farmer Market, 402 N. Murray Ave., Anderson

**December 2, 5PM**, Ice in The Park Opens, 111 E. Whitney St., Anderson

**December 3, 10:30AM and 6:30PM**, Christmas Concert, Charles Billingsley Will Be Singing, Tickets Go To [www.concordsbaptist.com](http://www.concordsbaptist.com)

**December 6, 7PM**, Christmas First Night, The South Carolina School of the Arts at Anderson College Will Kick off the Christmas Season, Featuring Sols Performances, Performing the Traditional Lighting of the Yule Log, Anderson College, 316 Boulevard, Anderson

**December 6, 5PM**, Christmas Tree Lighting, Downtown Anderson

**December 7**, All day, Santa + Buddy the Elf, Ballyhoo Petting Zoo, 849 Norris Rd., Anderson

**December 7, 21, 10AM - 2PM**, Holiday Market, Anderson County Farmers Market, 402 N Murray Ave., Anderson

**December 8, 4PM - 5PM**, Hartwell Christmas Parade, W. Franklin St., Hartwell

**December 8, 3PM - 5PM**, City of Anderson Christmas Parade 2024, Machers, Floats, Bands and Santa Himself, 101 S. Main St., Anderson

**December 10, 5:30PM - 6:30PM**, Heritage & History, Anderson County Museum, 202 E. Greenville St., Anderson

**December 14, 10:30AM - 4:30PM**, Holiday Tour of Homes, \$25, Purchase from HSL or Hart Chamber

**December 12, 6:30PM - 8PM**, Wow, Women on Wine, Kitchen Emporium, 418 N. Main St., Anderson

**December 21, 7PM - 9PM**, The Pink Pony Club Of The Music Of Chappelloan, Co-Produced By Just A Girl Productions LLC & Market Theatre, Market Theatre, 110 Federal St., Suite 6, Anderson

**December 21, 10AM - 12PM**, American Girl Club, Anderson County Museum, 202 East Greenville Street, Anderson

**December 23**, Mover and Shaker Storytime, Anderson County Library, 300 N McDuffie, S., Anderson

## Lake Hartwell Restaurants Accessible by Boat

**The Galley Restaurant:** Located at Portman Marina, 1629 Marina Rd, Anderson, SC, 864-287-3215, Tues. - Sat. 5pm - 9pm, Sun. & Mon. Closed, www.galleyrestaurantportmanmarina.com. Waterfront dining serving fresh seafood, prime beef, specialty dishes, sushi. Outdoor dining is available & two private dining rooms for your special occasions. Accepting reservations & would encourage you to call ahead for weekends & holidays. **Buoy 79**

**Boat House Grill:** Located at Hartwell Marina, 149 Hartwell Marina Drive, Hartwell, GA, 706-376-5150, Thur. & Sun. 11am - 9pm, Thur., Fri. & Sat. Live Music, Fri., and Sat. 11am - 9pm, www.theboathousegrill.com, Live music & events every weekend, indoor & outdoor seating, a variety of games, and a sandy beach where the kids can hunt rocks or watch the fish! **Buoy MLLC8**

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## Beautiful Colors That Autumn Brings

By TakeMeFishing.org

If you've been thinking of kayaking in fall, take in the beautiful blazing colors of the leaves, or get out and catch a few fish, it's important to know what to wear.

The following tips should help when deciding how many layers, the type of material, and how to stay comfortable on a kayaking

- First and foremost, remember to always wear your personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water. Also, be sure to check with your state agency on additional required safety equipment for paddling, such as a sound-producing device (whistle), navigational lights, and flares.

- When deciding what to wear kayaking



or fishing trip.

Before you go, just make sure you know how to dress appropriately for autumn outdoor activities on the water.

Here are a few guidelines that cover how to prepare and what to wear on a fall foliage kayaking trip or kayak fishing trip:

in the fall, incorporate layers that can be added or removed throughout the day to account for changing temperatures. Any clothing you put on should retain very little water if it gets wet, so opt for moisture-wicking materials. Avoid wearing cotton clothes that soak up or hold water.



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- Start with a base layer made of wicking synthetic fabric such as high-tech polyester. The base layer should draw moisture away from your skin and allow it to evaporate quickly. Thin base layers are best because thick base layers prevent you from adjusting to warmer temperatures.

- After you put on a base layer, put on a second layer for insulation. When learning how to dress for kayaking in fall, know that your second layer should consist of fleece or wool that will insulate you from the cold, but that won't absorb moisture or water.

- The final outer layer is for protection from the elements. For fall kayaking or kayak

fishing trips, your outer layer should be a paddling jacket or drysuit. Along with the jacket or drysuit, put on some waterproof or quick-drying pants to keep you protected from brisk autumn winds, rain, chop, or spray.

- When planning a fall foliage kayaking trip or fishing from a kayak, launch at a time when you can take advantage of higher midday temperatures. Also, don't forget to give yourself plenty of time to get back safely before the sun sets and temperatures drop.

If you prepare and layer up properly, you'll see that kayaking in fall can be one of the most enjoyable and relaxing outdoor experiences. ■

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### Late Fall Fishing Tips for Largemouth Bass

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Late fall fishing tips for bass can help you bring more fish to the boat when the temperatures drop. The key is knowing which late fall fishing lures to use, where to fish

Finding largemouth bass during the transitional seasons of the year can sometimes seem challenging, but with a few key late fall fishing tips, you can bump up your cool weather catch rates while using artificial baits and lures.

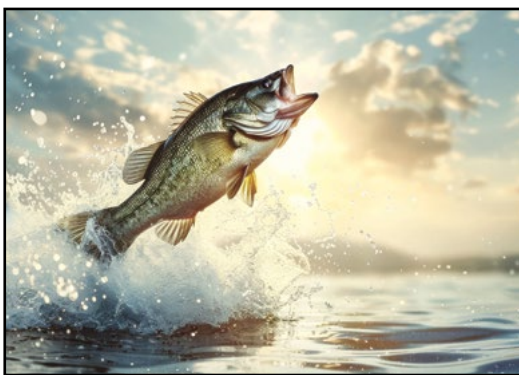
Consider these late fall fishing pointers when heading out to your local freshwater spots:

- Use search baits to cover more water. One of the most important fall fishing tips is to cover plenty of water versus spending too much time in one spot. Use search baits, like a crankbait or topwater, to quickly locate schools of largemouth bass that are chasing shad to fatten up for winter. When you get

a few hits in one spot or see schooling bass chasing baitfish on the surface, then you can drop your anchor and invest more time in a particular area.

- Fish the flats. Bass generally head into shallow water during the fall months. Check flats that are adjacent to creek mouths, and try fishing in 3 to 6 feet of water with a few good fall fishing lures like a shallow water jerkbait or lipless crankbait. Focus on parts of the flat where there is hard bottom or bottom composition changes such as gravel to mud or gravel to sand.

- Note significant drops in water



temperature. Another one of the best fall fishing tips is to consider the impact that a cold front will have on the activity level of bass during this time of year. As we transition into

late fall fishing and see more significant drops in temperature, fish will be much less likely to chase fast-moving baits and bass fishing lures due to the fact that their metabolism will be slowing down in preparation for winter. Use smaller baits (think 2 to 3 inch soft plastic worms or creature baits or marabou jigs) and fish much slower.

- Keep changing up your lures if you're not getting strikes. Some anglers like to use

shad-imitating crankbaits almost exclusively in the fall, but bass can get finicky when they're schooling. It may sound basic, but if you're using a lure with a particular type of action and it isn't getting bites, switch to something else. Standard fall fishing tactics for bass might have you starting out with a shad-pattern crankbait, but then changing over to a topwater lure. Sometimes it's a difference in the type of lure action that brings fish to the boat.

To sum up, these late fall fishing tips for largemouth bass mean covering more water, fishing shallow flats near creek mouths, downsizing after a temperature drop, and switching your lures if you're not seeing enough action.

Now you can plan a day of fall fishing with your family, get your fishing licenses online, check the state freshwater regulations, put on your fall fishing jackets, and get ready for some late season fun on the water! ■

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## A Prime Opportunity for Luxury Living and Investment

Now may be the perfect time to turn your dream of investing in real estate into a reality, especially as interest rates continue to drop. If you're considering options, Lake Hartwell should definitely be on your radar.

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Whether you're looking for a serene lake lot, a cozy single-family home, or even a vacation rental, this area offers something for everyone. The demand for vacation rentals and second homes continues to rise, as more people discover the charm and beauty of Lake Hartwell.

Spanning over 56,000 acres of water, the area boasts diverse real estate options, ranging from quaint lakeside cabins to spacious family homes with expansive waterfronts. The picturesque landscapes and vibrant community life make it an attractive destination for both permanent residents and seasonal visitors. Average property prices vary widely, ranging from the low 300s to well over 2 million, with some single family homes available at more affordable rates. This variety ensures that there are options suitable for various budgets and preferences.

For boating enthusiasts, Lake Hartwell has an abundance of marinas for boat storage, allowing those without a personal dock to still enjoy the water. Pricing for slips often depends on

their size, and some marinas offer annual payment plans, making it convenient for boat owners. Additionally, the area features townhomes and condos that come with community docks, perfect for those who want easy access to the lake.

Lake Hartwell is not just about real estate; it's also a hub for recreational activities. The lake has several boat ramps, making it accessible for both residents and visitors. Waterfront restaurants offer delightful dining experiences with docks available for boat tie-ups, allowing you to enjoy a meal with a beautiful view. One of the newer attractions in the area, The Shores of Asbury, features a waterfront grill, RV sites, and an Aqua Zone, providing fun for kids and adults alike.

Fishing is another popular activity on the lake, which is home to various species, including bass and catfish. Anglers flock here year-round for



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lake provides a unique lifestyle that blends leisure with natural beauty, allowing residents to enjoy a tranquil, resort-like experience year-round.

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If you've always dreamed of owning a place by the lake, now is the time to take steps toward making that dream a reality. Contact Dianne Robison at 864-901-8326 and together, we can navigate the exciting opportunities that Lake Hartwell has to offer. ■

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## Perfect Fishing Gifts for Any Angler

Finding the right gift for an angler can be challenging, especially for non-anglers who aren't familiar with fishing gear. To make things easier, here are five universally suitable fishing gifts for both men and women that are sure to please any fishing enthusiast, regardless of where they fish or the species they pursue.

A gift certificate tops the list because it allows the recipient to choose exactly what they want. Many anglers prefer to select their own rods, reels, or other equipment based on their specific needs.

1) A certificate from a local sporting goods store is a great choice to support local businesses, but national retailers, which often have larger selections and online options, are also a good option. This gift guarantees the angler gets something they will use and appreciate.

2) Books make wonderful fishing gifts, especially if they are entertaining or visually appealing. Large-format or coffee-table fishing books are great for browsing and can appeal to both men and women. When choosing a book, avoid technical "how-to" guides and focus on entertainment or angling stories. Look for works by authors like Pat McManus or John Troy for humor and thoughtful reflections on fishing.

3) Another option is a fish cookbook, though it's important to note that many fish cookbooks focus on commercially available saltwater species, which may not be what your angler catches. However, some books include tips that apply to a wider range of fish and are useful for any cook. If your recipient lives in a state that offers lifetime fishing licenses, this is a fantastic gift that keeps

on giving. Although the initial cost may be high, a lifetime license can save money in the long run as fees often increase over time. It also eliminates the hassle of renewing yearly licenses. Check with your state's natural resources agency for availability and processing times, as this gift may require some advance planning.

4) Safety is key, and an automatic inflatable PFD could literally save an angler's life. Many anglers don't wear traditional life vests because they're bulky, but modern inflatable PFDs are lightweight, comfortable, and Coast Guard-approved. These devices automatically inflate when submerged in water, keeping the wearer's head above water. They're a thoughtful gift that shows you care about their safety. You can find high-quality inflatable PFDs at marine supply stores or major outdoor retailers.

5) Good raingear is essential for any angler, but fishing raingear is different from everyday rain jackets. Anglers need gear that allows freedom of movement, has a roomy hood to fit over a cap, and is windproof. Additional features to look for include reinforced knee patches, sturdy storm flaps, and lockable drawcords. For the best fit, raingear should be tried on in-store, as it's typically worn over other layers. A matching set of a waterproof parka and bib overalls is an excellent choice for all-weather anglers.

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