



THE FESTIVAL

For twelve years the Lookout Wild Film Festival has brought the best outdoor adventure and conservation films from around the world to Chattanooga for one awesome weekend.

Enjoy compelling stories that celebrate wild places and the people they inspire alongside hundreds of other adventure enthusiasts from around the Southeast.

HOST CITY

Chattanooga serves as an ideal host for a film festival dedicated to outdoor adventure and recreation. Chattanooga's geography and natural formations are home to numerous outdoor sporting activities for its residents and visitors who live very active lifestyles. Having Chattanooga as a backdrop to the wonderful films being shown at the festival continues to help the city serve as inspirational ground for discovering the wild outdoors!

LWFF takes place on the ancestral lands of the Tsalaguwetiyi (Cherokee,East); Shawandasse Tula (Shawanwaki/Shawnee) and S'atsoyaha (Yuchi) peoples.



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THURSDAY EVENING Music by EMERALD and JADE

ROOTS WILL REMAIN

Inspired by the events which are tragically still ongoing in Ukraine, this film tells the story of a determined sunflower making its journey toward the light. (2 MIN)

COLD NIGHT, FIRST LIGHT

Tim Howell and Ewa Kalisiewicz are husband-and-wife alpinists, climbers, skiers and BASE jumpers. A partnership built in the cold forge of alpine nights and first lights. A story of trust, honesty, resilience and fellowship. (3 MIN)

PASS IT ON - MICHELLE LEBLANC

Three locals spread their love of Squamish climbing into the fabric of the broader community. In this episode we get silly with Michelle LeBlanc, route developer of the late 70s and 80s. (4 MIN)

ROSALIE FISH

For Rosalie Fish, Indigenous student-athlete and activist, running isn't just a sport – it's how she represents the strength and resilience of indigenous women within her tribe and beyond. (10 MIN)

CHANGING THE FLOW

A story spanning nearly a decade, *Changing the Flow* shows the world what can happen when women defy strict societal norms to find and create a life of their own. In Nepal, women are expected to do a lot of things: stay home to look after their husband, children and in-laws, work the fields, cook, clean and do the washing. What they aren't expected to do? Raft Guide. In 2018, Sita and three other female paddlers — Anu, Radha and Kamala — started their own company: The Himalayan Adventure Girls, the first all-female rafting company in Nepal. This is their story. (10 MIN)

THE DEBORA EFFECT

After suffering a life-altering brain injury 7 years ago, mountain bike enthusiast Debora DeNapoli's life would never be the same again. Finding profound healing in the one place she was warned never to return to, the trails, she demonstrates the true essence of mountain biking: pure, unadulterated joy. (11 MIN)

FLOWING AIR

Lane Lamoreaux was seriously injured in a paragliding accident and over a five year period he struggles to get his old life back again. As he's thrust deeper into the world of the disabled, Lane's escape from his crumbling world is the same sport that nearly took his life. Eventually he's forced to come face to face with his situation and the biggest decision of his life; to amputate his injured leg or to keep it. (40 MIN)

INTERMISSION (15 MIN)

WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR GOAT

A fun film about Nico Castellano and her critters motivating people to do better. She hopes to inspire conservation, sustainability and mindfulness by meeting people in the outdoor places they love. (6 MIN)

I AM BECAUSE YOU ARE

The journey of six women of colour as they embark on their first mountaineering trip in the beautiful and rugged Bugaboos. (17 MIN)

A COUPLE OF SCREWS LOOSE

Adventure bike-packers Matt Schweiker and Luke Swab decide to take on three of the hardest gravel bike rides in the southeast in three consecutive days. These light-hearted and hilarious friends will almost make you forget how difficult these routes are. (32 MIN)

EL GAVILÁN

Rising out of the arid Mexican Desert lies a 900 ft. ship's prow of elegant limestone, sporting a 9-pitch 5.13 established in the 90s by Jeff Jackson. A cutting-edge Big Wall free climb at the time, this climb shut down hard men for years. Shrouded in mysticism, the bolts rusted and the holds collected dust, until a couple of gals from Canada decided to give it a try. (20 MIN)

FEATURE



RETURN TO SENDER

Suspended in the air hundreds of feet above the Crooked River in Central Oregon, a group of highliners attempt to set the record for the longest highline in United States history - nearly a mile in length. (26 MIN)

Music by **MAGIC BIRDS**

LUNCH BREAK: LEAVE YOUR SCREEN BEHIND

It's easy to fall victim to the daily, and sedentary, routine. This film aims to motivate you to do more with your lunch break. Plan a Lunch Break with your friends in your neck of the woods, and we guarantee you'll want to go back for seconds. (3 MIN)

GLUE UP

If you're a climber, you'll find things to climb, even in the city. Look long enough and you might even find a bit of rock stuck to a smooth concrete wall. Who put it there? And more importantly, can I climb on it? Before the climbing gym, there was the glue-up. Brian Payst brings us from soaring North Carolina granite walls to the Chapel Hill underground. (10 MIN)

CAN'T STOP, WON'T STOP

There's magic in realizing you can do something you didn't think was possible. The Richmond Cycling Corps is using bikes to tap into this magic by helping kids to see that if they can get better at cycling, they can get better at anything they put their mind to. (9 MIN)

SOUNDSCAPE

Sharing the sightless experience of climbing a mountain via echo location, touch, and imagination. (15 MIN)

TRAILBOUND ALASKA

On a mission to rediscover trails in his Alaskan backyard, dyslexic filmmaker and painter Max Romey explores a historic trail, and its wild history. With a sketchbook and a pair of shoes, he makes the first likely attempt in decades to connect the once well-traveled trails of the Southern Trek of the Historic Iditarod route from Seward back home to Anchorage. (26 MIN)

EARTHSIDE

In the spring of 2022, four athletes on The North Face team, Emily Harrington, Brette Harrington, Christina Lusti and Hilaree Nelson embarked on the trip of a lifetime. Their expedition to climb and ski epic first descents on Baffin Island, Canada became a celebration of their accomplishments, of their friendship, and of their lives. (23 MIN)

INTERMISSION (15 MIN)

CANOPY CLIMBERS

A group of friends in the Costa Rican jungle are spearheading the exciting new sport of tree climbing by using traditional rock climbing techniques to scale giant strangler fig trees. As climbers living in the jungle without rocks around, they began climbing the trees. (10 MIN)

MECCA IN THE MAKING

Chattanooga's remarkable rebirth: from a polluted industrial city to a vibrant mountain bike hub, all thanks to the tireless efforts of dedicated volunteers. A story of urban renewal through collective action. (16 MIN)

FEATURE



YAMNUSKA: THE RAGGED EDGE

Yamnuska, akin to Canada's Yosemite, has been witness to countless tales of triumph, struggle, and unwavering determination. Sitting at the eastern edge of the Canadian Rockies, the iconic big wall stands as a testament to the indomitable spirit of adventure. (65 MIN)

SATURDAY MATINEE



GEORGIA ASTLE: FLIP THE SWITCH

If you don't have role models to look up to, it's harder to progress as a rider. Georgia Astle grew up chasing her older brother. If he could do it, she could do it. (3 MIN)

SERENGETI

Serengeti, one of the last great biodiversity oases on the planet. A place where nature still reigns supreme. But how long will this idyllic image last? (3 MIN)

PASS IT ON - SANDY WARD

Three locals who spread their love of Squamish climbing into the fabric of the broader community. (3 MIN)

FLOWING - MY DREAM OF MORE FREEDOM

The river itself speaks to us about its dream of flowing wilder and freer again, thereby providing a home (again) to a diversity of species. (4 MIN)

JACK'S SOLAR GARDEN

Agrivoltaics is the combination of solar and agriculture. By utilizing the land while capturing solar energy – this model offers land developers and farmers a win-win scenario. (4 MIN)

ASCENSION - HAMISH FROST

One of Europe's leading adventure photographers, Hamish Frost lives twin lives. A story of confidence and connection and a reminder of the importance of diversity in the great outdoors. (8 MIN)

PADDLE TRIBAL WATERS

In 2024, the largest dam removal project in history will be completed on the Klamath River (Oregon/ California). It will be a monumental victory for indigenous communities. A group of native youth plan to lead the first descent of the restored river. (9 MIN)

LIGHT BEAMS FOR HELENA

Helena Bourdillon has pushed her limits in the freediving world, using a single breath to dive to depths that would kill most human beings. (10 MIN)

PAATUWAQATSI WATER IS LIFE

A short film about the Hopi people's ancient relationship with the Grand Canyon and Little Colorado River. (11 MIN)

FORWARD

Anjelica Avella turned to the outdoors in her midtwenties to improve her mental health. Despite feeling the benefits of time spent outside for her well-being, the lack of other plus-size women of color she was encountering on trail was noticeable. (16 MIN)

ASCEND

This documentary follows the inspiring story of a group of young women from Afghanistan who pursued their passion for climbing and mountaineering despite facing grave risks. NOTE: *The first minute of this film contains chaotic war violence that may be upsetting to those with PTSD.* (20 MIN)

INTERMISSION (15 MIN)

RECLAIM YOUR WATER: NATASHA SMITH

Natasha Smith shares her personal experiences and the importance of organizations like Ebony Beach Club, that encourage Black people to reconnect with the water. (5 MIN)

WINTER'S EVE

Renowned violinist, Kishi Bashi, traveled with filmmaker Max Lowe to the Northernmost point of the continent where the pair performed and recorded Kishi's new single, *Winter's Eve.* (9 MIN)

NO LOST SHOES

Our shoes go lots of places, across vast distances, and over many miles. But eventually our shoes break down and usually get thrown away. (12 MIN)

THE SUMMIT WITHIN

A group of international wounded, injured and sick military veterans attempt to climb a 4000+m mountain peak in Colorado, using nature as a tool for healing from the physical, mental, and emotional challenges faced by veterans and service personnel. (14 MIN)

FEATURE



ALIGNED - BETWEEN THE SEA AND THE SKY

Aligned is a visually stunning and emotionally charged documentary that takes the audience on an aweinspiring ski touring adventure in the majestic Lyngen Alps, high above the Arctic Circle. (34 MIN)

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

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SUNDAY MATINEE

THE CONSERVATION KID (11 MIN) BEARS EARS: ECHOES OF TIME (4 MIN) ASCENSION - MORAG SKELTON (5 MIN) PASS IT ON - TAMI KNIGHT (3 MIN) REMEMBERING SUDAN (11 MIN) FINDING THE LINE (12 MIN) YUBA IS IN THE HEART (11 MIN) BORNE OF WATER (15 MIN) WALLS OF FAITH (17 MIN) INTERMISSION (15 MIN) BACKYARD BIKEPACKING (5 MIN) SOLO (35 MIN) CLEAR DAY THUNDER: RESCUING THE AMERICAN CHESTNUT (52 MIN)

Dinner with filmmakers and author talk between matinee and evening. Tickets at **LWFF.org/dinner**.

SUNDAY EVENING

A STORY LIKE MINE (3 MIN) DRIVING SWEEP (10 MIN) STUDY ABROAD (16 MIN) FATHER NATURE (10 MIN) 22 HOURS - ARCTIC DREAMLINES (14 MIN) A BITCH OF A RACE (17 MIN) EMBRACING THE GRIM (13 MIN) INTERMISSION + AWARDS (15 MIN) ONE FOR ALL (19 MIN) ABOVE THE NOISE (6 MIN) LEGACY ON THE MUIR (25 MIN) SUBTERRANEAN (40 MIN)



SATURDAY EVENING

Music by **RANDY STEELE**

BIKING ENGADIN

Watch Oli Dorn shred unreal sceneries in Engadin, Switzerland, together with his famous dog Balu and a sweet little surprise guest. (2 MIN)

NEAR THE RIVER

In the tourism town of Livingstone, Zambia, a group of local men who make their living portering kayaks aspire to become safety kayakers on the Zambezi River. The proposed Batoka Gorge Hydroelectric Scheme threatens to flood the famous rapids of the Zambezi, and eliminate river related jobs. (11 MIN)

THE RIGHT TO JOY

As a trans-masculine cyclist and policy scholar, Izzy Sederbaum was searching for community and acceptance within the sport. After surviving a rare cougar attack on a ride in early 2018, Izzy was hospitalized with severe facial trauma while hateful anti-trans rhetoric filled comment sections of news articles that he had little to no control over. In the years since, he has struggled to overcome his anxiety of being alone in the woods and the self-doubt brought on by strangers after the attack. Despite these challenges, Izzy found solace and support in the Seattle cycling community, which reignited his passion for the sport. (20 MIN)

FIFTH TIDE

Winter swells, thundering waves, sharp reefs, paddling larger waves with guns, and the struggle and joy that comes with all of that. *Fifth Tide* shows the life of two women during the rough Portuguese winter season. It shows their connection to the ocean, waves, and nature, and how they found sisterhood through all of this. (19 MIN)

THE BALKANS MIRAGE

Four friends set out bikepacking journey through the Balkans. A land of culture and breathtaking vistas that beckoned to be explored on two wheels. (11 MIN)

IF IT'S EASY, IT'S NOT FUN

This film follows the adventures of the three friends on the cliffs of Wadi-Rum. With them, we are amazed by the magnificence of the desert, we feel the touch of the red sandstone under the fingers of the climbers and the adrenaline of the paragliding flights, we enjoy meeting the Bedouins, and we discover the secrets of such a shooting. Combining action and culture, "If it's easy, it's not fun" is an ode to adventure and friendship. (30 MIN)

INTERMISSION (15 MIN)

FEATURE



FULL CIRCLE

Faced with a traumatic injury that renders you permanently disabled, how would you reinvent yourself? In 2014, Trevor Kennison's life was forever altered by a broken back - for worse and for better, in equal measures. (103 MIN)

SUNDAY MATINEE



THE CONSERVATION KID

At age seven, Cash "The Conservation Kid" Daniels began leading cleanups along the Tennessee River in his hometown, Chattanooga. Six years later, Cash continues to make a significant impact on the river's health by collecting fishing waste and inspiring his peers across the world to protect the environment. (11 MIN)

BEARS EARS: ECHOES OF TIME

Stunning, sacred, and threatened: embark on a visual journey through the vibrant deserts, rich forests, and ancient ruins of the region of southeastern Utah known as Bears Ears, while the battle for conservation and indigenous sovereignty continues on. (4 MIN)

ASCENSION - MORAG SKELTON

Morag Skelton believes that nothing should come between anyone and getting out there in nature. As a deaf climber constantly pushing the limits of possible, she lives that belief. (5 MIN)

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REMEMBERING SUDAN

Zacharia, the head rhino caregiver at the OI Pejeta Conservancy in northern Kenya, was caring for the last remaining northern white rhinos on the planet. His friend Sudan was the last male rhino of this species. (11 MIN)

FINDING THE LINE

Alexandra "Chachi" Riesco has been shaped by rivers. From slicing through rapids in a whitewater kayak to carving into a plate in her printmaking studio, Chachi draws lines between the geologic forces she's studied and her work and play — but following her own line hasn't always been easy. (12 MIN)

YUBA IS IN THE HEART

Posed as a love letter to the river and the community that surrounds it, *Yuba is in the Heart* considers what it means to love and be loved by a river. (11 MIN)

BORNE OF WATER

The American West suffers through one of the most intense droughts in recorded human history. As water levels plummet and life as we know it is threatened by this existential crisis, we look back in time to a story about a Hopi boy named Tiyo, and a journey he made along the Colorado River under similar circumstances. (15 MIN)

WALLS OF FAITH

Exploring various aspects of climbing while drawing parallels to the Christian faith. The film chronicles the journey of Zach LeClerc, an outdoor enthusiast, as he scales some of Chattanooga's most breathtaking sites. (17 MIN)

INTERMISSION (15 MIN)

BACKYARD BIKEPACKING

Not all adventures need to be epic multi-day excursions halfway around the world. Human Powered Movement Founder and Head Enabler, Adam Bratton, had his own action packed expedition traversing his neighborhood and backyard with his two boys for their first ever bikepacking trip. (5 MIN)

SOLO

Follow one woman's mission to run solo and unsupported across mountain ranges on six continents overcoming obstacles, conquering fears and finding the joy in achieving her goals absolutely alone. (35 MIN)

FEATURE



CLEAR DAY THUNDER: RESCUING THE AMERICAN CHESTNUT

At the turn of the 20th century, a deadly blight accidentally imported into the U.S. from Asia devastated the American Chestnut. Within a span of only two generations, the tree was nearly extinct. The film tells the story of passionate citizen scientists and researchers working to restore this ecologically and economically important species, during this pivotal moment. (52 MIN)



A STORY LIKE MINE

Most people have an opinion about e-bikes and often it fails to consider the bigger picture. Sometimes you just need to hear A story like Steve Winter and his opportunity to rediscover something thought to be lost. E-bike access to trails is a highly debated topic for many reasons. (3 MIN)

DRIVING SWEEP

Few river guides ever get the chance to drive Idaho's iconic sweep boat. *Driving Sweep* follows Katie Veteto as she learns how to "drive sweep" down the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. She's learned the rapids and the river. Now she learns to drive a 4,000 lb. sweep down steep rocky rapids. (10 MIN)

STUDY ABROAD

Spring break is known as a time for college kids to let loose and get wild during their week of freedom from classes. But for a select group of students, they want to have their fun while also making a positive impact on the environment. (16 MIN)

FATHER NATURE

The Turner family has guided the Snake River in Grand Teton National Park for over a 100 years. Like all of us who go to the river and mountains with fly rod in hand, it's hard to come back the same person. Wild places forever change us – imbedding a deep and spiritual reverence for things greater than ourselves. This western idea was the underpinnings to one of America's best inventions – the National Park System. This is their story – a family's blessing to work, live, and share one of the most beautiful river corridors anywhere in the world. A gift that has instilled an even greater passion to protect things "wild" for many generations to come. (10 MIN)

22 HOURS - ARCTIC DREAMLINES

A ski touring adventure in Norway, that goes against the elements to chase the lines of this crew's wildest dreams. (14 MIN)

A BITCH OF A RACE

Cyclist Anna Lena Kempen gave life to the idea for The Frigid Bitch Race over nine years ago because there wasn't a space for her in the male-dominated cycling field. She wanted to create an inclusive space for women. The race would be harder, longer, colder and more terrible and awesome than other races, and it would be just for us. (17 MIN)

EMBRACING THE GRIM

After conquering massive alpine walls together, Fay and Line head north to the ephemeral Scottish land of mixed climbing. The objectives are ambitious and the weather is fickle, testing the all women team's perseverance. (13 MIN) 🙂

INTERMISSION (15 MIN)

ONE FOR ALL

Tony Drees actually considers himself to have good fortune, despite being born into an abusive household, surviving the deadliest bombing of the Gulf War, beating cancer, and having his leg amputated up to his hip. After it all, and through his newly found passion for skiing, Tony sets an ambitious goal for this season. NOTE: *The first minute of this film contains chaotic war violence that may be upsetting to those with PTSD.* (19 MIN)

ABOVE THE NOISE

Athlete Maja Kuczynska uses her sport to escape the chaos of the modern world. (6 MIN)

LEGACY ON THE MUIR

Tom Herbert revisits his father's historic first ascent on the Muir Wall of El Capitan in attempt to set a speed record on the original route. (25 MIN) 😀

FEATURE



SUBTERRANEAN

In a remarkable year, two gritty teams of hobbyist cavers are poised to break records for the longest and deepest caves in Canada. (40 MIN)

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