

## Forget fall, think summer heat all week in Anderson

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ANDERSON — Fall begins in three weeks, but this week's temperatures remain overwhelmingly summerlike, including one high expected to be near 100 degrees.

The skies should remain sunny except for a clouds moving in Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening. Monday's high is expected to be 91 degrees, with an overnight low of 67. Tuesday's high is expected to be the lowest of the week at 88 degrees and drops to 68 overnight.

The National Weather Service predicts clear nights by the end of the week and for days to heat up then.

"There will be a steady warm up; that's what we're expecting," said Jeffrey Taylor, a meteorologist at the National Weather Center.

The high for Sept. 4 is 95 degrees, he added.

"That is above normal for early September," he said.

No rain is forecast, but Hurricane Irene's bypassing South Carolina is not the reason, Taylor said. A surface of high pressure that moved south as the hurricane went north lessened a chance for showers.

Hartwell Lake is down half an inch from last week to 654.5 feet, and Lake Jocassee dropped 4 feet to 82 feet. Lake Keowee has remained at 96 feet for two weeks.

Wednesday's high is expected to reach 90, with a low of 68, and Thursday's temperatures top 98 degrees, and cool to 68 at night. The weekend is sunny and mostly clear with highs capping in the mid 90s.

Fall begins Sept. 23, but it's too early to tell whether hotter-than-average highs will lead to a brief fall, Taylor said.

The three-month outlook by the Climate Prediction Center determined that there's an equal chance that temperatures will be above or below normal in September, October and November.

