

# Day with the Lizard Man

Region: Florence, SC

**10:00am** arrive Florence  
meet step-on guide (\$100 per day includes door prizes)  
depart for Patz and Mike Fowle studio gallery  
watch Lizard Man DVD

**10:30am** arrive at Patz and Mike Fowle's art studio  
visit husband (metalwork) and wife (clayworker) team at work  
Kelly Bridge Rd., Bishopville 843.332.8474

**11:30am** depart for lunch

**11:50am** lunch at Harry and Harry Too's  
home of the Lizard Man sandwich  
719 Sumter Hwy, Bishopville 803.428.4622

**1:00pm** depart for Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden

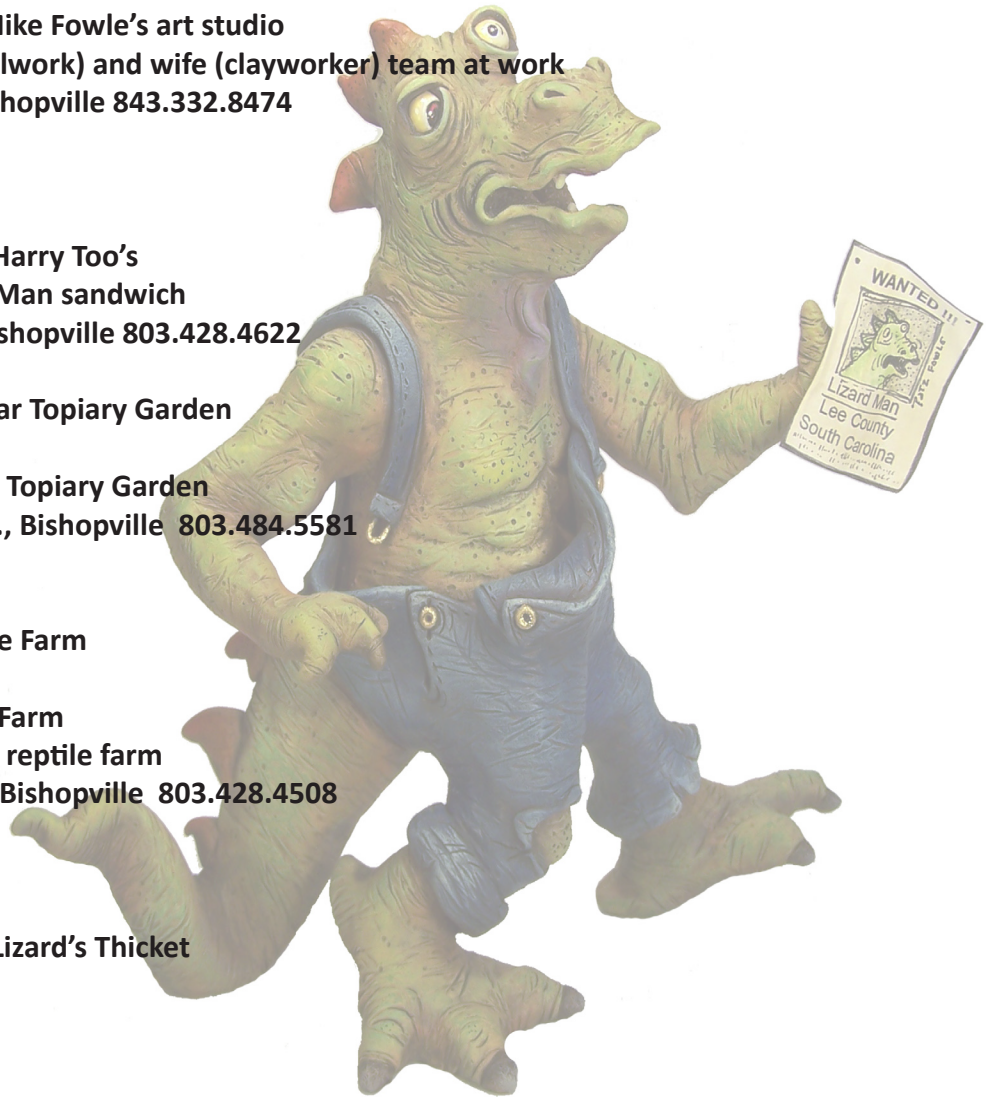
**1:10pm** arrive at Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden  
145 Broad Acres Rd., Bishopville 803.484.5581

**2:30pm** depart for Scape Ore Farm

**3:00pm** arrive at Scape Ore Farm  
tour exotic bird and reptile farm  
105 Gooding Place, Bishopville 803.428.4508

**5:00pm** depart for Florence

**5:30pm** dine in Florence at Lizard's Thicket



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# The SC Lizard Man

- The Lizard Man is described as being 7 feet tall, bipedal, and well built, covered in dark hair with scaly lizard-like skin on hands, feet and face. It is said to have three toes on each foot and three fingers on each arm, which witnesses say measure 6 feet in length and 2 feet in width. The creature has an incredible degree of strength, more than capable of ripping into a car. It might have a tail with six spikes.
- The first reported sighting of the creature was made by Christopher Davis, a 17 year old local, who said he encountered the creature while driving home from work at 2 AM on June 29, 1988. According to his account, Davis stopped on a road bordering Scape Ore Swamp in order to change a tire which had blown out. When he was finishing up he reported having heard a thumping noise from behind him and having turned around to see the creature running towards him.

Davis said the creature tried to grab at the car and then jumped on its roof as he tried to escape, clinging on to it as Davis swerved from side to side in an effort to throw it off. After he returned home, Davis' side-view-mirror was found to be badly damaged, and scratch marks were found on the car's roof, though there was no other physical evidence of his encounter.

"I looked back and saw something running across the field towards me. It was about 25 yards away and I saw red eyes glowing. I ran into the car and as I locked it, the thing grabbed the door handle. I could see him from the neck down – the three big fingers, long black nails and green rough skin. It was strong and angry. I looked in my mirror and saw a blur of green running. I could see his toes and then he jumped on the roof of my car. I thought I heard a grunt and then I could see his fingers through the front windshield, where they curled around on the roof. I sped up and swerved to shake the creature off."

- In the month that followed the Davis sighting there were several further reports of a large lizard like creature, and of unusual scratches and bite marks found on cars parked close to the swamp. Most of these are said to have occurred within a 3 mile (5 km) radius of the swamps of Bishopville.
- Two weeks after the Davis sighting the sheriff's department made several plaster casts of what appeared to be three-toed footprints – measuring some 14 inches in length – but decided against sending them on to the FBI for further analysis after biologists advised them that they were unclassifiable.
- The sightings attracted tourists interested in seeing the creature and hunters interested in tracking it, and nearby radio station WCOS offered a \$1 million reward to anybody who could capture the creature alive.
- In July 2005, the Lizard Man "reappeared" in television promotions for the South Carolina Education Lottery.
- In October 2005, a woman in Newberry, South Carolina reported to the police that she had seen two creatures resembling the Lizard Man outside her home. The responding officer, Michael Kennedy, apparently amused, told the woman that the creatures "just like to check on humans from time to time."
- Interviews with Lizard Man spotters can be seen on History.com's MonsterQuest Videos/Cold Cases page. That same episode showed that three hundred pounds of torque would have to have been exerted by a dog to cause that much damage to a car fender, making it highly unlikely that the damage could have been inflicted by a stray canine (not without losing a considerable amount of teeth).
- In 2010 on the TV program Destination Truth, Josh Gates and his team found Lizard Man footprints in the swampland which they determined to be a hoax, and concluded the creature was fabricated.
- In 2011, a couple reported that their car had been mauled by something tall. Former Lee County Sheriff stated that the damage on the car looks much like the damage from earlier incidents.