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The Year of National Park Attractions in Alabama

With so much history—natural, geographical, social, political, cultural—embedded in the foundational character of Alabama, the number of federally designated sites recognizing the state’s connections to civil rights, indigenous people, American music and landscapes is not surprising. In 2022, explore 11 of them administered by the National Park Service, from Natchez Trace Parkway in the north to the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site in the south.
FEATURES

5 Inside Sweet Home Alabama
Enjoy this sampling of what makes Alabama a top travel spot for 2022. For starters, it’s the Year of National Park Attractions in Alabama. Get to know II of those federally administered stops as well as small towns, pet-friendly diversions, local foods, luxurious accommodations and must-take road trips. Finally, check out (and check off) 10 only-in-Alabama outdoor adventures.

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In 2022, be among the first visitors to walk through Mobile’s Africatown Heritage House, to see a bus like the ones in which Freedom Riders traveled at the Freedom Rides Museum in Montgomery and to appreciate EJI’s new Legacy Museum, also in Montgomery. Additionally, visit Wetumpka, the starring location in HGTV’s “Home Town Takeover,” and get ready to see the stars under the stars at The Orion Amphitheater in Huntsville. OWA adds a water park in Foley, and The World Games play in Birmingham. These attractions, events and more are what’s new in Alabama.

46 At Home on the Road
Alabama offers RVers loads of things to do, while also presenting a variety of places to set up for the night, from primitive to resort style.

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Play one or all of the 26 courses that comprise the legendary Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail.

154 Bringing the Outdoors into Focus
View the winning images from a recent photo contest and gather inspiration for how to best experience the state’s outdoor offerings.

ENJOY A FUN-FILLED VACATION TO ALABAMA!

Relish the ultimate relaxing getaway on Alabama’s Gulf Coast, home to some of the most beautiful beaches in the world. The brilliant white sand provides a gorgeous backdrop for eating sumptuous fresh-catch seafood while contemplating the beauty of a sunset.

Breathe fresh air, appreciate awe-inspiring nature and enjoy some exercise while exploring vast forests, pristine rivers and lakes, and towering waterfalls; paddle whitewater rapids, climb challenging rock faces, hunt, fish, or hike or bike through memorable mountain or maritime terrain.

Learn about where civil rights history happened in a way you and your family will never forget. More than a fourth of all the attractions on the U.S. Civil Rights Trail are in Alabama.

Discover a land of rare animals and places— incredible biodiversity you never dreamed existed in a state containing what’s been referred to as “America’s Amazon.”

Perhaps the lush greenery you seek is on one of the world’s great golf trails. Tee off on any of the 26 courses that are part of Alabama’s legendary Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, considered some of the best and most affordable golf in the world.

Finally, explore II national park attractions, spotlighting Alabama’s outdoor wonders, American heroes, Native American culture, military history or landmark civil rights achievements, that dot the state.

These are just some of the many adventures awaiting you in Alabama—adventures you can start planning with this vacation guide and Alabama.Travel.

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At Your Fingertips

With just a tap or swipe, unlock multiple ways to help plan your visit to Alabama or to stay in the know once you’ve arrived.

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Download these apps to navigate where to go and what to see.

**ALABAMA ROAD TRIPS**

Whether you seek a relaxing beach drive, a gleeful shopping spree or a delectable spin through the state’s 100 Dishes to Eat, you can find the perfect Alabama road trip using this free, official app for iPhone and Android. Alabama.Travel/road-trips-app

**ALABAMA CIVIL RIGHTS TRAIL**

Available for iPhone and Android devices, this no-cost, official app traces the state’s role in the struggle—and the progress—for equality by exploring the people, places and events that put Alabama in the civil rights spotlight. Alabama.Travel/civil-rights-app

Alabama Online

Plan a trip, engage with other visitors, share photos and get to know Alabama via Alabama.Travel, the state’s official website. An interactive map helps you determine where to eat, what to do and where to stay—all within defined areas of the state, such as Lake Guntersville in North Alabama or The Wiregrass in South Alabama. Use these trip-planning tools to label favorites and to save locations and events, thus completely personalizing your trip. Tag your social media posts with #SweetHomeAlabama for a chance to see your images on Alabama.Travel.

ABOUT THE ICONS

Illustrated icons (above) on Alabama.Travel and throughout this guide point to categories of activities available in the state. Interested in the outdoors? Look for the canoe between the trees icon. Desiring a bit of arts and culture? Look for the theater icon. A few are specific to Alabama: the Selma Bridge icon, representing the state’s civil rights legacy, and the rocket icon, leading guests to science and discovery.

An Ear for History

Thanks to the Alabama Tourism Department’s recently launched Alabama Civil Rights Trail Podcast, listeners can gain deeper understanding of the people, places and events that influenced the Civil Rights Movement. Each of the three parts in the series features real stories told by people who were there. They were the foot soldiers who held the front lines. They were the freedom riders and protestors. They sat when people ordered them to leave. Historians and experts help put the stories in context, thus reminding today’s listeners why the events and actions—the Freedom Riders, civil rights-era bombings and terrorist-like violence, and voting rights marches—from decades ago remain so relevant today. The podcast is available wherever you get your podcasts or at Alabama.Travel/CivilRights.
THE YEAR OF NATIONAL PARK ATTRACTIONS IN ALABAMA

Feel the spray as you paddle past spectacular waterfalls. Hike mountain trails or drive past majestic, primordial forests. Witness monuments to the milestones of history, such as this stained-glass window that the people of Wales donated to Birmingham’s 16th Street Baptist Church (above). Come see why people love to witness the historic and the beautiful by exploring Alabama’s federal parks, monuments and trails.
GET READY FOR ALABAMA

Before you visit, get acquainted with the ways Alabama is influencing America’s conversations on history, fashion, music and more.  

BY AMITY MOORE JOYCE

READ

SOUTHERN GRIT: 100+ DOWN-HOME RECIPES FOR THE MODERN COOK by Alabama native and 2019 “Top Chef” winner Kelsey Barnard Clark features her favorite recipes, including some of her grandmother’s. Personal stories and pro tips complement some of the more than 100 dishes, which are organized by eating times and types: Happy Hour Bites & Sips, Greens, Pork & Beef, and Breads & Pastries, to name a few. Think recipes like Savannah Peach Sangria, Tomato Pie and OG Buttermilk Biscuits. When asked how this wife, mom and owner of KBC restaurant in Dothan manages to do so much and to do it well, she says, “That’s the definition of a Southern woman; they usually do it all.” Available wherever books are sold.

LISTEN

“HAPPY ALL THE TIME” pairs Sam Williams, grandson of Hank Williams, with Dolly Parton for this soulful country duet about the meaning of true wealth. Williams comes from generations of musicians, including his dad, Hank Williams Jr., and his grandfather, Hank Sr. He follows their legacy, and at only 24, is thrilled to have Parton’s blessing and collaboration. This single is part of his Glasshouse Children album, available on Spotify and through Apple Music.

WATCH

“RESPECT,” a biopic starring Jennifer Hudson as legendary vocalist Aretha Franklin, chronicles Franklin’s singing career, which began with her singing at church and concluded with her recognized internationally as the Queen of Soul. A 15- to 20-minute segment of the motion picture takes place in Muscle Shoals at FAME, the studio where some sessions for her 1967 album, I Never Loved a Man the Way I Love You, took place. Franklin credits that recording and the house band, Muscle Shoals Rhythm Section, with making her a star after multiple failed albums with Columbia. According to Franklin, Muscle Shoals is where she “found her sound.” She cut later hits, including the song “Respect,” in New York with members of Muscle Shoals Rhythm Section, later known as The Swamper.

PLAY

HELEN KELLER has taken her place alongside Barbie, thanks to Mattel’s latest release of Inspiring Women dolls. The collection features notable women from history and includes another Alabama native, Rosa Parks. At 19 months, Keller, who was born in Tuscumbia, contracted an unknown illness that rendered her deaf and blind. She did not allow her physical challenges to defeat her, however. She learned to communicate and became the first deafblind person to earn a Bachelor of Arts. She was also a renowned author, speaker, educator and advocate. Find the doll at mass retailers and toy shops, including Target, Walmart, Macy’s and FAO Schwarz.

WEAR

DESIGNERS NATALIE CHANIN AND BILLY REID may showcase their women’s and men’s fashions on international and domestic runways, but they and their brands are headquartered in Florence, Alabama. This past year, Vogue featured them in a piece about clothing designers who are “changing the landscape of American fashion.” In the article, author Laird Borrelli-Persson notes that Chanin’s brand is now a case study in how to do slow fashion responsibly and right. Similarly, Reid has made place an essential part of his work. “We are a modern Southern studio that we hope models a new South,” says Reid in the article. Find Chanin’s designs at alabamachanin.com, Billy Reid’s at Nordstrom and billyreid.com.
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SHARE YOUR ADVENTURE WITH US!
Tail Trails

Grab a leash and hit these favored hiking spots with your dog.

**Kiesel Park, Auburn**
A 2.25-mile trail gives you and your dog a place to exercise, but if your four-legged companion needs more, let Fido loose in the spacious off-leash area with agility equipment.

**Historic Blakeley State Park, Spanish Fort**
Twenty-plus miles of trails wind past Civil War ramparts.

**Cane Creek Canyon Nature Preserve, Tuscumbia**
Signs to the Turquoise Pool lead to a lovely swimming hole where dogs and humans alike can cool off after tackling up to 15 miles of trails.

**Chinnabee Silent Hiking Trail, Lineville**
Expect your pooch to pant on this six-mile climb past waterfalls and rocky outcroppings to the top of Talladega Mountain inside Talladega National Forest.

LIFE WITH PETS
Knowing where to “stay” and where to “roll over” when traveling with pets helps ensure a successful vacation for all. BY LAURA MCGILL

**FROM DOG-FRIENDLY LODGING AND LAID-BACK RESTAURANTS**
to Gulf Coast beaches and plenty-of-room-to-roam state parks, these stops welcome your favorite canine.

**Gulf Coast Beaches**
Dauphin Island’s public strands and Fort Morgan’s bayside beach allow leashed dogs to run on the sands and frolic in the waves. Just be sure to pick up any waste.

**Remy’s Dog Park (right)**
These six acres of dog-dedicated space inside Birmingham’s Red Mountain Park include a special-needs area for dogs that are physically challenged, elderly, injured or simply shy.

**Back Forty Beer Co.**
This Gadsden brewery earns nods for its beer, but also for its puppy love. Dogs are welcome on the front porch, where they have access to water and mini pools. Also, the first Tuesday of the month is Yappy Hour.

**Pirates Cove**
New state legislation enables restaurants to allow dogs on outdoor patios, and Pirates Cove in Elberta is one of many eateries to adopt the change. Dogs love it here; they can swim in the surf while munching a stray burger or fry.

**Elyton Hotel**
Pamper your pooch with an upscale stay in Birmingham, ranked among America’s pet-friendliest cities. The Elyton, a boutique hotel that is part of Marriott’s Autograph Collection, offers a doggie bed; a signature Elyton bandanna; food/water bowls; treats; doggie bags; and guides to pet parks, pet stores, and pet spa services.

**Most Alabama beaches do not allow dogs;**
Dauphin Island’s public beach (pictured above) is an exception. Leashed dogs are allowed.

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REGIONAL ESCAPES

Coming from a bordering state? Discover easy Alabama getaways perfect for a weekend or longer.  

BY LAURA MCGILL

HIT THE ROAD for journeys that soar to the skies and celebrate the sand between your toes. Pause to learn lessons and honor the brave. Each lies within easy driving distance of Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida.

NEAR MISSISSIPPI

Animal Attraction

Get to know the 180 species housed at the Birmingham Zoo with a visit to this sprawling 122-acre site. From the large African elephant to the small bumble bee dart frog, each creature has a story to tell.

NEAR TENNESSEE

To the Moon

In Huntsville at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, play with hands-on exhibits and simulators to better understand space and what it takes to fly to the moon.

NEAR GEORGIA

Spiritual Renewal

The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament is a Franciscan pilgrimage site and home to an ornate replica of the 13th-century Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, Italy. Visitors to the Hanceville landmark are welcomed to join regularly scheduled services and to explore the grounds for a time of reflection.

NEAR FLORIDA

Surf and Sand

Where Alabama meets the Gulf of Mexico, miles of white-sand beaches—some of the most beautiful in the world!—welcome you to play and soak up the sun. Pack your beach towel for the coastal towns of Dauphin Island, Gulf Shores and Orange Beach.

NEAR FLORIDA & GEORGIA

Aviation Wonders

The United States Army Aviation Museum in Fort Rucker displays a fascinating mix of about 50 aircraft at a time, taken from its store of more than 160 military aircraft. The museum also houses one of the world’s largest collections of military helicopters.

NEAR GEORGIA

Museum & Memorial

America’s history of racial injustice must be spoken and pushed into the light for all to see. The Equal Justice Initiative provides two sites for understanding in Montgomery: The Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice.

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FROM BACKPACKING TO FISHING AND CAVING TO SOAKING IN THE SUNSET, CHECK OUT THIS DOUBLE FIST OF OUTDOOR EXPLORATIONS YOU DON’T WANT TO MISS.

1 **Bouldering at Cherokee Rock Village**
Tucked away on County Road 70 southwest of Leesburg, this 300-acre park presents massive boulders just begging to be conquered. Purchase gear at the park to be sure you have what you need to make it to the top, where views of Weiss Lake are well worth the climb.

2 **Seeing Noccalula Falls**
The waters—from small trickles to roaring cascades—of Black Creek are ever changing as they tumble more than 90 feet into the ravine below. The park includes a ticketed area with attractions, but the falls overlook is free of charge and open daily.

3 **Hiking Dismals Canyon**
The daytime views are filled with natural wonders, but the real magic happens when the sun goes down. That’s when the Dismalites, commonly known as glowworms, put on a show. Take a nighttime guided tour to see these tiny bioluminescent beings, which are found in very few places on Earth.

4 **Backpacking the Pinhoti Trail**
More than 330 miles stretch from Flagg Mountain near Weogufka to across the Georgia line, making this trail an ideal one for backpacking. You could set out for an epic trek or mix up a series of shorter overnights to experience what’s sometimes regarded as the southernmost end of the Appalachian Trail.
5 Pedaling Coldwater Mountain Bike Trail
Ready to catch some air and bomb a run? Then you’ll want to experience the hang-on-tight thrill of two miles of gravity trails. The complete 35-plus miles are accessible from two trailheads: off Coldwater Road and Monsanto Street, both in Anniston.

6 Upland bird hunting at Pursell Farms
Membership certainly has its privileges, like upland hunting for pheasants, quail and water-fowl at the ORVIS® Shooting Grounds at Pursell Farms in Sylacauga. The private hunts are available Oct. 15–March 15. For year-round, no-membership-needed marksmanship, try your luck at shooting sporting clays.

7 Fishing the Alabama Bass Trail
Whether you put your reputation on the line in a fishing tournament or just cast in private, the 13 water bodies (lakes, rivers and delta) along the trail are an angler’s delight. Among others, locations include Lewis Smith Lake, Lake Guntersville, Logan Martin Lake and Lake Eufaula.

8 Paddling the Alabama Scenic River Trail
Pick a portion, or get ambitious and boat all of the more than 5,300 miles of accessible water-ways that range from gentle flows to Class III whitewater. If you’re comfortable, you can DIY a river journey. Otherwise, numerous outfitters are available to guide you on any of the more than 20 blueways that make up the trail.

9 Caving in North Alabama
Get your adrenaline pumping with different rappels, climbing, crawling through small spaces and crossing deep cre-vasses on ladders in some of the state’s wild caves. Guides with Fort Payne-based True Adventure Sports will lead the way. The physical tests are well worth the subterranean rewards.

10 Sailing on the Gulf Coast
You just can’t help but exhale and smile on a relaxing sunset sail. Frolicking dolphins may compete for your attention on cruises with Sail Wild Hearts, Cetacean Cruises or Back Bay Sailing Adventures. Most cruises provide snacks or allow you to bring your own.
LANE CAKES
Alabamians have a love-hate relationship with the state’s official dessert: Lane Cake. First, it takes quite a bit of effort to make—at least two hours of hands-on time, says Bianca Priest, owner of Birmingham-based Who Doesn’t Like Cake. Second, in a state where dry counties still exist, the signature bourbon ingredient is sometimes perceived as “a little much.” Nevertheless, when the butter cake, layered with raisins, pecans, coconut (and bourbon), is served, foodies recognize why Emma Rylander Lane of Clayton, Alabama, earned first prize at a county baking competition more than 100 years ago. Author Harper Lee later immortalized the cake when she mentioned it in To Kill a Mockingbird.

GULF SHRIMP
Shrimpers harvest pinks, whites and browns from the Gulf of Mexico year-round, ensuring only the freshest hit the plate.

SWEET TEA
This versatile iced beverage pairs well with everything, but somehow it seems best savored on a front porch.

BARBECUE
Two things define the Yellowhammer State’s ‘cue: thick slabs of meaty ribs often cooked over direct heat and a condiment all its own. A mayonnaise-and-vinegar-based concoction developed by Big Bob Gibson that once “baptized” only chicken in Decatur has spread across the state and onto pork, too.

PEANUTS
While at Tuskegee Institute, George Washington Carver raised awareness of peanuts’ many uses. Today, Alabama is among the country’s top three peanut-producing states. You’ll find plenty of places to try goober peas near Dothan, the self-proclaimed Peanut Capital of the World. Eat them boiled, the true Alabama way.
Go shrimping, pick peaches and fry up green tomatoes. Tables overflow with what is grown or caught nearby. Savor these local ingredients and dishes whenever you can—whether you find them in a restaurant or at a local farm stand.  

**FRIED CHICKEN**
A luxury until the mid-20th century, chicken, usually fried, is now a staple of the Alabama diet, thanks to the state’s burgeoning poultry industry. (It’s No. 2 in the country!)

**PECANS**
Pecan orchards dot roughly 30 counties in the state and occupy approximately 9,000 acres. Stop at farms on I-65 and in Baldwin and Mobile counties to sample the nut.

**FRIED CATFISH**
Prolific in Alabama rivers and lakes, catfish have long been a favorite catch, particularly channels, blues and flatheads, with some anglers saying they prefer bullheads. Seasoned dry or doused in wet batter, you can’t go wrong with any of the species once they’re sizzling. Find the crispy deliciousness served statewide, often with lemon and tartar sauce. Coleslaw, hushpuppies or fries also might share the plate and palate.

**FRIED GREEN TOMATOES**
Author Fannie Flagg made this dish famous in her novel *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café*, the inspiration for which is found in the real-life Irondale Café. Crispy on the outside, soft on the inside, fried green tomatoes are a symbol of the state’s agricultural heritage. Savor them as a side for a meat-and-three or as an appetizer.

**BANANA PUDDING**
Homemade with real bananas and vanilla wafers, this creamy dessert has its roots in Mobile, where in the early 1900s, longshoremen unloaded bananas at the city’s docks and Mobile was the nation’s third-largest importer of the fruit.

**PEACHES**
Find them fresh, canned and cooked in pies, but cobbler and ice cream are favorites. Clanton in Chilton County is serious peach country.
CHEERS!

TOAST ALABAMA’S CRAFT BEVERAGES. Craft breweries, wineries and distilleries in the state are on the rise. Every year, another one opens, and others widen their distribution. So go ahead, belly up to see what’s on tap from Florence to Fairhope.

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Having a great vacation has a lot to do with where you stay. Check out (and into) some of the state’s most ideal places to lay down your sleepy head.  

By Rick Harmon

Whether you are seeking the historic charm of century-old splendor, the pleasure and convenience of modern opulence, or a combination of the two, Alabama has an ideal spot for you to stay. Each promises Southern comfort and hospitality, along with plenty of sweet dreams.

THE LODGE AT GULF STATE PARK, Gulf Shores
Looking for a room with a great view? The Lodge at Gulf State Park, a Hilton Hotel on the white sands of Gulf Shores, presents some of the state’s best. The hotel is in the beautiful natural wonder that is the 6,150-acre Gulf State Park, and the property takes full advantage of that location. A beachfront ballroom with an outdoor terrace overlooks the Gulf and sands, as does a pool with bar and grill and a restaurant with terrace seating and a private dining room. Savor house-prepared, locally sourced dishes that highlight fresh Alabama Gulf Seafood, lettuce, tomatoes and anything else the chefs can procure from Alabama farmers. The Lodge also offers access to 28 miles of educational hiking and biking trails, a nature center, outdoor classrooms, an interpretive center, tennis, kayaking, guided nature walks, a butterfly garden, forestland and beach pavilions.

—@HJudeBoudreaux
From far left: ATD/Art Meripol, courtesy of The Lodge at Gulf State Park, courtesy of RTJ Golf Trail, courtesy of Grand Bohemian Hotel

GRAND BOHEMIAN HOTEL MOUNTAIN BROOK, AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION, Birmingham

A hotel doesn’t need to be historic to be elegant. Among Alabama’s first boutique luxury stays, the Grand Bohemian Hotel Mountain Brook was named the third-best hotel in the state in U.S. News and World Report’s 2021 rankings. Guests enjoy many amenities, including a restaurant; rooftop bar and terrace, complete with illuminated ottomans; a wine-blending room; a full-service spa; cooking classes taught by a top area chef; and a 2,600-square-foot art gallery and attached sculpture garden.

FORT CONDÉ INN, Mobile

Built in 1836, Fort Condé Inn exudes the style and atmosphere of 19th-century Mobile. Two years of painstaking renovation have transformed what was once Mobile’s second-oldest house into a dazzling inn. The remarkable accommodation, which has earned a AAA Four Diamond status and was named the fifth-best hotel in the state in U.S. News and World Report’s 2021 rankings, features original pine flooring, 12-foot ceilings and crystal chandeliers. This year, a pool will open as well as Bistro St. Emanuel. The eatery will serve dinner and Sunday brunch, and will offer catering for all events held on-site.

THE WESTIN HUNTSVILLE, Huntsville

Whether you are interested in interplanetary travel or some of the state’s best shopping, your vacation should revolve around the 232-room Westin Huntsville, located less than three miles from the U.S. Space & Rocket Center and within Bridge Street Town Centre. The hotel, which completed a $7 million upgrade a few years ago, was on the Condé Nast Readers’ Choice List in 2019 and was given a AAA Four Diamond Award rating that same year. It earned the No. 7 spot on U.S. News and World Report’s 2021 state hotel rankings.

MARRIOTT SHOALS HOTEL & SPA, Florence

At the Marriott Shoals, enjoy a lavish spa, swimming pools, golf and the 360 Grille, a revolving restaurant known for both its spectacular food and spectacular views of the surrounding Tennessee River Valley. You also can catch the music for which the Shoals is famous at the hotel’s Swampers Bar and Grille.
SMALL-TOWN CHARMS

BY RICK HARMON

Venture beyond the big cities to appreciate Alabama’s small towns and discover what makes them destinations well worth adding to your itinerary.

POINT CLEAR

Stay at the Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa, named among the top resorts in Alabama by U.S. News and World Report and, in 2021, the No. 3 Best Historic Hotel in the country by USA Today. While there, play the 18-hole courses at the Lakewood Club, which Golf Magazine has included in its list of “Best Golf Resorts.” Leave some time in your schedule for a sweet stop at Punta Clara Kitchen, Celebrating 70 years in 2022, this Southern staple is known equally for its homemade fudge and pralines as its picnics and preserves.

DEMOPOLIS

Founded by French expatriates after the fall of Napoleon, Demopolis features a treasure trove of 1800s historical buildings. Gaineswood, a mansion and National Historic Landmark, is perhaps the most well-known of them, followed by other house museums open for touring: Bluff Hall and Lyon Hall. Carpenter Gothic-style Ashe Cottage and Federal-style Curtis House can be viewed from the road. Take a break from historical architecture to walk the nature trail at Foscue Creek Park beside Demopolis Lake.

ALEXANDER CITY

Relax at Lake Martin, one of the largest and loveliest man-made lakes in the country. Rev up at the Wellborn Musclecar Museum with its superb collection of 1960s and ’70s American automobiles. Refresh with a limeade at Carlisle’s, just like people have done since 1914. June usually sees musicians take the stage during Alexander City Jazz Fest, one of the state’s top free music festivals. No matter when you come, you’re sure to be greeted by friendly folks, who are happy to show off their revitalized downtown and favorite spots.

MOORESVILLE

How can a town so small contain so much history? The entire town, population 63, is on the National Register of Historic Places. Visit the state’s oldest operational post office, built around 1840, and the Stagecoach Tavern, built about 1821. While a Union general, future president James A. Garfield gave sermons at the local church, and future president Andrew Johnson worked in a downtown tailor’s shop. This May 7-8, the town will host its first Historic Mooresville Art Festival, a juried art fair featuring about 100 artists.
Interactive technology brings history alive in the new, official guidebook to the sites on the U.S. Civil Rights Trail.

The Official United States Civil Rights Trail by Alabama Tourism Director Lee Sentell spotlights museums and experiences in Anniston, Birmingham, Montgomery, Selma and Tuskegee, as well as other Southern cities in the 15 states through which the Civil Rights Trail passes. The 128-page book expands on the content found at civilrightstrail.com and lays the foundation for a journey that explores the context and background for school integration, protest marches, equal voting rights, freedom rides, sit-ins and more. Get acquainted with the people, stories and actions that pushed the American Civil Rights Movement along from Topeka, Kansas, to Memphis, Tennessee, and from Atlanta to Washington, D.C. Using the book as a companion to the trail, travelers can immerse themselves in the history and then hold onto those experiences long after they have returned home. Purchase the book at Books-A-Million or at Amazon.

EXPLORE THE STORIES THROUGH A MOVING AUGMENTED REALITY EXPERIENCE.

In a “first” for travel books, certain pages come to life with additional images, videos and interviews, thanks to augmented reality (AR) technology. With a smartphone, simply photograph a QR code found on certain pages. For example, Little Rock, Arkansas, images come alive on pages 52–53; Greensboro, North Carolina, pictures on pages 60–61; and Selma extras on pages 104–105. Once travelers launch the experience, they also can join an online book club via social media. #ShareTheJourney

SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR PHONE’S CAMERA, AND CLICK THE LINK.

Doing so launches your interactive experience, enabling you to see the past next to the present in vivid color. Images by photographer Art Meripol roll over historic images and vice versa, underscoring the transformative experience of the trail and its enduring relevance.
Visit federal sites to honor American history, scenic beauty, music, natural wonders and heroes rooted here.

Opposite, clockwise from top left: Little River Falls, George Washington Carver Museum, Horseshoe Bend National Military Park, Link Trainer flight simulator, Buzzard Roost Spring, 16th Street Baptist Church, Russell Cave National Monument, The Historic Bethel Baptist Church, Kelly Ingram Park
Whether you are traveling the Natchez Trace Parkway by bike, car, motorcycle or RV, you are on the road to a history-packed, nature-filled adventure. The parkway, which roughly follows the historic Natchez Trace between Franklin, Tennessee, and Natchez, Mississippi, has been under the care of the National Park Service since 1938, but the stories it shares date back more than 10,000 years.

The trace long served as a vital travel path for Native Americans, European settlers, slave traders, soldiers and many others, both nameless and famous (Meriwether Lewis, John James Audubon and Ulysses S. Grant, for example), who used the corridor first for following game and later for commerce. As the number of travelers increased, inns, or stands, popped up to provide places to rest and to eat. The comforts were few, and the way often was fraught with danger due to bandits and highwaymen.

Traveling the modern parkway’s 33 miles in Alabama, with a 50 mile-per-hour speed limit for most of the route and pretty views, provides an opportunity to imagine all those souls who journeyed here before you and to contemplate the beauty of Alabama’s northwest corner. Plan to stop at six sites to enjoy small natural springs and a mighty river, simple pathways and steep climbs.
Bear Creek: milepost 313.0
Just four miles in from the Mississippi line, you can pause for a break. The area features picnic tables and grills. Access to the water may be steep for some visitors, but just in case it’s perfect for you, bring your fishing gear to see what’s biting in the creek.

Freedom Hills Overlook: milepost 317.0
Test your stamina on the steep, quarter-mile trail that leads to the overlook, and to Alabama’s highest point on the parkway. Views are better in late autumn and winter when the leaves have fallen.

Buzzard Roost Spring: milepost 320.3
The spring at Buzzard Roost once served as the water source for an inn along the original trace. Today, a small interpretive site lends context to the former operation, and a short walk from the parkway rewards travelers with the soothing sounds of the spring.

Colbert Ferry: milepost 327.3
From 1800 to 1819, this spot on the Tennessee River was where Chickasaw George Colbert operated a ferry. His nearby inn was a popular stop for travelers seeking rest and a warm meal. Today’s visitors can launch a boat, fish or simply enjoy river views here while having lunch at one of the picnic tables. Restrooms are also available. Take the 50-yard walk from the parking area to see the spot where the inn once stood.

Lauderdale: milepost 328.7
The previous stop of Colbert Ferry lies on the southern shore of the Tennessee River. Cross the river and take in the view from the northern shore. A small picnic area is available.

Rock Spring: milepost 330.2
The namesake natural spring often features deep pools that serve as homes to small fish. A nearby trail and stepping stones take you across Colbert Creek and into a wooded area. If you visit this stop in the spring and fall, you may be sharing the space with hundreds of Ruby-throated hummingbirds as they seek the nectar of area wildflowers.

Visit nps.gov/natr to learn more about the entire length of the Natchez Trace and the Natchez Trace Parkway.

INSIDER TIP
Posted speed limits are strictly enforced. Please be aware of road conditions, especially in the winter months. Be prepared to share the road with cyclists as this is a popular route for them.
Andrew Ross House
This private residence once belonging to Andrew Ross is not open to the public, but you can drive by it. Ross was a Cherokee businessman and judge on the Cherokee Supreme Court before he and his wife and daughter relocated to western Indian lands. 4502 Godfrey Ave.; Fort Payne.

Fort Payne Cabin Site
Open by appointment, this site contains what’s left on the property that federal troops seized and turned into a fort while removing the Cherokee. The cabin belonged to John Huss, a Cherokee, and was built circa 1825. Located at the east end of 4th St. SE (just east of Gault Ave. S); Fort Payne.

Tuscumbia Landing
Alabama’s native people were removed by land and water. This site, the western terminus of the Tuscumbia, Courtland and Decatur Railway, was one of the locations where they were gathered and then loaded onto boats to float the Tennessee River west. Found at the confluence of the Tennessee River and Spring Creek, near the foot of Blackwell Road; Sheffield.

Waterloo Landing
Located on today’s Pickwick Lake, formed by damming the Tennessee River, this landing saw 700 Cherokee, led by Captain Gustavus S. Drane, end their 230-mile overland journey and board a steamboat for the next leg of their relocation in 1838. Located at the end of Main St.; Waterloo.

Willstown Mission Cemetery
Prior to Congress passing the Indian Removal Act in 1830, Cherokee leaders successfully opened a mission for the Cherokee in Willstown. In February 1828, Rev. Hoyt, the school’s superintendent, died and was buried on the property. His is one of the few marked graves. The other unidentified 50 or so are suspected to be those of Cherokee who died in camp while moving westward. Situated near intersection of 38th St. NE and Godfrey Ave. NE; Fort Payne.

THE FORCED REMOVAL of indigenous people from their homeland is not a happy story, yet it is one worth following to honor and recognize what they endured. The Trail of Tears National Historic Trail stretches roughly 5,000 miles through North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas and Oklahoma. In Alabama, six National Park Service-certified sites comprise the trail, but others help further interpret the Cherokee people’s sad journey west.

PAINFUL STEPS TO TAKE

Follow in the footsteps of the Cherokee people and recognize their struggle and perseverance on Alabama’s portion of the Trail of Tears.

BY AMITY MOORE JOYCE
IN ADDITION TO THESE CERTIFIED SITES, SEVERAL OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST DOT THE TRAIL. FIND OUT MORE ABOUT RHODES FERRY PARK (DECATUR), LITTLE RIVER CANYON NATIONAL PRESERVE (FORT PAYNE), LAKE GUNTERSVILLE STATE PARK (GUNTERSVILLE), FLORENCE INDIAN MOUND AND MUSEUM (FLORENCE), CHATTAHOOCHEE INDIAN HERITAGE CENTER (FORT MITCHELL), OAKVILLE INDIAN MOUNDS EDUCATION CENTER (DANVILLE), HORSESHOE BEND NATIONAL MILITARY PARK (DAVISTON), MOUNDVILLE ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK (MOUNDVILLE) AND TE-LAH NAY’S WALL (FLORENCE) AT WWW.ALABAMATOTA.COM.

Manitou Cave
This amazing natural wonder, open by appointment only, was certified as a Trail of Tears National Historic Trail Interpretive Center in 2021. The cave holds great significance to the Cherokee nation, in part because Cherokee syllabary, developed by Sequoyah, is found inscribed on the cave’s walls and ceiling. Located at the foot of Lookout Mountain; Fort Payne.

Visit nps.gov for information on the Trail of Tears.

From left: Fort Payne Cabin Site, Willstown Mission Cemetery, Manitou Cave
IN EVERY SEASON BUT WINTER,

Little River Canyon National Preserve offers ranger-led programs as staff and time allow. These programs could be guided walks, talks or campfire programs for all ages. Scheduled events can be found at www.nps.gov/liri/planyourvisit/ranger-led-programs.
Legislators and lobbyists had the right idea when they pushed for and adopted Public Law 102–147 in 1992 to protect the landscapes of the Little River Canyon. Spreading east of Fort Payne, the rugged terrain cradles the Little River, whose swift waters have tumbled through the sandstone and other sedimentary rocks for eons, carving a canyon beloved by artists, outdoor enthusiasts, botanists, wildlife watchers and geologists alike. Part of what makes the river unusual, however, is that it mostly flows atop Lookout Mountain.

See a good portion of the combined river-canyon beauty from Canyon Rim Drive. It parallels the west rim of the canyon and presents loads of opportunities to hop out at overlooks, snap photos or launch a hike. With more than 11,000 federally owned and managed acres, adventurers find plenty to explore.

Scenic driving is a no-brainer, as is hiking. Both activities can lead to outstanding views of Little River Falls, one of the preserve’s must-sees. The 45-foot-tall curtain is at the park’s north end where the canyon first begins. Depending on the water flow—Little River can be swift and dangerous or slow and mild—you might see people whitewater kayaking or possibly swimming. Both should be done with caution and experience, notes Steve Black, the national preserve’s superintendent. If paddling is your thing, he notes, consider one of the kayaking tours that the national preserve sometimes hosts in March or April. It’s a short window and the water has to be just right, but veteran paddlers love the rush.

Other DIY recreation includes horseback riding, bicycling and rock climbing. Equestrians are invited to ride any of the open, numbered roads in the backcountry in the preserve’s designated wildlife management area. Here, the trails are forested, dirt or gravel, and laced with creek crossings. Be advised that the roads are shared with four-wheel-drive vehicles, hikers and bicyclists; Everyone wants to enjoy the abundant scenic sights!

The overlap between horseback riders and bikers occurs in the wildlife management area since that is where mountain biking is allowed. Mountain bikers have access to the same 23 miles as equestrians. Road cyclists, however, tend to stick to Alabama Highway 176, a two-lane, scenic road with no shoulder or bike lanes. Just as in the woods, cyclists need to be aware of what is around them, as do drivers sharing the road.

The final outdoor activity gem, says Black, is rock climbing. The canyon walls and cliffs offer some of the most difficult and wish-you-could-bag climbing routes in the South. Luckily, access to them is much easier than the climbs themselves. Simply pull over on the side of Alabama Highway 176 and find a boulder or cliff. Be sure to bring all your own equipment, and do not add or remove any bolts from the cliffs or carry equipment that would allow you to do so.

A SCENIC ATTRACTION

Some places get better with age. Such is the case with Little River Canyon National Preserve, which celebrates 30 years in 2022 as a designated national preserve. BY AMITY MOORE JOYCE
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HEROISM

Few places can help you understand the courage and determination required to battle racism and segregation better than the Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument. **BY RICK HARMON**

Walk through Kelly Ingram Park, and the sculptures evoke the terror Black demonstrators overcame in their pursuit of civil rights. Firemen aimed high-powered water hoses, and police dogs attacked nonviolent activists, including children marching as part of the Children’s Crusade. Klansmen tried to assassinate the leaders of the movement, including Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth and Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. And just as the federal government finally took a stand to secure court-ordered desegregation of schools in the South, Klansmen dynamited the basement of the 16th Street Baptist Church, killing four young girls.

Ensuring the bravery of these civil rights' heroes would be remembered, President Barack Obama created the Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument in 2017. This National Park Service site encompasses Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, Kelly Ingram Park, the A.G. Gaston Motel, 16th Street Baptist Church, The Historic Bethel Baptist Church, St. Paul United Methodist Church, The Masonic Temple Building and the Fourth Avenue Business District.

16th Street Baptist Church is perhaps the most iconic structure in the Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument. Make sure you see the stained-glass window of a Black man pushing away hatred and injustice with his right hand, while offering his left hand in forgiveness. The people of Wales raised the money for the window after the 1963 bombing, and it was given to the church.

Four-acre Kelly Ingram Park was a staging area for large-scale civil rights demonstrations April to May 1963. The demonstrations were met with violence, including attacks on protesting children, some as young as 6 years old, that shocked the country and still shock visitors through lifelike statues interpreting the events.

The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute features numerous exhibits, including the actual jail cell door behind which the imprisoned Dr. King penned his famous “Letter From Birmingham Jail.” It is also the repository for an extensive archive of Civil Rights Movement documents and nearly 500 recorded oral histories about the period.

St. Paul United Methodist Church hosted meetings to integrate Birmingham buses in 1956 and sessions to train demonstrators in nonviolent civil disobedience in 1963. Activists met here to take part in 1963’s Palm Sunday March, led by Rev. N.H. Smith, Rev. A.D. King and Rev. John Porter. St. Paul UMC is still a place of worship and continues to host civil rights events.

The A.G. Gaston Motel, opened in 1954 to provide quality lodging to African-American travelers, served as the headquarters of the campaign to desegregate the city’s public accommodations in 1963. The hotel’s exterior has been renovated to appear as it did in 1963, and the city hopes to complete renovations on half the interior before Birmingham hosts the World Games in July 2022.
Clockwise from top left: The Masonic Temple Building, 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, A.G. Gaston Motel, St. Paul United Methodist Church, St. Paul United Methodist Church, 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, Kelly Ingram Park; opposite: 16th Street Baptist Church
The Masonic Temple Building, which housed both Black professionals and civil rights organizations, such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Although the building is currently vacant, a multimillion-dollar renovation is being discussed.

The Historic Bethel Baptist Church (right) was pastored by local movement leader Rev. Shuttlesworth and from 1956 to 1961 served as headquarters for the civil rights organization he helped found, the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights. White supremacists bombed the church and parsonage three times. When the church’s congregation moved in 1997, The Historic Bethel Baptist Church was converted into a museum.

The Fourth Avenue Business District was a vibrant area of commerce for Black-owned businesses, where African-American consumers were welcomed into stores and restaurants. One of the iconic buildings within the district is

The significance of Bethel to me was the very light at the end of the tunnel for segregation... the light started right up in that pulpit with Rev. Shuttlesworth.

—MARION JONES DANIEL

FREEDOM RIDERS NATIONAL MONUMENT

Looking up at the bus mural in the alley near the Anniston Greyhound Bus depot is like walking into the past, says Kristofer Bucher, the superintendent who oversees both the Anniston and Birmingham national monuments.

He says it looks much like it would have in 1961, when a busload of Black and white demonstrators, called Freedom Riders, were attacked for testing federal laws allowing interstate bus transportation to be integrated.

“The area almost seems frozen in time,” he says, adding that you can look at the bus and the surroundings and try to feel what the civil rights protestors felt that day while it was happening.

The day was Mother’s Day 1961, when the Freedom Riders’ bus was attacked at the Anniston Greyhound Bus Station and later burned about six miles out of town on Route 202.

While the mural with its interpretive panels is the main part of the monument now, more is planned. The interior of the bus depot is expected to reopen post-pandemic, and there are plans for rotating exhibits.
CHANGE WAS AFOOT IN TUSKEGEE

Two national historic sites in Tuskegee, the Tuskegee Institute and the Tuskegee Airmen, honor the people and work that forever changed the lives of Black Americans by helping Black education soar and Black pilots take flight.

BY RICK HARMON

At its core, the Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site “preserves the legacy and associated historic structures of the historic Tuskegee Institute.” Start your visit on the campus of what is now called Tuskegee University, the historically Black college founded in 1881 as the Tuskegee Normal School. Booker T. Washington was the first president of the school, which educated Black teachers and sent them out to train others. Washington and scientist George Washington Carver turned Tuskegee into one of America’s most-respected Black colleges.

The Oaks, Booker T. Washington’s former home, functions now as a museum, showcasing decorative touches that Washington and his wife picked up from a trip to Europe while the house was under construction in 1899 as well as furnishings made by students and local craftsmen. Tuskegee students built this three-story, 15-room, Queen Anne-style house, making the bricks by
hand. Faculty member Robert R. Taylor, the first accredited African-American architect and the first Black graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, designed it.

Washington lived at the house until his death in 1915. He was visited here by a who’s who of guests, from presidents William Howard Taft and Theodore Roosevelt to philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. Park rangers conduct free, 45-minute tours of The Oaks, usually at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. A tour is the only way to see the inside of the house. For information, go to www.nps.gov/tuin/planyourvisit/things2do.htm.

After seeing The Oaks, visit the George Washington Carver Museum. Carver, the world-renowned African-American scientist who headed Tuskegee’s agriculture department, revolutionized farming in the South by teaching Black and white cotton farmers the importance of crop rotation and developed countless uses to popularize peanuts and sweet potatoes. The museum displays Carver’s laboratory and workshop, plus items that were collected, used, made or worn by him. Exhibits also spotlight well-known commercial peanut products that were developed because of Carver’s research.

The Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site also encompasses a 50-acre Historic Campus District consisting of most of the original campus buildings, many of which students built as part of their education. The university still owns and maintains the buildings. You may walk around this part of campus, but the buildings are not open to the public. Don’t miss the “Lifting the Veil” statue, which honors Washington’s push to educate Black students.

Never been here before...it was very educational. Look forward to visiting again soon... will bring the family next time. —MS. TANYA, LOCAL GUIDE, GOOGLE
Just 3.5 miles away sits the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site, which interprets the Army Air Corps program to train African-Americans to fly and maintain combat aircraft. Before 1940, African-Americans were not allowed to fly in the U.S. military because some argued they lacked the determination and skills to be successful pilots. Triumphant, that argument was forever disproved by the nearly 1,000 Black aviators who trained from 1941-1946. About 450 of these combat pilots completed nearly 1,500 missions over Europe and North Africa during WWII, downing enemy aircraft and crippling ground transport.

For an introduction to the program, watch the site’s centerpiece video, which gives a detailed overview of the pilots, bombardiers, navigators, maintenance staff, instructors and all the personnel who kept the planes flying. The stories of surviving Tuskegee Airmen are shared in an immersive, three-screen format featuring rare WWII-era archival footage, contemporary 3D animation and filmed reenactments using period aircraft.

Inside Hangar 1, view two authentic training aircraft, a tea room and a World War II-era replica flight simulator. This Link Trainer was recently restored and unveiled. Nearby, Hangar 2 is a traditional museum area with exhibits to transport visitors to the 1940s and offer insight into what it was like for Black pilots and other personnel at Moton Field.

“The story at each park is compelling,” says Ron Grissom, supervisory park ranger for both sites. “Learning about Booker T. Washington’s determination and leadership, Carver’s curiosity and genius, and the grit and unstoppable spirit of the airmen are cumulative at each site. The inquisitive visitor almost never leaves either of these parks without a renewed respect for the men and women remembered at both sites.”
MARCHING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail puts visitors in the shoes of civil rights activists seeking voting rights equality. BY ANDI MARTIN

Few roadways in America bear more significance than the 54 miles of U.S. Highway 80 from Selma to Montgomery. In March 1965, it was along this highway that activists marched for Black Americans’ right to vote and galvanized the Civil Rights Movement.

After two failed attempts—one of which was “Bloody Sunday,” Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. successfully began what would become the Selma to Montgomery March on March 21, 1965, spurring President Johnson to sign the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Churches, bridges and farmlands—ordinary places with extraordinary stories—are preserved along the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail. Immerse yourself in the route that is dotted with historic markers and three National Park Service interpretive centers, one at the beginning, one in the middle and one at the end.
1. Wright Chapel AME Zion Church, located just off Hwy 80 in Lowndesboro, is a famous Civil Rights Movement meeting site.

2. Pay your respects to Jimmie Lee Jackson in Marion. It was here that the local deacon and civil rights activist was shot by an Alabama state trooper on Feb. 18, 1965. His death on Feb. 26 was a key motivation for the first march to Montgomery.

3. A marker along the official march route honors Viola Liuzzo, a white mother of five from Detroit, Michigan, who joined the protests after Bloody Sunday. Liuzzo was killed by KKK members on March 25, 1965, as she was shuttling activists to and from the march.

Brown Chapel AME Church, Edmund Pettus Bridge—Selma

Begin in Selma, as the protestors did, at Brown Chapel. Here, on Sunday, March 7, 1965, approximately 600 marchers gathered outside of the church for the first attempted march to Montgomery.

Led by John Lewis and Hosea Williams, civil rights advocates marching from the church to the Edmund Pettus Bridge were brutally attacked by Alabama law enforcement. The day would become known as “Bloody Sunday.” The bridge, named for a former Ku Klux Klan leader, is now a beacon of freedom, visited by thousands who celebrate the civil rights heroes’ eventual voting rights victory.

Interpretive Centers—Selma, Lowndes County, Montgomery

The Montgomery Interpretive Center, the third interpretive center and last site on the trail, recently opened on the Alabama State University campus in Montgomery. Exhibits here detail the successful march’s final days in the capital city, events at the City of St. Jude on the last night of the march, student involvement and turmoil in Montgomery.

The Lowndes County center, opened in 2006 near Whitehall, interprets the events through photographs, a 25-minute film and a walking trail.

Since 2011, the Selma center has screened an orientation video while also curating exhibits and sharing a stunning view of the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

Ranger-led talks are offered at each center.

Campsites—along the route

Sympathizers allowed protestors making the 54-mile march to camp on their land. Though the properties are still privately owned and not open to the public, NPS signs mark where the campsites were, and you can stop and take pictures.

The first site is a farm about seven miles outside of Selma on County Road 67. The second is about 13 miles farther on U.S. Highway 80, and the third is at Frederick Douglass Road in Lowndesboro.

On March 24, marchers were welcomed at the campus of St. Jude with a “Stars for Freedom” rally where celebrities including Harry Belafonte and Nina Simone entertained nearly 10,000 protesters. An on-site museum shares stories of that night through more than 100 photographs and artifacts. Visitors are encouraged to call for an appointment.

Ala. State Capitol—Montgomery

Marchers completed their journey at the State Capitol on March 25 where King made his famous, “How Long, Not Long” speech.

Tour the capitol, which sits atop historic Dexter Avenue overlooking Dexter Memorial Baptist Church—the only church ever pastored by King.

Driving the route without stopping takes about an hour, so be sure you pad your time to allow for frequent stops.
DISCOVERING UNDERGROUND CIVILIZATIONS

Russell Cave National Monument has been a place of refuge and shelter for more than 10,000 years. BY AMITY MOORE JOYCE

When does an Alabama cave earn federal status and protection? When evidence of human use going back more than 10,000 years is found and documented. President John F. Kennedy named Russell Cave in Bridgeport a national monument on May 11, 1961, after archaeological teams unearthed human-related artifacts dating back more than 6,000 years. Discovered burial sites containing human remains date back 8,000 years. Geologists determined that the entrance formed roughly 11,000 years ago and is part of a cave system that stretches about seven miles underground.

Today, it matters little that you can no longer venture beyond the entrance and into the caverns and rooms of what Cosmopolitan named Alabama’s coolest national park. It’s fascinating to get acquainted with a place that harbors one of the most complete records of prehistoric cultures in the Southeast. Some of those records line the national monument’s visitor center walls. Here, a 7-minute video presents an overview of the cave’s earliest inhabitants, including the four major time periods in which they lived, and how they used
the rock shelter. Display cases hold original artifacts excavated from the cave. You will see projectile points, likely used for weapons; fishhooks; basketry; pottery; and jewelry, such as earrings.

Rangers offer guided tours and demonstrations to bolster your understanding of the cave’s importance to prehistoric peoples. In that vein, you might witness how to throw an atlatl, or spear. If you miss a ranger-led tour, walk the boardwalk to the cave’s entrance on your own, learning about the cave and the people who used it from interpretive plaques. Another option is to download the NPS app and the 12-minute Russell Cave audio tour and then listen while you walk. Please note that cell reception at the site is poor, so you will need to download the app and audio guide from the App Store or Google Play prior to arriving.

Certainly, viewing the cave entrance and seeing the artifacts Russell Cave once contained are the main attractions, but the national monument also features other things to do. For starters, consider bringing a picnic to enjoy at the attraction’s picnic site. That way, you will have plenty of fuel to also tackle a short, but steep, 1.2-mile nature hike. The asphalt path is uneven and mossy, so take care while walking among the native trees and plants. Keep an eye out for area wildlife, too. You might spy a white-tailed deer peering from behind a tree.

Finally, the area in and around Montague Mountain, where Russell Cave National Monument is located, offers some excellent opportunities for birding. About 130 different bird species live or migrate through here. Russell Cave is also one of the designated stops on the Alabama Birding Trail. Some of the notable birds spotted here include the scarlet tanager, red-tailed hawk and pileated woodpecker.

The birds, coupled with abundant game and a sheltered place to rest, make it easy to understand why for thousands of years people have wanted to visit and gather at Russell Cave.
Finding Peace on a Battleground

Explore Horseshoe Bend National Military Park and discover a place for reflection, recreation and education.

BY RICK HARMON

For the United States, General Andrew Jackson’s victory at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend in March 1814 led to a grab of 23 million acres of Creek land in Alabama and Georgia, which was then made available to settlers. The battle also helped elect Jackson as President of the United States. For the Creek Nation, and eventually other Native American tribes, the battle instigated the Trail of Tears.

The bloody catalyst for this cruel displacement occurred on what is now 2,040-acre Horseshoe Bend National Military Park. The battle proved to be the climax of the Creek War of 1813-1814 between Red Sticks, the name given to Creeks who had decided to fight the continued encroachment of their land, and the U.S. government. The war came about after the Battle of Burnt Corn, when Alabama militia ambushed Red Sticks bringing guns back from the Spanish governor of Spanish-controlled Florida, and the Fort Mims Massacre, when Red Stick Creeks retaliated by killing hundreds of men, women and children who had taken shelter at Fort Mims.

Pick up the rest of the story at the military park. Here, on an elevated peninsula above a horseshoe-shaped bend in the Tallapoosa River, Red Stick Creeks had fortified the village they had built for the winter. On March 27, 1814, Jackson’s 3,300-strong army launched an assault on the village: across the barricades with a bayonet charge and a surprise attack from the rear (not ordered by Jackson, but initiated by allied Cherokee warriors), where the Creeks thought they had protection due to the river and raised ground.

To better understand the battle, start at the park’s newly renovated museum. A 22-minute film, “The Battle of Horseshoe Bend”; artifacts, such as cannonballs and arrowheads; exhibits, including a miniature model of the battlefield; and conversations from the area’s indigenous people help tell the full story.

Enjoy the park’s recreational offerings as well. The boat launch is particularly popular with kayakers, canoeists, and fishermen in jon boats, says Stacy Speas, lead park ranger.

“Despite the tragic events of March 27, 1814,” she adds, “today’s park feels serene and peaceful.”
“National parks belong to all of us, so take a hike, enjoy the wildflowers, go birdwatching, or sit quietly in the park to reflect on what Horseshoe Bend means to you.” —BARBARA TAGGER, SUPERINTENDENT OF HORSESHOE BEND NATIONAL MILITARY PARK

6 KEY STOPS

Visualize the action on a driving or walking tour of the park, which comprises six key stops. Most of the area on the tour is deemed commemorative and sacred, making a visit a solemn experience.

1. The Overlook offers a place to imagine what Jackson’s army would have seen as it arrived. The overlook provides a view of the battleground and access to the 2.8-mile nature trail that winds through it.

2. Tour Stop #1 points out today’s Bean’s Island. During the battle, Lt. Jesse Bean and 40 riflemen stood ready to shoot any Red Stick attempting to swim to safety.

3. Tour Stop #2 displays white posts that mark where the Red Sticks erected a log barricade as high as eight feet across the neck of the peninsula. Nearby, the Jackson Trace marker, or D.A.R. Monument, indicates the end of Jackson’s route “traced through the wilderness...during the Horseshoe Bend campaign.” A cannon is positioned near where Jackson staged his cannons. The grave of Major Lemuel Montgomery, who was killed while storming the barricade and for whom Alabama’s Montgomery County is named, lies in the vicinity.

4. Tour Stop #3 highlights where the Creeks built Tohopeka Village. Only a few informational panels mark the area now, but this was where the battle was won when an allied Cherokee band crossed the river and scrambled up the bank to attack the Red Sticks from behind.

5. Tour Stop #4 presents an overlook of the village.

6. Tour Stop #5 features a single information panel and an amazing point of view. Here, you can visualize what the Red Stick Creeks, including about 350 Creek women and children who were refugees from tribal towns already destroyed by U.S. troops, must have seen—thousands of American troops preparing to charge their defenses and forever end the way of life they had built.
LIVING HISTORY ON DISPLAY

A journey through the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area reveals some of the country’s greatest achievements and some of its worst tragedies. **BY RICK HARMON**

In 2009, Congress recognized and preserved north Alabama’s customs, arts, achievements and history—much of it nurtured by the Tennessee River—by designating Alabama’s first national heritage area. The Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area encapsulates the region’s culture through nine sites, including some that document the lives and traditions of Native Americans, others that shaped American music, and others that remember influential people. Take a trip through the area and stop at them all.

FOUR NATIVE AMERICAN-RELATED SITES SHARE TRIUMPHS AND TRAGEDIES.

Oakville Indian Mounds Park and Museum
Two Indian mounds—the Oakville Ceremonial Mound and the Oakville Copena Mound—share ground with a museum that preserves artifacts from 10,000 B.C. and tells the story of the earliest people inhabiting the region. Looking around at what is now 180,000-acre Bankhead National Forest, with its caves, waterfalls and lush interior, it’s easy to see why Native Americans hunted and lived here.

Tuscumbia Landing and Waterloo Landing
In 1838, the U.S. military forced an estimated 16,000 Cherokee to give up their homeland and make an exodus west, now known as the Trail of Tears. Native Americans were transported to Tuscumbia Landing by train and then loaded into boats to be taken downstream to Waterloo Landing, where they awaited larger steamboats that would take them away.

THREE SITES MEMORIALIZE WHAT THE SHOALS IS BEST KNOWN FOR—MUSIC.

Alabama Music Hall of Fame
This hall of fame in Tuscumbia honors more than 1,200 Alabama musicians, from Hank Williams to Big Mama Thornton to Jason Isbell. See equipment Sam Phillips used at Sun Studio to record Elvis Presley, country group Alabama’s tour bus, and a 15-foot jukebox and 17-foot guitar that both play Alabama artists’ songs or allow you to record your own single.

W.C. Handy Birthplace, Museum and Library
Father of the Blues William Christopher Handy, who wrote the standards “Memphis Blues” and “Beale St. Blues,” was born in this log cabin in Florence. Handy helped popularize the art form by

Learn more about each of these sites by visiting [nps.gov/places/muscle-shoals-national-heritage-area.htm](http://nps.gov/places/muscle-shoals-national-heritage-area.htm).
being one of the first to write down blues music. Inside the cabin, a wealth of memorabilia, including his trumpet, his handwritten music and the piano on which he composed his classic “St. Louis Blues” is on display.

Red Bay Museum
Tammy Wynette, the First Lady of Country Music, claimed Red Bay as her hometown, thus the museum displays an extensive collection of items from the life of the woman who had 20 No. 1 country hits, including “Stand By Your Man” and “D-I-V-O-R-C-E.”

TWO SITES ARE THE HOMES OF FAMOUS SHOALS RESIDENTS.

Ivy Green
Here in her Tuscumbia birth home, Helen Keller transformed, with the help of her teacher Anne Sullivan, from a deafblind girl unable to communicate into one of her generation’s greatest women and one of the 20th century’s greatest advocates for people with disabilities. See the living quarters she shared with her teacher and the famous water pump where the 7-year-old had her communications breakthrough with w-a-t-e-r.

Pond Spring, Home of General Joe Wheeler
Fighting Joe Wheeler rose to the rank of general in the Confederacy, then became a general in the U.S. Army after the Civil War. He also served in the U.S. Congress during the late 1800s, where he urged reconciliation between the North and the South. His home, Pond Spring, sits on 50 acres that also includes a large spring-fed pond, a circa 1818 log house, a circa 1830 Federal-style house, several outbuildings and gardens.
WHAT’S NEW

Be among the first to visit Alabama’s newest or updated attractions.

BY RICK HARMON

THE WORLD GAMES, Birmingham

Thrill to 3,600 elite athletes from more than 100 countries competing in 34 sports in only 11 days. That’s the nonstop excitement that awaits when The World Games, celebrating 40 years of competition this year, come to Birmingham July 7–17, 2022.

The competition won’t just be among the participants of traditional athletics, such as softball, gymnastics, lacrosse or bowling. Those sports will fight for your attention with cutting-edge disciplines, including canoe polo (above), breaking, drone racing and fistball. Between sporting events, to be held at 14 venues throughout the metro area, including the new Protective Stadium, enjoy yourself in City Walk BHAM. This 10-block community space, located beneath interstate bridges, will feature stages with live music, food trucks, a dog park, a biergarten, a marketplace for retail goods and more.
SMALL-TOWN TAKEOVER, Wetumpka

In their largest undertaking to date, HGTV stars Ben and Erin Napier decided to expand their commitment to build and restore small towns beyond their hometown of Laurel, Mississippi, and made over Wetumpka for the inaugural season of “Home Town Takeover.” They chose this south-eastern Alabama town of roughly 8,000 residents from among 2,600 American contenders and transformed it. By the end of the series, they had remodeled 12 sites, including residences and businesses.

More than 6.5 million viewers watched the premiere. As the season progressed, the renovations and remodels, including what’s known as the “Big Fish” House, where parts of the movie “Big Fish” were filmed; Coaches Corner, home to the state’s longest bar; and Jerry’s Barber Shop, which after the show became Sweet Home Books, were revealed. Whether you missed the series or loved it, you can see the Napier’s changes and the friendly, upbeat town that many viewers grew to love, in person.

THE LEGACY MUSEUM: FROM ENSLAVEMENT TO MASS INCARCERATION, Montgomery

Get an even broader understanding of slavery and its lasting impact at the Equal Justice Initiative’s Legacy Museum: From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration, which has a new Montgomery location and four times the space it had previously.

It’s not just the museum’s space that is expanding, but also its theme. The exhibits cover a longer story of slavery, from the transatlantic voyages, illustrated in the exhibition image above, on which as many as 2 million Blacks died to the economic impact slavery had on many northern U.S. cities to the examination of over-incarceration in the 20th century. Great thought and attention to detail has gone into the immersive experience.

See a new art gallery, hear more first-person accounts and discover new stories of ordinary people doing extraordinary things. The museum was already so popular that EJI estimates as many as 50,000 people were turned away since its 2018 opening—a problem this expansion should help solve.
THE ORION AMPHITHEATER, Huntsville

A state-of-the-art, 8,000-seat amphitheater being built by a company led by Mumford & Sons’ Ben Lovett will open in Huntsville in spring 2022. Lovett, the CEO of global entertainment and hospitality company Venue Group, is attempting to use his love of music and experience performing on stages throughout the world to build the ultimate outdoor music venue. When he talks about the project, he considers the perspectives of the musicians as well as the fans. He thinks about details that go beyond sound and lights—the temperature of dressing rooms and how long it takes a concertgoer to get out of the parking lot, for example. A major fan of the Muscle Shoals music scene, Lovett plans to strengthen connections between the music of the Shoals and Huntsville, as well as make The Orion Amphitheater a culinary destination with a multitude of restaurants that can be experienced even when a show is not on the calendar.

OWA WATER PARK & GRAVITY ISLAND WATERSPORTS, Foley

Get your thrills and keep your cool at two new attractions at OWA, the Gulf Coast’s largest amusement park. Located in Foley, the leisure and entertainment destination’s 100,000-square-foot indoor water park is expected to open in spring 2022. Glide down giant waterslides inside the $70 million glass structure built to exile the heat. Alternatively, if you want all your splish-splash fun in the sun, head to the water park’s outdoor extension, where you can try out the surf simulator or float in the wave pool.

The water park complements the existing outdoor Gravity Island Watersports, which opened in late summer last year. Here, you can wake up your vacation by wakeboarding, wakeskating, tubing or water skiing using a 700-foot overhead cable that pulls riders across the 14-acre lake at the center of OWA’s amusement park. Gravity Island requires reservations and has a separate admission price from the amusement park.
FREEDOM RIDES MUSEUM, Montgomery

Climb onto a vintage Greyhound bus for a journey back in time to better understand racism and the courage of those who dared to defy it. The Freedom Rides Museum in Montgomery, which honors the Black and white Freedom Riders who were attacked at the city’s Greyhound Station while attempting to integrate interstate bus travel, has added a vintage bus as a permanent exhibit that also functions as a mobile exhibit.

The restored Greyhound bus is similar to those that were used by the Congress of Racial Equality members who left Washington, D.C. on May 4, 1961, to end segregated bus travel in the South. It is an extension of the museum’s exhibits, featuring an interactive soundscape, interpretive banners and display of vintage suitcases.

AFRICATOWN HERITAGE HOUSE, Mobile

When divers in the Mobile River found the Clotilda, the last slave ship to smuggle African captives to America in 1860—more than 50 years after the importation of enslaved humans was outlawed—they didn’t just find a historic artifact: they brought to light the incredible story of Black slaves who formed their own Alabama settlement, Africatown. Learn about their courageous struggle at Africatown Heritage House, a $1.3 million, 5,000-square-foot museum being opened in 2022. It includes artifacts from the Clotilda, but the museum’s main purpose is to tell the inspiring story of those who made the journey, endured its hardships and the greater hardships of slavery, and not only survived but also developed their own community in Alabama.

CONECUH SAUSAGE GIFT SHOP, Evergreen

Give your taste buds a vacation by stopping at the recently opened Conecuh Sausage gift shop. The original, 800-square-foot location opened in 1947 and has been well known ever since for making some of the South’s most beloved sausages. This new store, at I-65 Exit 96 in Evergreen, covers 7,000 square feet. Although it offers hats, T-shirts, grilling aprons and other souvenirs, the gift shop’s real draw is the chance to buy six styles of Conecuh Sausage, including the hard-to-find Cracked Black Pepper variety. The store also offers smoked turkeys and hams, and everything from bacon to hot dogs. While there, snap selfies by a life-size pig, or walk your dog at the fenced-in dog park. Conecuh Sausage is open Monday through Saturday.
AT HOME ON THE ROAD

The secret is out. RVers are flocking to Alabama, where campers can find everything from primitive sites to resort-like experiences. Plus, the variety of geography and attractions presents nearly unlimited things to do while at home on the road. BY AMITY MOORE JOYCE
In 2020 when air travel slowed and governments at the national and local levels recommended isolation, interest in RVing revved. Sales of RVs, camper vans, pop-ups and other “homes” people could carry around like a turtle does its shell accelerated. Nearly two years later, with the brakes on travel largely lifted domestically, RVing is still experiencing a boom. Advanced bookings at campsites are up, and the National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds estimated that more than 53,000 new RV sites would be built across the country last year. It helps, too, that the Great American Outdoors Act was passed in 2020, promising huge investments in public lands, including updates and additions perfect for today’s recreational vehicles.

While plans for how Alabama specifically will be impacted by the act have not yet been announced, the state is well poised to welcome more RVers. Its geography—with forested mountains in the north and enviable beaches on the southern coast—presents a slate of experiences for travelers bringing their accommodations with them. Twenty-one state parks, encompassing nearly 48,000 acres of public waters and lands, dot the landscape from north to south and east to west. Plus, dozens of private parks cater to RVers seeking more of a “glamping” experience.

“We’re excited about the funding that the Great American Outdoors Act proposes for improving the campsites that will bring in new campers,” says Bobby Cornwell, executive director of Camp in Alabama/Alabama RV Parks & Campgrounds Association. “It’s going to offer up more sites than ever before and will improve the facilities. It’s going to make the whole industry grow.”

Alabama already was seeing growth in RV camping and has been taking steps to welcome that growth. According to Jerry Weisenfeld, advertising and marketing manager for Alabama State Parks, “Some recent projects we’ve undertaken to accommodate RVers include widening the parking pads for bigger RVs, paving and leveling parking pads to make it more comfortable for campers, upgrading power connections from 30 amp to 50 amp throughout most parks, and making the roads in our parks easier to navigate.”

The changes are not lost on RV campers. Cornwell notes that “Alabama is really hot right now, especially around Mobile and Foley. A lot of parks are being sold and new parks are being developed along I-10 along the Gulf Coast.” He adds that “occupancy is up 50 to 75% over 2019 numbers.”

It’s easy to understand why Alabama is evolving into an RV hotspot. For one thing, agree Weisenfeld and Cornwell, the private and public camping spots are not overcrowded. Campers can find space wherever they want to be. Secondly, “The state offers something for everyone,” says Cornwell. “You’ve got nature, attractions. The climate is perfect and you’ve got a variety of outdoor recreation: hiking, lakes, fishing, golfing—it’s all perfect for RVers wanting to visit year-round.”

So this year, head south and find plenty of reasons to pull in and hook up within Alabama.

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**Capitol Hill**
*Prattville*

The magnitude of this facility’s 1,500 acres allows each of the 18-hole championship courses overlooking the Alabama River to be drastically different from the others. The Legislator offers a traditional course, while the Senator presents a Scottish-links style. Meanwhile, the Judge was named one of the 10 public courses in America worthy of hosting the U.S. Open by **Golf**. Capitol Hill also features an innovative 360-degree driving range.

**Cambrian Ridge**
*Greenville*

Four, nine-hole courses—Canyon, Loblolly, Sherling and Short—promise variety, from an Augusta-like landscape to a dramatic climb to a final green. To keep all 36 jaw-dropping holes sharp and playable, Cambrian Ridge has undergone a total renovation of the original 27 championship holes, with many of them having been redesigned to open up views of Sherling Lake. Additionally, the greens have been remade to accommodate the higher greens speeds associated with the installation of Ultradwarf Bermuda grass.

**Grand National**
*Auburn/Opelika*

Robert Trent Jones Sr. is on record saying that Grand National, voted the No. 1 public golf facility in America by readers of **Golf World**, was the single greatest natural site for golf he had ever seen. Today, 32 of the 54 holes of what has been developed into the Links, Lake and Short courses drape along Lake Saugahatchee’s filigree shores. Newly renovated, the Links features new tees, bunkers and TifEagle Ultradwarf greens. Grand National will host the Couples Classic in fall 2022.

**Hampton Cove**
*Huntsville*

This northern gateway to the Trail is a 54-hole facility with terrain that radically changes from one side of the property to the other. On the picturesque and highly playable Highlands Course, long, waving grasses frame rolling terrain and beautiful bentgrass greens. The River Course is the only Robert Trent Jones layout in the world designed without a single bunker. Water is in play here and on the Short Course, where alternating tees allow golfers to hit every club in their bag.

**Highland Oaks**
*Dothan*

Although three, nine-hole championship courses, plus the nine-hole Short Course, make up this facility, it’s the Highlands/Magnolia combination that **Golf Digest** named as one of the nation’s...
Great Value courses. That 18 includes Magnolia’s 416-yard fifth, where a split-level fairway offers an option off the tee. Marshwood’s behemoth par-5 sixth stretches 701 yards from the tops. The redressing of the championship nines with TifEagle Ultradwarf greens was completed in 2020, as was the redesign of the practice area. The Mackenzie Tour Q-School will be held in March 2022, and the Korn Ferry 2nd Stage Q-School is scheduled for fall 2022.

The Lakewood Club

Point Clear

Here, the Dogwood and Azalea courses pair wonderfully with the Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa, so much so that Golf regularly includes The Lakewood Club in its list of “Best Golf Resorts in America.” The Dogwood Course, which hosted the 2021 USGA Women’s Senior Amateur, was completely renovated in 2018, while the Azalea Course was renovated and reopened in November 2019. The new designs feature TifEagle Ultradwarf greens that lend themselves to superb year-round conditions. The Experience practice facility offers an innovative social setting to work on all aspects of your game.

Magnolia Grove

Mobile

Thanks to extensive upgrades at both championship courses, the Crossings and the Falls, golfers find more player-friendly qualities without compromising the integrity of Robert Trent Jones’ original design. The topography at Magnolia Grove features creeks, marshland and lakes, with each of the 54 holes carved through indigenous hardwood and pine. The Crossings carries a coastal look, supported by new water features and crushed oyster shell waste areas. The Falls is the only par-71 course on the Trail, and the Short Course includes several newly designed greens.

Oxmoor Valley

Birmingham

This 54-hole facility was built on former mining land and owes its challenging elevation changes to its location amid the southernmost peaks and valleys of the Appalachians. The Ridge is known to be incredibly photogenic. Neighboring Valley was renovated last year and features new tees, bunkers and TifEagle greens. For those who have played the Valley in the past, new surprises await on a few holes, including the previously notorious 18th. The Short Course is listed by Golf Digest’s “Places to Play” as one of the nation’s Great Value public courses.

Ross Bridge

Hoover

Carved into the rolling terrain of Shannon Valley, the scope of this property amazes even the most-traveled golfer. The 18-hole course meanders through native landscape and around the 259-room Renaissance Birmingham Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa. It is the fifth-longest course in the world but offers multiple tees for golfers of all levels.

Silver Lakes

Anniston/Gadsden

Surrounded by Appalachian foothills and Lee’s Lake, the complex features the most unique and aptly named courses on the Trail—Heartbreaker, Backbreaker, Mindbreaker and Short—and all 36 greens boast lightning-quick Champion Ultradwarf putting surfaces. Look forward to scenic variety, as the holes are situated among forests, wetlands, grasslands and dramatic elevation changes.

The Shoals

Muscle Shoals

Two 18-hole championship courses lie between the Wheeler and Wilson dams on the Tennessee River. The Fighting Joe was the first Trail course to break 8,000 yards, and it can play long (really long, if you play the wrong set of tees), but this course is good, straightforward golf. The 18th green overlooking Wilson Lake will distract you with its beauty, if not its treachery. Also 8,000 yards, the Schoolmaster is a shotmaker’s course with narrower fairways and demanding approaches to well-protected bentgrass greens. It’s hard to beat the beauty that the 18th holds on the high bluffs over the river, but the waterfall guarding the 2nd green sure comes close.

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**Kiva Dunes, Gulf Shores**
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**Peninsula Golf & Racquet Club, Gulf Shores**
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**Craft Farms, Gulf Shores**
Enjoy 36 holes on two courses, Cotton Creek and Cypress Bend. They are the only two courses designed by Arnold Palmer in the state.

**Joe Wheeler State Park Golf Course, Rogersville**
Earl Stone designed this 18-hole that rolls across gentle hills, sidles up to a river and passes through a wildlife sanctuary.

**Goose Pond Colony, Scottsboro**
This golf resort comprises two 18-holers: The Lake Course and The Plantation Course, which now features Mini-Verde greens.

**Point Clear**
Test your golf mettle on this Jerry Pate-designed municipal course. Water throughout adds to the challenge—and fun.

**Ballantrae Golf Club, Pelham**
Golfers appreciate the fast, friendly play of these 18 holes designed by architect Bob Cupp.

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A COASTAL CORNUCOPIA
Discover more ways to make memories on Alabama’s Gulf Coast.  BY LAURA MCGILL

SUNSETS NOT TO MISS

Bid farewell to the day in Alabama Gulf Coast style with a stunning sunset.

1. Bring your beach towel and enjoy the postcard-worthy view from Dauphin Island Public Beach, the sunset capital of Alabama.

2. On the Eastern Shore, follow your spirit to the edge of Mobile Bay for a westward gaze from Daphne Bayfront Park.

3. Travel to the western end of Fort Morgan Road and park past the ferry, near the boat launch. Walk to the beach and watch the sun dip into the water between Mobile Bay and the Gulf of Mexico.
Alabama's Coastal Connection Scenic Byway: Gain an overview of all the Gulf Coast offers on this route that travels between Grand Bay in the west, the Orange Beach marinas to the east and Spanish Fort to the north.

Tensaw Parkway: Originating at its southern end in Mobile and passing along state highways 225 and 59 through Spanish Fort—home to Historic Blakeley State Park, where the last major battle of the Civil War was fought—and on to Stockton and Fort Mims, a significant site in the Creek War, this drive parallels the Mobile-Tensaw River Delta.

Perdido River Hiking Trail: Closely following the canoe trail, this 17.9-mile hike is rated easy to moderate. Hikers, like canoeists, can use six shelters and three parking areas. Advance shelter reservations are required.

WHAT IS THAT? TUCKED IN THE WOODS NEAR ELBERTA AND JOSEPHINE STANDS A CURIOUS SIGHT: BAMAHENGE. ARTIST MARK CLINE BUILT THIS FIBERGLASS REPLICA OF STONEHENGE, AND IT HAS BEEN TURNING HEADS EVER SINCE.

MOBILE’S SLUGGER. In January of 2021, Mobile and the nation bid farewell to baseball legend and native son Hammerin’ Hank Aaron. Witness his story at the Hank Aaron Childhood Home and Museum, next to his namesake stadium.

BE A FOODIE. The secret is out about Fairhope’s charms after Jason Segel of “How I Met Your Mother” fame bragged about the food scene. Take The Fairhope Foodie tour and stop and taste the goodies at four eateries.

BAYOU LA BATRE Home to many a shrimping boat and fishing vessel, this town is known as the Seafood Capital of Alabama. @bradboland #SweetHomeAlabama #AlabamaTravel

UNDERWATER VIEWS The aquarium at Dauphin Island Sea Lab, home to a 7,000-gallon stingray touch pool and more than 100 fascinating species on display, is now Alabama’s official state aquarium.
FEB. 11–MARCH 1
Mardi Gras
The country’s oldest Mardi Gras celebration is a family-friendly event full of floats, music and MoonPies. Line up along downtown streets at least 30 minutes before the parade’s start time for optimal viewing. Since the parade covers multiple routes, you might see it more than once, depending on your location. Mobile, mobile.org/events/mardi-gras

MARCH 2–31
Azalea Bloom Out
Azaleas in bloom are beautiful, especially when more than 250,000 of them burst into color throughout Bellingrath Gardens’ 65 acres. The exact dates of the Bloom Out depend on the weather, so check the website to be certain. Theodore, 251-973-2217, bellingrath.org

MARCH 18–20
70th Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival
Come to the festival, which takes place in conjunction with the 50th Annual Outdoor Art Show at the Eastern Shore Art Center, to enjoy the creativity of more than 200 makers and live entertainers at this free festival in one of Alabama’s favorite small towns. Fairhope, 251-229-1874, fairhopeartsandcrafts.festival.com

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OCT. 6–9
Annual National Shrimp Festival
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ATTRACTIONS & EXPERIENCES

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DAPHNE (map O-3)

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CITRONELLE (map N-2)

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DAUPHIN ISLAND (map P-2)

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sealabestuarium.com, 251-861-7500. 102 Bienville Blvd., 36528.

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HISTORIC FORT GAINES
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Fairhope, I-10 Exit 49

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Gulf Shores, I-10 Exit 49

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Gulf Shores, Orange Beach, Fort Morgan, I-10 Exit 49

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ELBERTA (map P-3)
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401 Oak Ave., 36532.

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baldwincountytrailblazers.wordpress.com/eastern-shore-trail-map.

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Fairhope Museum of History
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Lyons Share
lyonssharegallery.com. 251-928-2507.
330 De La Mare Ave., 36532.

Marietta Johnson Museum
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Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
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11200 U.S. Hwy. 98, 36532.

Foley (map P-3)
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Friday
AFTERNOON Begin your adventures in Foley, where options abound for getting out and about just a few miles north of the beach. If you’re hungry upon arrival, grab a late lunch at OWA, an entertainment, dining, shopping and amusement park complex. Try Lucy’s Retired Surfers Bar & Restaurant for juicy burgers and coastal-inspired cuisine or Groovy Goat for made-from-scratch salads, sandwiches and nachos. Explore the rest of Downtown OWA, then pay admission to The Park at OWA to ride kid-friendly amusements or pump your adrenaline on white-knuckle, hold-on-tight favorites, including Wave Rider, Twister and Rollin’ Thunder, OWA’s iconic roller coaster. If you would prefer a quieter afternoon, visit Graham Creek Nature Preserve, which is open until dusk. In the summer months, that means you’ll have plenty of daylight to hike among nearly 500 acres of peaceful habitats.

EVENING If you have a crew to feed, stick around OWA and enjoy dinner at Paula Deen’s Family Kitchen. Follow that with a stroll to the Hershey’s Ice Cream Parlor. For a couple’s meal, trade OWA for Foley’s downtown and Local and Company, an upscale American-fare restaurant in a masterfully restored armory that dates back to 1934. The seafood-centric choices are plentiful, as are the handcrafted pizza selections.

Saturday
MORNING Start your day in Gulf Shores with sunrise on the beach; getting up early has never been so worthwhile. Then see what the other early birds (human or feathered) are up to with a morning walk along the nature trails and boardwalks at Gulf State Park. Here, the 28-mile Hugh S. Branyon Backcountry Trail system passes through nine unique ecosystems. The ADA-accessible trails can be explored by foot, bike, wheelchair or Segway tour. The Segways are located at Lake Shelby, where the dog park has been upgraded with new fencing and shade. Take advantage of a free bike share program by downloading the Bloom Bike Share App and scanning a code at one of 50 bike stations dotting the park. Refuel at Sunliner Diner, where breakfast is served all day, or at Hazel’s Nook, home to a well-known breakfast and lunch buffet.

AFTERNOON It is the beach, after all, so plan for some time on the strands and in the turquoise Gulf of Mexico. With a picnic area, restrooms and showers, and a 200-foot-long mat to allow...
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Throughout the region, shoppers can fill their bags. Find amazing deals at Tanger Outlets or unique crafts, such as those at Clara’s Loom, both in Foley. The Wharf in Orange Beach presents a bevy of goods ideal for the beach.

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**Sunday**

MORNING Ease into the day with breakfast at Kitty’s Kafe, OSO Early or BuzzCatz Coffee & Sweets. Each takes Southern breakfast seriously, but OSO Early stands out for its delicious beignets. Kitty’s Kafe for its made-to-order crab cake benedict and BuzzCatz for its fresh-baked pastries served with locally roasted coffee.

AFTERNOON Don’t say goodbye without a visit to the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo. The 25-acre complex is home to 118 species, 22 of which are critically endangered, endangered, vulnerable or near threatened. Another unique-to-the-coast outing would be to Gulf State Park Pier. Drop a fishing line here to see what’s biting. Rod and reel are available to rent, and fishing licenses can be obtained at outdooralabama.com.

Everyone, including those in wheelchairs or with mobility issues, access to the famous white-sand beach, the Gulf Place public beach access in Gulf Shores is ideal for families. Relax with a beach towel, sunscreen and a good book. Or, go full energy with parasailing, a personal watercraft rental or diving. For a view from the water, book a dolphin cruise.

EVENING Celebrate the abundance of fresh, local seafood by eating it. Two of the top casual eateries are situated right on the sands. Flora-Bama Yacht Club in Orange Beach blackens, fries or sautés its fish and shrimp, while Sea-N-Suds in Gulf Shores loves to bake stuffed crab. After dinner, stop by The Wharf, a shopping, dining and entertainment complex, for family fun at Civil Axe Throwing, Cool Shots Selfie Museum or on the Ferris wheel.

**From left:** Bike the Hugh S. Branyon Backcountry Trail to conveniently and quickly see a lot of Gulf State Park; the white sands and warm waters feel good between your toes; ride The Wharf’s Ferris wheel and enjoy the night lights of Orange Beach; plan ahead to take advantage of the special Animal Encounters at Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo.

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48 Hours in Mobile

While the city dates to 1702 and still revels in its centuries-old French influences, it is dotted with new, up-and-coming attractions and hot spots—all of which make Mobile the perfect past-meets-present weekend getaway.  

**Friday**

**EARLY AFTERNOON** Stretch your legs on an exploration of downtown, notably on and around Dauphin Street. Restaurants and eclectic, artsy shops line this commercial thoroughfare, which French settlers named for the heir apparent of Louis XIV in 1711. Widen your walk to include Colonial Fort Condé, a four-fifths-scaled replica of one the French built in 1723. Ruins from the original may be viewed in Mardi Gras Park, located near the intersection of Church and S. Royal streets. Save an hour or so to browse the Mobile Carnival Museum, where one of France’s top exports is honored—Mardi Gras! Memorabilia, including robes, masks, crowns and more related to the country’s oldest Mardi Gras celebration, are displayed.

**Saturday**

**MORNING** Rise and fly at Flight Works Alabama, a unique, state-of-the-art aerospace exhibition and education center. At the heart of the center lies the Airbus Foundation’s Discovery Space, which provides interactive experiences for kids and adults, such as flying a virtual Airbus A320, installing a payload on the International Space Station and navigating a drone through an obstacle course. You also have the opportunity to tour the Airbus320 Final Assembly Line.

**NOON** Among the historic antebellum homes lining the streets of the Historic Oakleigh District are some treasured eateries. Try Callaghan’s Irish Social Club, a local-favorite burger spot where biweekly specials feature mouthwatering burgers made of Alabama’s own Conecuh sausage. The Hummingbird Way Oyster Bar, owned by Jim Smith of “Top Chef” fame, serves up delicious, Instagram-worthy food, ranging from sky-high, fluffy biscuits to colorful seasonal cocktails. As the name suggests, oysters are a must-try here.

**EVENING** Come dinnertime, toast your weekend kick-off with an aerial view of the city at Dauphin’s. This fine-dining restaurant on the 34th floor of the Trustmark Building features upscale cuisine and breathtaking views of Mobile and Mobile Bay. All of the menu items are delicious, but Gumbo Z’herb was the one that made the list of 100 Dishes to Try in Alabama.

**NOT YOUR AVERAGE EGGS**

SOCU chef/owner Erica Barrett told GoodGritmag.com that she wants diners to see Mobile’s seafood culture because it’s not solely a Southern city. “Southern food is already great by itself, but it’s cool to show it can be elevated and sophisticated,” she says. As evidence, check out her fried lobster deviled eggs above.
SUNDAY

MORNING No Southern weekend is complete without something utterly indulgent for breakfast. Try decadent and syrup-laden beignets at Mo’Bay Beignet Co. You can even take home some mix to make at home.

AFTERNOON Venture just north of downtown Mobile to Africatown, home to the new Heritage House. At the heart of the recently opened museum’s mission are the people who founded Africatown and the story of their coming to Mobile aboard the Clotilda, the last slave ship to enter the United States. Exhibits at the museum have been curated to share the harrowing ocean journey from Africa and to honor the 100-plus West Africans who were forced to board the ship. Find out more about Heritage House on page 45.

You can easily spend 2-3 hours touring the [USS Alabama] battleship and going through all three self-guided tours.” —BRANDON K. TRIPADVISOR

Use the search bar at Alabama.Travel to learn more about Mobile.

AFTERNOON If you’ve reached the point where you can’t eat another bite—which isn’t hard to do in Mobile—walk the gangway of “The Mighty A” in Mobile Bay. Tour the USS Alabama, a veteran battleship from WWII. It, along with the USS Drum submarine, an aircraft pavilion, tanks, artillery and more, is found at Battleship Memorial Park.

EVENING Mobile is a rising star in the culinary world, and so is native chef Erica Barrett. She has opened SOCU Southern Kitchen and Oyster Bar, located on Dauphin Street, and has earned a lot of love in the past year for being a Black woman in a white male-dominated industry and for tantalizing palates with what she calls “Mobilian food, a blend of Southern and seafood.” One of her most popular dishes is Oceans 11, a mix of salmon, shrimp and scallops topped with crawfish gravy.

From left: Fried lobster deviled eggs at SOCU Southern Kitchen and Oyster Bar, interactive exhibits at Flight Works Alabama, dazzling robes on display at the Mobile Carnival Museum
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PARASAIL SKY SURFER
parasailskysurfer.com. 251-923-4808. 27200 Perdido Beach Blvd., 36561.
PEDEGO ELECTRIC BIKES
pedegeoelectricbikes.com. 251-213-1922. 25405 Perdido Beach Blvd., 36561.
PERDIDO BEACH SERVICE
PLEASURE ISLAND DIVERS
PLEASURE ISLAND PARASAIL
pleasureislandparasail.com. 251-974-5359. 27844 Canal Rd., 36561.
R & R WATERSPORTS
SAIL THE DAEDALUS
sailthedeadalus.com. 251-987-1228. 5749 Bay La Launch Ave., 36561.
SAIL WILD HEARTS
sailwildhearts.com. 251-981-6700. Across the street from Perdido Beach Resort, 27200 Perdido Beach Blvd., 36561.
SAILWAY CHARTERS
SANROC CAY
sanroccay.com. 251-980-0016. 27267 Perdido Beach Blvd., 36561.
SKYDIVE THE GULF
SOUTHERN ROSE PARASAILING & DOLPHIN CRUISES
THE SUNNY LADY DOLPHIN & SUNSET TOURS @ THE WHARF
hudsonmarina.net. 251-589-7117. 4673 Wharf Pkwy. W, 36561.
SURF’S UP DOLPHIN CRUISES
sursupdolphincruise.com. 251-965-7873. 28101 Perdido Beach Blvd., 36561.
WAHOO WATER SPORTS
wahoowatersports.com. 251-981-9988. 4576 Walker Key Blvd., 36561.
WALLACE BOAT RENTALS
wallaceboatrentals.com. 251-981-5757. 27267 Perdido Beach Blvd., 36561.
WAVE WATERSPORT RENTALS
hudsonmarina.net. 251-981-9283. 4575 S. Wilson Blvd., 36561.
THE WHARF
alwharf.com. 251-224-1000. 23101 Canal Rd., 36561.
WIND & WATER LEARNING CENTER
POINT CLEAR (map P-2)
MAKING WAVES CHARTERS, INC.
POINT CLEAR PROMENADE
AES DIVES ALABAMA
hpdiveshop.com. 251-721-9111. 24377 AL Hwy. 59, 36567.
FORTY SOUTH FARM & ZOO
PERDIDO RIVER CANOE TRAIL
SILVERHILL (map O-3)
WALES WEST RV RESORT & LIGHT RAILWAY
waleswest.com. 888-569-5337. 13670 Smiley St., 36576.
WHERE TO STAY

HOTELS & RESORTS

BREAKFAST INCLUDED • PETS ALLOWED • ACCESSIBILITY

Amenities vary by location and region. To learn the full range of options available, accessibility specifics and pet policies, call your desired destination directly.

BAY MINETTE (map N-3)
LOG CABIN INN
logcabininn.me. 251-494-0224. 1819 S. U.S. Hwy. 31, 36507.

MOTEL 6

RED ROOF INN

BAYOU LA BATRE (map P-2)

COMFORT INN & SUITES
251-824-2020. 13155 N. Wintzell Ave., 36507.

POLYMER INN

RED EAGLE AND SEHOY III GRAVE SITES
251-625-0814. 36507.

HILTON GARDEN INN

MAGNOLIA BEACH INN
facebook.com/MagnoliaBeachinn. 29474 N. Main St., 36526. 251-943-0020.

GULF SHORES (map P-3)

 Cornerstone Lodge of America

Days Inn & Suites by Wyndham
wyndhamhotels.com. 251-955-1616. 1133 S. McKenzie St., 36535.

Econo Lodge Inn & Suites Foley - North Gulf Shores
econolodge.com. 251-943-9100. 36542.

Hampton Inn
hamptoninn.com. 251-923-4100. 2750 S. McKenzie St., 36535.

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Foley - N Gulf Shores
ihg.com/holidayinnexpress. 251-971-1700. 3152 Abbey Lane, 36535.

Home2 Suites by Hilton
home2suites.com. 251-923-4600. 36526.

Hotel Magnolia
thehotelmagnolia.com. 251-952-5005. 119 N. McKenzie St., 36535.

Lewiston Hall

Quality Inn
choicehotels.com. 251-943-6100. 1133 S. McKenzie St., 36535.

Rodeway Inn
choicehotels.com. 251-943-8600. 1504 S. McKenzie St., 36535.

Super 8 by Wyndham

TownePlace Suites by Marriott Foley at OWA

Gulf Shores (map P-3)

Beachside Resort Hotel
beachsideresorthotel.com. 251-948-8141. 610 W. Beach Blvd., 36542.

HOTEL ACCESSIBILITY:

- Days Inn & Suites by Wyndham
- Econo Lodge Inn & Suites Foley - North Gulf Shores
- Home2 Suites by Hilton
- Hotel Magnolia
- Lewiston Hall
- Quality Inn
- Rodeway Inn
- Super 8 by Wyndham
- TownePlace Suites by Marriott Foley at OWA

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**Breakfast Included: **Yes
**Pets Allowed: **Yes
**Accessibility: **Yes

**MOBILE SUITES BY I-65** | **HOMEWOOD SUITES BY HILTON MOBILE I-65/ AIRPORT BLVD.**
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| 251-343-9345. | 251-975-2100. |
| 5450 Coca Cola Rd., 36610. | 1360 S. Beltline Hwy., 36609. |
| 13156 N. Hickory St., 36551. | 251-476-2544. |
| 9344 Tillmans Corner Pkwy, 36619. | 251-345-1234. |
| 121 N. Royal St., 36602. | 5460 Inn Rd., 36619. |
| 165 St. Emanuel St., 36602. | Home2suites.com. |
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RENAISSANCE MOBILE RIVERVIEW PLAZA HOTEL
renaissancehotels.com/mobri. 251-438-4000. 64 S. Water St., 36602.


SPRINGHILL SUITES marriott.com/mobsh. 251-378-3800. 3655 Springhill Memorial Dr. N, 36608.


SUPER 8 BY wyndham Mobile/Tillmans Corner super8.com. 251-263-6225. 5676 Tillmans Corner Pkwy., 36619.

SUPER INN 251-661-8181. 5480 Inn Rd., 36619.

TOWNPLACE Suites marriott.com/motbs. 251-345-9588. 1075 Montlimar Dr., 36609.

TRU BY HILTON MOBILE tru.hilton.com. 251-385-5660. 1492 Satchel Paige Dr., 36606.

WINGATE BY wyndham wingatehotels.com. 251-272-7240. 516 Springhill Plaza Ct., 36608.


ORANGE BEACH (map P-3)

BEST WESTERN PREMIER THE TIDES HOTEL
tideshotelorangetbeach.com. 251-981-9988. 26032 Perdido Beach Blvd., 36616.

ESCAPES! TO THE SHORES ORANGE BEACH - A RAMADA BY wyndham ramada.com. 251-224-8500. 24060 Perdido Beach Blvd., 36616.

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES ORANGE BEACH marriott.com/pnsob. 251-543-4444. 311 Loop Rd., 36661.

HAMPTON INN & SUITES ORANGE BEACH/GULF FRONT hamptoninnorangepax.com. 251-923-4400. 2518 Perdido Beach Blvd., 36661.

HILTON GARDEN INN ORANGE BEACH BEACHFRONT hiltongardeninnorangepax.com. 251-974-1620. 2209 Perdido Beach Blvd., 36661.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS ORANGE BEACH - ON THE BEACH holidayinnexpressorangepax.com. 251-974-1634. 24700 Perdido Beach Blvd., 36661.

HOTEL INDIGO ihg.com/hotelindigo. 251-981-1737. 22843 Perdido Beach Blvd., 36661.

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PALM BEACH RESORT ORANGE BEACH - A RAMADA BY wyndham ramada.com. 251-974-5020. 22984 Perdido Beach Blvd., 36661.

PERDIDO BEACH RESORT perdidobeachresort.com. 251-981-9811. 27200 Perdido Beach Blvd., 36661.

SLEEP INN ON THE BEACH choicehotels.com. 251-98-6722. 25400 Perdido Beach Blvd., 36661.


POINT CLEAR (map P-2)

GRAND HOTEL GOLF RESORT & SPA, AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION grand1847.com. 251-928-9201. 1 Grand Blvd., 36664.

SARALAND (map O-2)


COMFORT SUITES NORTH MOBILE choicehotels.com. 251-675-5522. 1200 Shelton Beach Dr., 36571.

COUNTRY INN & SUITES BY radisson countryinn.com. 251-675-3580. 1130 Joanne Dr., 36571.

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES MOBILE SARALAND marriott.com/mobsa. 251-406-8572. 2950 Township Blvd., 36571.

HAMPTON INN & SUITES SARALAND MOBILE hamptoninn.com. 251-266-7755. 80 Shell St., 36571.


MICROTEL INN & SUITES BY wyndham saraland/mobsa. 251-675-5045. 1124 Shelton Beach Blvd., 36571.


RED ROOF INN MOBILE NORTH - SARALAND redroof.com. 251-675-0100. 1210 Industrial Pkwy., 36571.


SPANISH FORT (map O-3)


HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES DAPHNE-Spanish Fort Area holidayinnexpress.com. 251-621-1223. 29725 Woodrow Lane, 36527.

BED & BREAKFASTS

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DAUPHIN ISLAND (map P-2)

DAUPHIN ISLAND HARBOR HOUSE diharborhouse.com. 251-861-2119. 730 Cadillac Ave., 36528. Ten-room guest house located on Dauphin Island by Indian Shell Mound. All bedrooms with private baths. Free Wi-Fi and breakfast. Fish from lighted dock or birdwatch from balcony.

FAIRHOPE (map P-3)

BAY BREEZE GUEST HOUSE bbonline.com/united-states/alabama/fairhope/baybreeze.html. 251-928-8976. 742 S. Mobile St., 36532. Secluded three-acre garden site on Mobile Bay. Private pier for relaxing and fishing. Private baths. Serving guests for more than 26 years.


THE FAIRHOPE INN & RESTAURANT thefairhopeinn.com. 251-298-6226. 63 S. Church St., 36532. True Southern hospitality awaits your arrival at the restored turn-of-century home. Enjoy some of the best fine dining on the coast by chef/owner Tyler Kean at the full-service gourmet restaurant. Walk to the bay and shops.

JUBILEE SUITES jubiléesuite.com. 251-517-7155. 557 N. Mobile St., 36532. Nestled in the heart of Fairhope, Jubilee Suites offers its guests a home-away-from-home experience. Enjoy an unbelievable sunset each evening from our backyard bluff overlooking Mobile Bay or from your suite’s balcony or patio.
LITTLE POINT CLEAR SUITES & SPACE
littlepointclear.com, 251-929-8568. 18263 Scenic Hwy. 98, 36532. A Southern event venue featuring four uniquely designed guest suites perfect for a romantic couples retreat, family reunion, wedding destination or corporate event. Pet-friendly. Wi-Fi and complimentary bikes so you can ride on the trail to town.

MAGNOLIA SPRINGS (map P-3)
MAGNOLIA SPRINGS BED & BREAKFAST

MOBILE (map O-2)
THE KATE SHEPARD HOUSE
kateshephardhouse.com, 251-479-7048. 1552 Monterey Place, 36604. Experience this historic architectural icon in beautiful midtown Mobile. Enjoy a delicious breakfast as well as gourmet coffee, teas and sweets around the clock. Close to downtown, shopping and quaint neighborhood dining.

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themardigrashouse.com, 251-333-8615. 504 Church St., 36602. This two-story Victorian house located in the historic Church Street East neighborhood is steps away from downtown dining and entertainment. Private bedrooms have en-suite or shared bathrooms. Offers park-and-choose packages.

MAUVILA MANSION BED & BREAKFAST
mauvilamansion.com, 251-965-7321. 14469 Oak St., 36555. Completely furnished 1-, 2-, 3- and 4-bedroom cottages close to Mobile Bay and downtown Fairhope. Upscale and elegant accommodations.

FAIRHOPE (map P-3)
COTTAGES OF FAIRHOPE
cottagesoffairhope.com, 251-928-4000. 106 Fairhope Ave., 36532. Fully furnished 1-, 2-, 3- and 4-bedroom cottages close to Mobile Bay and downtown Fairhope. Upscale and elegant accommodations.

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1804 Bienville Blvd., 36532. Enjoy a beautiful, well-appointed vacation rental on Dauphin Island. Choose from one of many homes or condos available in a variety of island locations, sizes and price ranges.

ORANGE BEACH (map P-3)
THE ORIGINAL ROMAR HOUSE BED & BREAKFAST INN
theoriginalromarhouse.com, 251-974-1625. 21500 Perdido Beach Blvd., 36561. A favorite for travelers seeking a beautiful, romantic destination. Romar House features a Southern breakfast and luxuriously appointed rooms. Complimentary wine and cheese also are served.

DAUPHIN ISLAND (map P-2)
ACP REAL ESTATE INC.
acpinfo.com, 251-861-3311. 1119 DeSoto Ave., 36532. Vacation rental options include Gulf-front condos, Mississippi Sound and canal-front homes, waterfront condos with boat dockage and bungalows a short walk from the beach.

ANCHOR REAL ESTATE, INC.
anchorbythebay.com, 251-861-5000. 1119 DeSoto Ave., 36532. Vacation rental options include Gulf-front condos, Mississippi Sound and canal-front homes, waterfront condos with boat dockage and bungalows a short walk from the beach.

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FOREMOST PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
foremostpropertymanagement.com, 251-968-7532, 3725 Cypress Point Dr., 36542. Vacation rentals at Cypress Point Condominiums at Crafts Farms and Links Condominiums at Peninsula. We provide daily maid and linen services, breakfast, and club storage and cleaning, as well as guest concierge services.

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fortmorganpropertymanagement.com, 251-540-7325, 6930 AL Hwy. 180, 36542. Come stay in one of our beautiful Fort Morgan vacation home rentals. Many of our homes have private pools or are located right along the gulf for your convenience.

GULF FRONT RENTALS
rentalconndoingulfshores.com, 251-269-0950. We provide only luxurious, high-end accommodations with great amenities. 2- and 3-bedroom units at multiple properties.

GULF GAZE BEACH HOUSE
gulfgazeeachhouse.com, 305-857-6086, 8880 Pompano Way, 36542. Sit in the shade of the covered deck and watch the dolphins play at this beach retreat in Cabana Beach Estates. The house sleeps eight with 4 bedrooms and 2 baths.

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gulfshoresrentals.com, 251-948-7000, 1325 Gulf Shores Pkwy., 36542. Family vacation rentals range from 1-bedroom to 6-bedroom beach houses and are located in both Gulf Shores and Orange Beach.

HARRIS VACATION RENTALS
ourgulfshoresvacation.com, 877-446-4833, 1544 W. 2nd St., Ste. 109, 36542. Helping you find your perfect spot in the sand since 1963. We specialize in pet-friendly beach rentals so every family member can join you on your getaway.

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hightirretrals.com, 800-524-0078. Escape to the natural beauty of Pleasure Island at one of our vacation rentals ranging from condos to beach houses.

KAI N SHORES VACATION RENTALS
gulfshoresrentals.com, 251-540-7000, 1325 Gulf Shores Pkwy., 36542. Family vacation rentals range from 1-bedroom to 6-bedroom beach houses and are located in both Gulf Shores and Orange Beach.

Kaiser Vacation Rentals
kaiservacations.com, 888-278-7171, 1557 Gulf Shores Pkwy., 36542. Offering luxury vacation homes along Gulf Shores and Orange Beach. With over 40 years of vacation rental experience, we are here to provide you with impeccable homes, 5-star service, and authentic, local hospitality.

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villagebythegulf.com, 251-948-6382, 1148 W. Beach Blvd., 36542. At Village by the Gulf, there is an outdoor swimming pool, covered pavilion with barbecue grill, miniature golf and playground, shuffleboard court, basketball goal, and a small playground for children.

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luckybirdvacations.com, 251-284-5387, 200 E. Beach Blvd., 36542. Our vacation rentals will guide your family into another place and time, where your kids can explore the whimsical seaside as you relax on the sugar-sand beaches.

LUNA BEACH PROPERTIES LLC
lunabeachproperties.com, 251-948-2645, 1240 Commerce Dr., Ste. B, 36542. Whether you’re searching for a budget-friendly condo, pet-friendly rentals or a spacious beach house, you’ll find a great selection to choose from in Gulf Shores, Orange Beach and Fort Morgan.

MARTINIQUE ON THE GULF
marteinique-gulf.com, 855-859-6930, 987 Blvd. Martinique, 36542. Gulf-front, waterfront, golf course and near-beach properties. Beach retreat choices including 1- to 4-bedroom condos and beach houses.

SANIBEL ON THE BEACH
vrbo.com/422186ha, 8856 Pompano Blvd., 36542. At Sanibel on the Beach, just a couple of steps and your toes are in the gulf. 4-bedroom, 4-bath direct Beach Front house. Your family will love the location, great views and watching the dolphins in the morning from the deck and living area.

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SHORELINE TOWERS
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SOUTHERN RENTALS & REAL ESTATE
southerncusts.com, 844-319-5571, 401 E. Beach Blvd., 36542. Vacation rental options in Orange Beach, Gulf Shores and Fort Morgan with condos and beach houses available.

SPECTRUM RESORT/ THE BEACH CLUB
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SUNSET PROPERTIES
sunsetproperties.com, 251-543-1370, 3145 Gulf Shores Pkwy., 36542. We specialize in vacation rental condos and houses along Alabama’s Gulf Coast.

VACASA

WEICHERT, REALTORS® - COASTAL RESORT
weichert.com, 251-968-1777, 209 E. 16th Ave., 36542. Discover the beauty and serenity of the Alabama Gulf Coast—home to a 34-mile stretch of sparkling white beaches on the Gulf of Mexico.

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alabamagateway.net, 251-216-1590, 4851 Wharf Pkwy., Ste. D208, 36561. We provide expert local advice. Prices that match anyone’s budget, and beautiful and spotless vacation homes.

ARONOV CONDO MANAGEMENT
aronov.com/resorts, 800-488-8978, 25352 Perdido Beach Blvd., 36561. Featuring luxury vacation rentals at affordable prices, Gulf Coast Beach Getaways offers romance, fishing, golfing and family packages.

BEACHBALL PROPERTIES
beachballproperties.com, 251-968-8906, 25929 Perdido Beach Blvd., 36561. Beachball Properties represents premium condos and privately owned homes along the beaches of the Alabama Gulf Coast.

BELLA BEACH PROPERTIES, LLC
bellabeachproperties.com, 251-981-2431, 24711 Perdido Beach Blvd., 36561. We have it all, from cozy gulf-view studios to luxurious gulf-front condos to grand beach homes, and everything in between.

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SEACHASE CONDOMINIUMS
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Top: The Sunflower Field in Autaugaville
Delight in a perfect blend of civil rights legacies, literary heritage and amazing bass fishing.

Alongside the inspiring stories of nonviolent protests and bus boycotts that led to national reform, travelers find the equally marvelous tales of the heroic Tuskegee Airmen and brilliant scientist George Washington Carver. Montgomery, the state’s capital city, lies at the heart of the modern Civil Rights Movement and claims more U.S. Civil Rights Trail sites than any other city. Here, and in the region’s other cities and towns, learn about the lives of famous literary talents: Harper Lee, Truman Capote, and Zelda and Scott Fitzgerald. Singer-songwriter Hank Williams Sr. also has his roots in this region, and multiple attractions celebrate his life. Finally, anglers will want to throw a line in any of the lakes and rivers that comprise the Alabama Bass Trail to lure trophy-winning bass. Those lunkers know how to make a visit to South Alabama memorable.
A SOUTHERN SMORGASBORD

Deepen your connections to Alabama’s South region with these attractions and adventures. BY AMITY MOORE JOYCE

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REASONS TO VISIT THE BLACK BELT

In the past, this area was overlooked because it was largely farmland; people drove through it barely aware of what was growing in the dark, fertile soil, which gives the region its name. Crops for sure, but now everyone knows, culture too.

1. Gee’s Bend quilts are rooted in six generations of textile artists who have passed down the folk art form and made it internationally famous. Gee’s Bend Quilting Collective is open by appointment.

2. If you miss the quilts at the collective, you might get lucky at Black Belt Treasures Cultural Arts Center. Here, the works of more than 450 Black Belt artists are represented and for sale.

3. Alabama Black Belt Adventures Association has assembled nine themed food trails, each with its own brochure, to showcase the bounty of tasty eats in the region. One option would be to follow Baker’s Confections Are Sweet Perfection to get acquainted with the foods in Sumter, Greene and Hale counties.
MORE THAN PEANUTS. Learn about the contributions of George Washington Carver that went well beyond peanuts. Artifacts representing his life and legacy are on display at the G.W. Carver Interpretive Museum in Dothan.

GET WET IN PHENIX CITY. Thanks to the Chattahoochee River that runs through it, this city in East Alabama welcomes whitewater enthusiasts wanting to tackle Class II to Class V rapids. The whitewater park presents options for rafting, kayaking, river surfing and paddleboarding. Plenty of outfitters are available to share advice or get you started.

Sunflowers Galore! COTTON, YES. PEANUTS, YES. BUT SUNFLOWERS IN ALABAMA, WHO KNEW? STOP BY THE SUNFLOWER FIELD NEAR AUTAUGAVILLE TO SNIP YOUR OWN OR SIMPLY WALK AMONG THE YELLOW FLOWERS AND TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS. THE FIELDS GENERALLY BLOOM AND OPEN IN JULY.

MONROEVILLE...Old Monroe County Courthouse was the model for the trial scenes in the TKAM movie. @workmomtravels #SweetHomeAlabama #AlabamaTravel

DINING GUIDE

Culinary excellence and Auburn are about to become synonymous later this year when Auburn University debuts its new multidisciplinary, world-class culinary school. It will complement Auburn’s already burgeoning food scene. These three restaurants have contributed to its growth.

ACRE. Four-time James Beard Award semifinalist and “Iron Chef” Showdown winner David Bancroft shares his farm-to-table fare for lunch and dinner. His menus change with the seasons, but you can always expect fresh seafood, high-quality meats and sides made from what is growing locally.

LUCY’S. Although this hip eatery serves modern American dishes for dinner and excellent libations, its brunch generates long lines. Brioche French Toast and Chicken and Waffle Bennie top the must-try list.

THE HOUND. To get an idea of what this family-owned joint is all about, simply read its tagline: “Bacon & Bourbon.” The burgers are hearty, as are the entrées—meatloaf, shrimp and grits, Berkshire pork chop, to name a few.
Alabama Shakespeare Festival Season 50

Alabama Shakespeare Festival celebrates its 50th season, having grown from a school auditorium in Anniston into one of the biggest Shakespeare theaters in the country in a $21.5 million, state-of-the-art-theater complex.

Montgomery, 334-271-5353, asf.net

Selma Bridge Crossing Jubilee

Join a commemorative march to remember those who shaped the future of civil rights during Bloody Sunday and the Selma to Montgomery March.

Selma, 334-526-2626, selmajubilee.com

“"To Kill a Mockingbird”"

See the famous play, adapted from author Harper Lee’s novel, in her hometown. The famous courthouse that inspired scenes in the book, play and movie serves as a backdrop.

Monroeville, 251-743-3386, tokillamockingbird.com/the-play

IT’S A DATE!

Relive one of the seminal moments in America’s civil rights history. Come to the state’s literary capital to celebrate the works of its most-famous author or to Alabama’s capital city to remember history. Boogie in Waverly or crack open goober peas at the world’s largest peanut festival.

Search for more events at Alabama.Travel.

Old 280 Boogie

Waverly threw a celebration more than 20 years ago when officials decided not to run State Highway 280 through the town. That celebration continues with great music in one of Alabama’s coolest settings. Waverly, 334-219-7733, standarddeluxe.com

National Peanut Festival

Started in 1938 as a three-day event at which George Washington Carver was the guest speaker, the National Peanut Festival is now a 10-day event, noted as the largest peanut festival in the world and one of Alabama’s largest state fairs. Families enjoy midway rides, livestock shows and, of course, lots of peanuts.

Dothan, 334-793-4323, nationalpeanutfestival.com

APRIL 23

MARCH 3–6

Selma Bridge Crossing Jubilee

YOUNG AUDIENCE SHOWS APRIL 4–19;
ADULT SHOWS APRIL 22–MAY 21

NOV. 4–13

{Top to bottom: Old 280 Boogie, Monroeville’s annual production of “To Kill a Mockingbird”}
South

ATTRACTIONS & EXPERIENCES

Grab your state map to find these attractions at the following highway exits. Please call attractions for specific directions.

ALABAMA STATE CAPITOL, ROSA PARKS MUSEUM, OLD ALABAMA TOWN Montgomery, I-65 Exit 172
NATIONAL MEMORIAL FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE, LEGACY MUSEUM Montgomery, I-65 Exit 172
COOSA OUTDOOR CENTER Wetumpka, I-65 Exit 181
PRIESTER’S PECANS Fort Deposit, I-65 Exit 142
GEES BEND WELCOME CENTER Bay Minette, AL Hwy. 5, CR 29
RTJ GOLF TRAIL AT CAMBIAN RIDGE, Greenville, I-65 Exit 170
ALABAMA SAFARI PARK Hope Hull, I-65 Exit 158
EDMUND PETTUS BRIDGE Selma, U.S. Hwy. 80 Business
MONROE COUNTY MUSEUM Monroeville, I-65 Exit 57
HANK WILLIAMS SR. BOYHOOD HOME & MUSEUM Geneva, I-65 Exit 114
AUBURN UNIVERSITY Auburn, I-65 Exit 51
WALTER F. GEORGE LAKE (LAKE EUFAULA) Eufaula, U.S. Hwy. 431
THE OAKS Tuskegee, I-85 Exit 52
TUSKEGEE AIRMEN NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE Tuskegee, I-85 Exit 58
PIONEER MUSEUM OF ALABAMA Troy, U.S. Hwy. 31
WIREGRASS MUSEUM OF ART Dothan, U.S. Hwy. 231, U.S. Hwy. 84


LAAC GALLERY laacartscenter.org, 334-222-3205. 209 E. 3 Notch St., 36420.


ATMORE (map N-4)

MAGNOLIA BRANCH WILDLIFE RESERVE magnoliabranchnum. 251-446-3423. 24 Big Creek Rd., 36502.

WIND CREEK CASINO & HOTEL windcreekatmore.com, 866-946-3360. 303 Poarch Rd., 36502.

AUBURN (map I-9)

AUBURN UNIVERSITY HISTORIC DISTRICT aotourism.com, 334-887-8747. Auburn University campus, College St., 36849.


DONALD E. DAVIS ARBORETUMauburn.edu/arboretum, 334-844-5770. 181 Garden Dr. on Auburn University campus, 36849.

More attractions can be found online at www.alabamatravel.com and in the southeastern section of the state map.
JAMES BROS BIKES  
jamesbrosbikes.com, 334-821-0055.  
1199 S. Donahue Dr., 36832.

JAN DEMPSEY COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER  
auburnalabama.org/arts, 334-501-2963.  
222 E. Drake Ave., 36830.

JONATHAN B. LOVELACE HALL OF HONOR  
auburntigers.com/facilities, 855-282-2010.  
250 Beard-Eaves Ct., 36849.

JULE COLLINS SMITH MUSEUM OF FINE ART AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY  
jcsm.auburn.edu. 334-844-1484. 901 S. College St., 36849.

KIESEL PARK & NUNN WINSTON HOUSE  
auburnalabama.org/parks. 334-501-2930.  
520 Chadwick Lane, 36832.

KREHER PRESERVE & NATURE CENTER  
auburn.edu/preserve. 334-844-8091.  
2222 N. College St., 36830.

TIGER TRAIL OF AUBURN  
College St. & W. Magnolia Ave., 36830.

TOOMER’S CORNER  
auburnalabama.org/web-cameras/toomers-corner.  
Intersection of College St. & Magnolia Ave., 36830.

BEATRICE { map K-4 }  
MONROE COUNTY PUBLIC FISHING LAKE  
outdooralabama.com. 251-789-2104.  
3596 CR 50, 36425.

BLADONSPRINGS { map K-2 }  
BLADONSPRINGS STATE PARK  

BOYKIN { map J-4 }  
GEESBENDWELCOMECENTER  

BREWTONG { map N-5 }  
THOMASEMCMLLANMUSEUM&ALABAMAROOM  
eschoshis.org/Museum.html. 251-809-1528. 220 Aco Dr., 36426.

BRUNDIDGE { map K-8 }  
HISTORICBASSHOUSE  
brundidge.org. 334-735-2385. 146 S. Main St., 36010.

JOHNSTONPEANUTBUTTERMILL  
piddle.org/johnston-peanut-butter-mill. 334-735-3830. 201 Church St., 36010.

BRIDGEPORTBEACH  
bridgeportalabama.com. 205-459-8087. 205 Claiborne St., 36726.

CAMDEN { map K-4 }  
BLACKBELT TREASURES CULTURALARTSCENTER  
bbtcac.com. 334-682-9878. 209 Claiborne St., 36726. Celebrate fine and heritage arts, crafts,  
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bridgeportalabama.com. 334-682-9878. 209 Claiborne St., 36726.

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blackbelttreasures.com. 718-839-3501. 222 Planters St. (corner of Planters and Union Sts.), 36726.

GEE’S BEND FERRY  

ROLANDCOOPERSTATEPARK  
alapark.com. 334-682-4838. 285 Deer Run Dr., 36726.

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CLAYTON (map K-9)

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324-775-9176. 11 N. Midway St., 36016.

**SOUTH CHATOM**
WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORY MUSEUM
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45 Court S, 36318.

**CLAYTON** (map K-9)

**OCTAGON HOUSE**
324-775-9176. 11 N. Midway St., 36016.

**COFFEEVILLE** (map K-2)
CHOCTAW NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
fws.gov/choctaw.
662-323-5548. 10 mi. NW of Coffeeville, off U.S. Hwy. 84; 509 Wildlife Rd., Gilbertown, 36908.

**SERVICE PARK AT COFFEEVILLE LAKE**
recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232701.

**COLUMBIA** (map M-10)

**OMUSSEE CREEK PARK**
ruralswalabama.org/attraction/omussee-creek-park.
334-696-4626. 75 Picnic Rd., AL Hwy. 95S, 36319.

**DEMOPOlis** (map I-3)

**BIRD’S FARM HAY ART**
ruralswalabama.org/attraction/birds-farm-at-forkland-al.

**BLUFF HALL**
marengocountyhistoricalsociety.com/bluff-hall.
334-289-9164. 407 N. Commissioners Ave., 36732.

**FOSCUE CREEK PARK**
ruralswalabama.org/attraction/foscue-creek-park.
334-289-5615. 1800 Lock and Dam Rd., 36732.

**GAINEsWOOD NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK**
ahc.alabama.gov/properties/gaineswood/
gaineswood.aspx.
334-289-4846. 805 S. Cedar Ave., 36732.

**LAIRD COTTAGE/GENEVA MERCER MUSEUM**
marengocountyhistoricalsociety.com/laird-cottage.
334-289-0282. 311 N. Walnut Ave., 36732.

**LYON HALL**
marengocountyhistoricalsociety.com/lyon-hall.
334-289-9644. 102 S. Main Ave., 36732.

**MARENGO COUNTY HISTORY & ARCHIVES MUSEUM**
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334-289-0599. 101 N. Walnut Ave., 36732.

**DOTHAN** (map M-9)

**ADVENTURELAND THEME PARK**
adventurelandhemepark.com.
334-793-9100. 3738 W. Main St. (U.S. Hwy. 84W), 36305.

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334-793-3224. 5130 Headland Ave., 36303.

**DR. GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER MONUMENT**
nationalpeanutfestival.com.

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334-446-7135. 3759 Ross Clark Cir., 36303.

**FOREVER WILD TRAILS AT BEAVER CREEK**
dothan.org/544/forever-wild-trails.
334-615-3700. 384 Narcisse Dr./3636 Fortner St./4276 Fortner St., 36305.

**FUN ZONE SKATE CENTER**
funzoneskatecenterdothan.com.

**G.W. CARVER INTERPRETIVE MUSEUM**
gwcarvermuseum.com.
334-712-0933. 305 N. Foster St., 36303.

**HISTORIC DOTHAN DOWNTOWN**
dothandowntown.org.
334-793-3097. 188 N. Foster St., 36303.

**JOSEPH STATUE**
334-794-3871. 126 Museum Ave., 36303.

**LANDMARK PARK/ DIGITARIUM PLANETARIUM**
landmarkparkdothan.com.
334-794-3452. 430 Landmark Dr., 36303.

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Downtown, 36303.

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334-794-6622. 3311 Ross Clark Cir., 36302.

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334-615-3750. 401 Recreation Rd., 36303.

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334-447-2384. 3086 CR 364, 36323.

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BY RICK HARMON

Friday

EARLY AFTERNOON Begin by taking a walk through the centuries, all within a few blocks in downtown. It’s not possible to see everything in one afternoon, so you’ll have to pick and choose. Among the highlights, see the Alabama Capitol and the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church, from where Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. led the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Within easy walking distance lie the First White House of the Confederacy, where president of the Confederacy Jefferson Davis and his family lived, the Rosa Parks Museum, the Freedom Rides Museum and the thought-provoking Civil Rights Memorial designed by Maya Lin, the artist responsible for Washington, D.C.’s Vietnam Memorial. More recent additions to the civil rights landscape include the new Montgomery Interpretive Center, the third and final part of the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail. The center opened on the Alabama State University campus near the ASU Stadium last year. This year, Mt. Zion A.M.E Zion Church, where King was elected to head the Montgomery Bus Boycott, will restore a 19th-century building and open a new museum focused on the role Christianity and the church played in the Civil Rights Movement.

EVENING After a busy afternoon, relax over a casual dinner at El Rey Burrito Lounge. Order the Ancho BBQ and Jicama Salad, listed as one of the 100 Dishes to Eat in Alabama, or a spicy roasted sweet potato taco with goat cheese. Both pair deliciously with this cutting-edge Mexican restaurant’s Nice Margarita, the menu name for its top-shelf marg. Afterward, walk next door to take in whatever is showing at the Capri Theatre. It opened as the Clover Theatre in 1941 and continues to screen independent films and classics.

Alabama’s capitol building has seen a lot of history. It was where the Confederacy was created, where Jefferson Davis was sworn in as its president and where Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous “How Long? Not Long” speech after the Selma to Montgomery March.
Almost one-tenth of the more than 100 sites on the U.S. Civil Rights Trail are located in Alabama’s capital city.

Saturday
MORNING Since *Food & Wine Magazine* once named the coffee at *Prevail Union* the best in the state, it’s worth checking out. Plus, the coffee shop is inside the *Kress Building*, a renovated 1920s-era building that has become another Montgomery site dedicated to educating visitors about past racial inequality. Next, see the painfully moving *National Memorial for Peace and Justice*, with its hundreds of hanging, 6-foot-long, steel monuments bearing the names of Black people who were lynched between 1877 and 1950. It complements a visit to the Equal Justice Initiative’s new, greatly expanded *Legacy Museum: From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration*, which examines the residual effect slavery has on modern society. For more on this expanded attraction and a new addition to the Freedom Riders Museum, turn to page 45.

NOON Lunch at either *Chris’ Hot Dogs*, which for more than 100 years has been serving hot dogs covered in its secret chili sauce to customers ranging from Hank Williams to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, or *Derk’s Filet & Vine*. At this meat-and-three, you choose from at least seven meats and 12 sides.

AFTERNOON Visit the *Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts*, where the collection features works from Mary Cassatt, Edward Hopper and John Singer Sargent. Outside, stroll through the MMFA’s $5 million sculpture garden. Elsewhere, *The Scott & Zelda Fitzgerald Museum* features first editions, paintings and mementos from the most famous couple of the Jazz Age. Fans can even rent on Airbnb an apartment above the museum in the house where the couple once lived. Meanwhile, music enthusiasts enjoy the *Hank Williams Museum*, a repository of the country legend’s hit records, stage outfits and the 1952 baby-blue Cadillac in which he died.

EVENING Eat elegantly at the James Beard Foundation-recognized *Vintage Year*. The menu changes with the seasons, but it never disappoints. It’s the kind of swanky stop that serves seafood risotto made with ingredients procured from the Gulf Coast or beef cheeks with sweet potato mash.

To eat casually, but magnificently, choose *Brenda’s Bar-B-Q Pit*. Started in 1942, the restaurant was a source of comfort (and comfort food) for the city’s famed Civil Rights Movement. It is strictly pick-up and has no tables but does have some of the best barbecue in the state. You probably don’t want to rush your dinner, but you also don’t want to miss a performance at the *Alabama Shakespeare Festival*. This year marks the 50th season for this acclaimed theater.

Sunday
MORNING Savor a leisurely brunch at the quintessentially Southern *Cahawba House*. Bite into biscuits, beignets or bacon, and so much more.

AFTERNOON Walk off some of that Southern comfort food at *Blount Cultural Park*, where you can feed ducks, stroll along trails or poke around the Shakespeare Gardens, featuring plants and flowers from Shakespeare’s plays.

Use the search bar at Alabama.Travel to learn more about Montgomery.
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THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE
museumandmemorial.eji.org/memorial. 334-386-9100. 417 Caroline St., 36104.

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oldalabamatown.com. 334-240-4500. 301 Columbus St., 36104.

RIVERFRONT PARK
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ROCKIN’ JUMP TRAMPOLINE PARK
rockinjump.com/montgomery. 334-239-2587. 5544 Atlanta Hwy., 36117.

ROSA PARKS MUSEUM AND CHILDREN’S WING
troy.edu/student-life-resources/arts-culture/rosa-parks-museum/index.html. 334-241-8615. 252 Montgomery St., 36104.

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sacs.gallery. 334-265-9931. 529 S. Perry St., 36104.

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thefitzgeraldmuseum.org. 334-264-4222. 919 Fielder Ave., 36106.

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SHORTER (map I-8)

VICTORYLAND CASINO

ST. STEPHENS (map L-2)

ST. STEPHENS HISTORICAL PARK

TALLASSEE (map I-8)

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TALLASSEE HISTORICAL DISTRICT

THOMASTON (map J-3)

ALABAMA RURAL HERITAGE CENTER
ruralheritagecenter.com. 334-627-3388. 133 6th Ave., 36783.

THOMASVILLE (map K-3)

COASTAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SOUTHWEST ALABAMA REGIONAL ART MUSEUM

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TROY (map K-8)

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troy.edu. 334-670-3100. 600 University Ave., 36082.

TUSKEGEE (map I-9)

BUTLER CHAPEL AME ZION CHURCH
334-727-3590. 1002 N. Church St., 36083.

COMMODORE MUSEUM
334-724-0777. 208 E. Martin Luther King Hwy., 36083.

HARRIS BARRETT SCHOOL
334-727-3184. 1167 CR 27, 36083.

LAKE TUSKEGEE
tuskegeealabama.gov. 334-727-6619. Lakeview Dr., 36083.

MACON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
334-727-5120. 101 E. Northside St., 36083.

NORTH MAIN STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT
tuskegeealabama.gov. 334-727-6619. N. Main St., 36083.

THE OAKS—HOME OF BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

TUSKEGEE AIRMEN NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
nps.gov/tuin. 334-724-0922. 1616 Chappie James Ave., 36083.

TUSKEGEE HISTORY CENTER
tuskegeealabama.gov. 334-724-0800. 104 S. Elm St., 36083.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

WASHINGTON CARVER MUSEUM
125 National Forest Rd. 949, 36083.

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THE RIDGE MACON COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECT

TRAIN DEPOT & COAL CHUTE MURAL
unionspringsalabama.com. 334-738-8687. 299 N. Prairie St., 36089.

WEHLE NATURE CONSERVATION CENTER

VALLEY (map H-10)

LAKE HARDING
lakebrowser.com/alabama/lake_harding.asp. 9180 Lee Rd. 379, 36854.

WETUMPKA (map I-7)

COOSA RIVER ADVENTURES
coosariveradventures.com. 334-514-0279. 415 Company St., 36092.

ELMORE COUNTY BLACK HISTORY MUSEUM

ELMORE COUNTY MUSEUM
cityofwetumpka.com. 334-567-5097. 112 S. Main St., 36092.

FORT TOULOUSE-FORT JACKSON PARK

KELLY FITZPATRICK MEMORIAL GALLERY
thekelly.org. 334-478-3366, 124 Company St., 36092.

LAKE JORDAN

MERCHANTS ALLEY

SAYBACK BRIDGE TRAIL

WETUMPKA IMPACT CRATER

WIND CREEK CASINO & HOTEL
windcreekwetumpka.com. 866-946-3360. 100 River Oaks Dr., 36092.

WHATLEY (map L-3)

FORT SINQUEFIELD
WHERE TO STAY

HOTELS & RESORTS

Amendes vary by location and region.
To learn the full range of options available, accessibility specifics and pet policies, call your desired destination directly.

ABBEVILLE (map L-10)


ANDALUSIA (map M-6)

BEST WESTERN bestwestern.com. 334-222-9999. 305 W. Bypass, 36420.


HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL & SUITES ihg.com/holidayinnexpress. 334-427-2940. 16727 U.S. Hwy. 84. 36421.


ATMORE (map N-4)

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES marriott.com/meffl. 251-368-1188. 112 Lakeview Cir., 36502.


auburn (map L-9)


ECO NO LODGE aUBURN NEAR UNIVERSITY choicehotels.com. 334-826-8900. 2145 S. College St., 36830.

HAMPTON INN auburn.hamptoninn.com. 334-821-4111. 2430 S. College St., 36830.

HILTON GARDEN INN hilton.com. 334-502-3500. 2555 Hilton Garden Dr., 36830.


INTOWN SUITES EXTENDED STAY intownsuites.com. 334-826-1123. 1188 Commerce Dr., 36830.

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QUALITY INN UNIVERSITY AREA choicehotels.com. 334-521-0300. 1212 Hall Pkwy., 36831.

SLEEP INN & SUITES choicehotels.com/sleep-inn. 334-501-7171. 135 Spirit Dr., 36832.

STAY PLUS EXTENDED SUITES stayplushotels.com. 334-521-9100. 1654 S. College St., 36832.

STAYBROOK SUITES aUBURN - UNIVERSITY AREA ihg.com/staybridge. 205-835-8090. 2061 S. College St., 36832.

TOWNPLACE SUITES BY MARRIOTT marriott.com. 334-466-8390. 1117 S. College St., 36832.


BREWTON (map N-5)

BEST WESTERN BREWTEN INN bestwestern.com. 251-727-5050. 1115 Douglas Ave., 36426.

BUTLER (map J-2)


CAMDEN (map K-4)

AMERICAN INN americainncamden.com. 334-682-4555. 39 AL Hwy. 10 Bypass, 36726.

SOUTHERN INN southerninn.net. 334-682-4148. 40 Camden Bypass, 36726.

COTTONWOOD (map N-10)


DALEVILLE (map M-9)


DEMOPLIS (map I-3)


DOTHAN (map M-9)

ADAMS INN 334-793-4557. 3145 Montgomery Hwy., 36303.


COMFORT INN & SUITES choicehotels.com. 334-792-7788. 2227 E. Main St., 36302.

COUNTRY INN & SUITES BY RADISSON countryinn.com/dothan. 334-479-8900. 3465 Ross Clark Cir., 36303.

COURT YARD BY MARRIOTT marriott.com/dhnyc. 334-671-3000. 3040 Ross Clark Cir., 36301.

DAYBREAK SUITES EXTENDED STAY daybreaksuites.com/dothan. 334-793-3200. 2901 Ross Clark Cir., 36301.


DOTHAN INN 334-793-2550. 2841 Ross Clark Cir., 36301.


DOUBLETREE BY HILTON DOTHAN doubletree.com. 334-699-1400. 2740 Ross Clark Cir. SW, 36301.


FAIRFIELD INN BY MARRIOTT marriott.com/dhfl. 334-671-0100. 3038 Ross Clark Cir., 36301.

FAIRLEY INN & SUITES marriott.com/mefl. 334-585-1188. 112 Lakeview Cir., 36504.


HOWARD JOHNSON BY WyNDHAM hojo.com. 334-792-3339. 2244 Ross Clark Cir., 36301.

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BEST WESTERN OPP INN

EXECUTIVE INN
executiveinnopp.us. 334-493-6399. 812 Floral Dr., 36867.

OZARK
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BAYMONT BY WYNDHAM

BUDGET INN
334-774-5105. 2824 U.S. Hwy. 280 Bypass, 36869.

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HAMPTON INN

MICROTET INN & SUITES BY WYNDHAM OZARK

PHENIX CITY { map H-10 }
AMERICAS BEST VALUE INN & SUITES

COURTYARD COLUMBUS PHENIX CITY/RIVERFRONT
marriott.com/csgcp. 334-664-9840. 1400 Whitewater Ave., 36860.

DAYS INN BY WYNDHAM NEAR FT BENNING

HAMPTON INN & SUITES PHENIX CITY-
COLUMBUS AREA

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES - FORT BENNING AREA

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RODEWAY INN

PRATTVILLE
{ map I-6 }
AVID HOTEL PRATTVILLE - MONTGOMERY NORTH
ihg.com/avidhotels. 334-380-9070. 802 Boardroom Dr., 36867.

BAYMONT BY WYNDHAM PRATTVILLE

COURTYARD MONTGOMERY PRATTVILLE

DAYS INN & SUITES BY WYNDHAM
daysinnprattville.com. 334-285-5312. 600 Old Farm Lane S, 36860.

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HAMPTON INN & SUITES

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITS SOUTH

HOMEX SUITES BY HILTON
home2suites.com. 334-551-2900. 2505 Legends Dr., 36866.

INTOWN SUITES EXTENDED STAY

LA QUINTA INN & SUITES BY WYNDHAM

MONTGOMERY MARRIOTT PRATTVILLE HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER AT CAPITOL HILL
marriott.com/mgmml. 334-290-1275. 2500 Legends Cir., 36866.

QUALITY INN
choicehotels.com. 334-365-6003. 797 Business Park Dr., 36867.

RED ROOF INN

RODEWAY INN I-65

SUPER 8 BY WYNDHAM

TRU BY HILTON PRATTVILLE

SELMA
{ map I-5 }
AMERICAN INN
334-872-1900. 1915 W. Highland Ave., 36701.

BAYMONT BY WYNDHAM WETUMPKA
baymontinn.com. 334-874-8600. 2420 N. Broad St., 36701.

COMFORT INN

HAMPTON INN
hamptoninn.com. 334-876-9995. 2200 W. Highland Ave., 36701.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES

LUXURY INN & SUITES
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SHORTER
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DAYS INN BY WYNDHAM
daysinn.com. 334-226-2184. 450 Main St., 36075.

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QUALITY INN & SUITES NORTHPARK
choicehotels.com. 334-636-0202. 570 N. Park Dr, 36784.

RELAX INN

SUNSET INN
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TROY
{ map K-8 }
BEST WESTERN TROY INN
bestwestern.com. 334-566-1585. 100 Hunters Mountain Pkwy., 36079.

ROYAL OAKS

ATMORE
{ map N-4 }

BED & BREAKFASTS
Amenities vary by location and region. To learn the full range of options available, call your desired destination directly before you leave.

THE COTTLE HOUSE BED & BREAKFAST

CRENSHAW GUEST HOUSE
crenshawguesthouse.com. 334-821-1131. 371 N. College St., 36830.

MOTEL 6

QUALITY INN UNIVERSITY AREA

SCOTTISH INNS

WETUMPKA
{ map L-7 }
HAMPTON INN WETUMPKA
hamptoninn.com. 334-731-2222. 350 S. Main St., 36092.

WIND CREEK CASINO AND HOTEL WETUMPKA
windcreekwetumpka.com. 866-946-3360. 100 River Oaks Dr., 36092.
BREWTON (map N-5)

THE HOLLEY HOUSE BED AND BREAKFAST theholleyhouse.com, 251-314-1740. 512 Douglas Ave., 36426. Experience authentic Southern hospitality while relaxing in the newly restored Holley House Bed and Breakfast. Located in Brewton, home of the Blueberry Festival and noted as one of the “100 Best Small Towns” in the United States.

CAMDEN (map K-4)

LIBERTY HALL BED AND BREAKFAST libertyhallbnb.com, 334-412-3513. 627 AL Hwy 221, 36726. This classic Greek Revival plantation home built in 1850 features four bedrooms with en suite baths and two bedrooms with access to the house bath. Mornings begin with a full plantation breakfast.

ELBA (map M-8)

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY INN facebook.com/krv1960. 717 Davis St., 36323. A Victorian-style home completely renovated to maintain the original character and charm of the early 1900s. A light continental breakfast is included. Be sure and ask Vera to share the ghost stories.

EUFALUA (map K-10)

BAKER STREET BED AND BREAKFAST bakersstreetbnb.com. 334-695-6870. 343 N. Eufaula Ave., 36027. 343 N. Eufaula Ave., 36027. This classic Victorian-style home is near history, beautiful renovated Queen Anne houses, and bath. A swimming pool along with a 16-acre lake for fishing and boating complete the accommodations.

LUVERNE (map K-7)

CAMELLIA HOUSE BED & BREAKFAST camelliahousebnb.com. 866-897-9923. 350 S. Forest Ave. (U.S. Hwy. 331), 36049. This beautifully renovated Queen Anne Victorian home is near history, antiquing, golfing, horseback riding, walking, bicycling and bowling. Enjoy a gourmet breakfast made from old family recipes.

LITTLE ROCK (map L-7)

CAMDEN (map K-4)

RED BLUFF COTTAGE BED & BREAKFAST redbluffcottage.com. 334-264-0056. 551 Clay St., 36104. Located in the downtown area, just blocks from I-65 and I-85. Bedrooms have private baths with shower/tub combination. Experience authentic Southern hospitality—“Alabama Style.” For eight consecutive years, received TripAdvisor’s Certificate of Excellence.

PRATTVILLE (map I-6)

SMITH-BYRD HOUSE BED & BREAKFAST and TEA ROOM smithbyrdbedandtea.com. 334-365-1459. 137 N. Washington St., 36067. Enjoy all the comforts of home in this Queen Anne-style Victorian home built in the 1880s. The Tea Room offers more than 100 varieties of tea from all over the world.

SELMA (map I-5)


TUSKEGEE (map I-9)

RAYBORN MANOR BED AND BREAKFAST raybornmanor.com. 334-339-1795. 2310 CR 89, 36083. A disabled-accessible facility with a rear sun deck, picnic tables and chairs, and park-style benches around the property. It is a relaxing place to spend the night, a weekend or even longer.

FLORALA (map N-7)

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MONROEVILLE (map L-4)

LOFT AT 66 airbnb.com/rooms/45478023. 66 S. Mt. Pleasant Ave., 36460. Loft at 66 is located upstairs of our newly renovated Event Center called “The Shop at 66.” It has 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths with a fully equipped kitchen with brand new appliances. “Loft at 66” is in walking distance to various shops, restaurants and the Old Courthouse Museum.

TOWN SQUARE LOFTS airbnb.com/rooms/3974637. 107 N. Mt. Pleasant Ave., 36460. Located on the square in the historic District of Downtown Monroeville, Alabama. These lofts are across the street from the amphitheater where the annual “To Kill a Mockingbird” play is performed each spring.

OSTER GOLF HOUSES ostergolfhouses.com. 504-444-8681. 2498 Constitution Ave. & 2494 Constitution Ave., 36069. Spectacular next-door locations overlooking The Legislator golf course at Capitol Hill. Setting is private and secluded, only 200 yards from the Capitol Hill entrance gate. Two 4-bedroom houses with Wi-Fi.

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CENTRAL

As host to this year’s World Games, Birmingham is deservedly in the spotlight and provides a welcoming gateway to exploring the rest of Alabama’s middle region.

With three key cities—Birmingham, Tuscaloosa and Anniston—and a host of small towns and hamlets, this region stands out for its big-city lights and small-town charms. It echoes with voices from the Civil Rights Movement and cheers for the University of Alabama. It holds the state’s highest point, Cheaha Mountain, where recreation trails and quiet overlooks of the surrounding Talladega National Forest present spots for reflection. And it entices appetites with the culinary talents of James Beard Award-winning chefs and restaurants concentrated here. When you feel the need for speed, head to the Talladega Superspeedway for racing excitement or to the Barber Motorsports Museum to browse a jaw-dropping collection of motorcycles and Lotus race cars. It’s all here in Alabama’s heartland.
Central Treasures

Get acquainted with some of the gems that make Alabama’s heartland sparkle.

By Amity Moore Joyce

Loving Lake Life

Alabama is blessed with amazing lakes, but Lake Martin (this page) is the one that stood out in a recent Yahoo ranking of the most beautiful lakes to visit in the United States. It was number 11 in the list of 15 and was noted for its size—44,000 acres—and 750 miles of forested shoreline. Of course, visitors go boating and fishing, but they also RV camp, ride horses and hike. Lake Martin spans three counties and is near Alexander City and Dadeville. It was created when Martin Dam was constructed on the Tallapoosa River.
WHO NEEDS WILLIAMSBURG?

When you’ve got American Village (this page) in Montevallo, you’ve got a glimpse into U.S. history from the time of its founding fathers. Tour Washington Hall, inspired by George Washington’s Mount Vernon, and venture into a full-sized replica of the Oval Office. Don’t skip the attraction’s latest addition: the West Wing of Independence Hall. Opened in November last year, the building and its immersive exhibition and multisensory theater transport you to Boston on the eve of Paul Revere’s ride, whisking you to places and moments leading up to the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

SLOSS FURNACES

Tour a throwback from Birmingham’s industrial roots. @capturingcorvin #AlabamaTravel #SweetHomeAlabama

WEEKDAYS BETWEEN MAY AND LABOR DAY are reportedly the best days to pull into Peach Park in Clanton. Weekends mean longer lines and more people crowding the bakery, gardens and playground at the 7-acre stop that specializes in Alabamians’ favorite fuzzy fruit. Peach Park sells more than 70 varieties, ensuring ample peaches from late spring through early fall. It also sells plenty of its renowned peach ice cream as well as fried pies, listed among 100 Dishes to Eat in Alabama. Record your pit stop (pun intended) with a selfie beside the giant peach sculpture.

3 CENTRAL CURiosITIES

Sometimes things, such as those that follow, are so intriguing or unusual that they get you wondering, “Wait, how did that come to be?”

Berman Museum, Anniston: What do Napoleon’s grooming kit, Hitler’s personal tea service, antique spy equipment and bronze sculptures by Frederic Remington have in common? Nothing, except that collecting them was important to Farley and Germaine Berman. Those unique items and others make up their collection on display at this interesting museum.

White Cliffs, Epes: Dover, England, has its white cliffs, and so does Alabama. Exposed by the flow of the Tombigbee River, the White Cliffs of Epes are layers of the Selma Chalk Foundation. View them either from the river or the U.S. Highway 11 bridge that crosses the river.

Tinglewood, Montevallo: When you walk through Orr Park and encounter gnomes or dragons peering from the trees, you might wonder if you somehow got transported to a fantasy world. The whimsical carvings by Tim Tingle surprise and delight people of all ages.
IT’S A DATE!

Whether you are watching the best in the world sumo wrestle or race drones, cars and motorcycles for all the marbles, or releasing the magic of marble with a chisel, Central Alabama transports you to a world of art, including art on wheels.

APRIL 5–16

Sylacauga’s “Magic of Marble” Festival

The 12-day event honors Sylacauga marble, known as the “world’s whitest marble.” Watch as sculptors, including an Italian master, render amazing pieces from the pure crystalline rock. Sylacauga, 256-249-0961, magicofmarblefestival.com

APRIL 24

GEICO 500

One of two NASCAR Cup Series events (along with the YellaWood 500 on Oct. 2), this adrenaline-inducing race is held on one of the biggest, fastest and most competitive speedways in the world, Talladega Superspeedway. Talladega, 877-462-3342, talladegasuperspeedway.com

JULY 7–17

The World Games 2022

These games are not your usual sports. Things get creative with canoe polo, roller derby, break dancing and other disciplines within 34 sports. Watch as 3,600 athletes from more than 100 countries compete at 14 venues, including the city’s new Protective Stadium. Birmingham, 205-846-2500, twg2022.com

OCT. 7–9

Barber Vintage Festival

This world-renowned motorcycle event, held at Barber Motorsports Park, features a swap meet, racing, demo rides and more. Leeds, 877-332-7804, barbermuseum.org/barber-vintage-festival

OCT. 15–16

Kentuck Festival of the Arts

Experience live music, storytelling and some of the best folk art in the country. Northport, 205-758-1257, kentuck.org/the-festival

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CENTRAL

**Shark Tooth Creek Outdoor Adventures**
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**Anniston** (map E-8)

**Alabama Law Enforcement Memorial**
annistonal.gov/anniston-law-enforcement-memorial. 205-236-2497. 144 West 4th St., 36201.

**Anniston Civil Rights and Heritage Trail**
annistonal.gov/anniston-civil-rights-trail. 256-236-2497. 144 West 4th St., 36201.

**Anniston Museum of Natural History**
exploramag.org. 256-237-6766. 800 Museum Dr., 36206.

**Berman Museum of World History**
exploramag.org. 256-237-6261. 800 Museum Dr., 36206.

**Blackberry Hill Alpacas**

**Camp McClellan Horse Trails**
facebook.com/bchamcclellanchapter. 256-310-9292. Mud Hole Rd., 36205.

**Centennial Memorial Park**
annistonal.gov/centennial-memorial-park. 256-241-2800. 225 E. 17th St., 36207.

**Chief Ladiga Trail**
facebook.com/chiefladigatrail. 256-782-8010. 6514 Weaver Rd., 36206.

**Civil Rights Heritage Trail**
“THE OTHER BUS”

**Cmp Air Gun Competition Center - South**
thecmp.org/ranges. 256-835-8455. 1470 Sentinel Dr., 36207.

**Cobb High Sports Museum**

**Coldwater Mountain Bike Trails**
necba.net. 256-236-8221. Off Coldwater Rd., 36201. Explore 37 miles of singletrack! All skill levels. Local outfitter, dining, entertainment and shopping in nearby downtown Anniston.

**Freedom Riders National Monument**

**German Italian POW Memorial**

**Historic Downtown Anniston**

**Longleaf Botanical Gardens**
exploramag.org. 256-237-6766. 920 Museum Dr., 36206.

**Mcclellan Bike Trails**
exploramag.org/mcclellan-bike-trails. 256-236-2011. 460 BG DH Stem Ave., 36205. Home of NICA Melee at McClellan race at the former Ft. McClellan. Perfect for beginner to advanced levels, this trail has 17 miles of purpose-built singletarck.

**Mountain Longleaf National Wildlife Refuge**

**Nunnally’s Noble Frame & Gallery**
nobleframeandgallery.com. 256-237-5921. 1014 Noble St., 36201.

**Zinn Park**
annistonal.gov/parks-recreation/find-a-park. 256-236-3222. 101 W. 14th St., 36201.

**Ashland** (map F-8)

**Clay County Museum**
facebook.com/clayhistory. 205-601-9544. 70 Court Square, 36251.

**Bessemer** (map F-5)

**Alabama Adventure & Splash Adventure**

**Autobahn Indoor Speedway**

**Bessemer Hall of History Museum**

**Debardeleben Park**

**Downtown Bessemer National Historic District**

**McAdory House**

**Owen House**

**16th Street Baptist Church**
With so much to enjoy in Birmingham, it’s hard to decide what to do first. We’re known as the “Dinner Table of the South,” so may we suggest that, first, we eat. Sit down at a trendy bistro or splurge at a chic café. Relish some real Southern barbecue or go for glorious global fare. If you have an appetite for travel, we’ve saved a seat for you.
48 Hours in Birmingham

In July, international visitors will flood Birmingham for the 2022 Games, but the city’s world-class food and activities make it worth a visit year-round.  

BY RICK HARMON

Friday

AFTERNOON Quickly get into the swing of your relaxing vacation with a round of 18 at gorgeous Ross Bridge, one of the locations on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. The course is carved into the rolling terrain of Shannon Valley around the 259-room Renaissance Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa. Despite being one of the longest courses in the world (it is 8,191 yards and takes about 4.75 hours to play), Ross Bridge offers multiple tees for golfers of all levels and is often named among the great golf courses in the country.

EVENING For dinner, check out one of the nation’s top restaurants, Frank Stitt’s Highlands Bar & Grill. The James Beard Foundation has given Stitt the best chef in the Southeast award, Highlands the outstanding restaurant in America award and Highlands chef Dolester Miles the outstanding pastry chef award. Because the restaurant is so popular, it is wise to make reservations in advance at highlandsbarandgrill.com.

Saturday

MORNING Enjoy a downtown morning ride from Railroad Park, a 19-acre green space that’s known as Birmingham’s Living Room due to its reputation as a gathering spot for recreation, cultural events and simply lounging around, to an incredible farmers market, The Market at Pepper Place, via Veo electric scooter or pedal bike or Bolt’s Gotcha bike. The farmers market typically operates from mid-January through mid-December.

NOON Eat lunch at Yo Mama’s, featured last year on Netflix’s “Fresh, Fried & Crispy.” The travel and food show follows host Daym Drops as he seeks out America’s “best, freshest takes on fried food.” Yo Mama’s earns acclaim for many

AFRAID OF HEIGHTS?

Don’t be. The view from Vulcan, the world’s largest cast-iron statue, is worth confronting your fears. Climb to the top and walk 360 degrees around the pedestal to see Birmingham and the expanse of Red Mountain Park far below. The Roman god of fire and forge represents the city’s industrial roots.
of its dishes, but most notably its fried chicken. Splendidly full, travel the mile to the Negro Southern League Museum, where you can check out baseball hall-of-famer Satchel Paige’s pitches, thanks to hologram projection. This small but well-done museum presents the history of African-American baseball.

**AFTERNOON** Stop by Good People Brewing for its Snake Handler Double IPA. Then rev up your afternoon at Barber Motorsports Park, home of high-performance racing and the Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum. It’s the largest motorcycle museum in the world, with more than 1,600 motorcycles from 1904 to the present. More than 900 are on display at any time. It also has the world’s largest collection of Lotus race cars. If cars are not your thing, then enjoy the afternoon on the mega, 1,000-foot-long zip-line ride or hiking trails at Red Mountain Park.

**EVENING** Birmingham is a foodie paradise, so much so that the city bills itself as the “Dinner Table of the South.” The tagline is well earned, thanks to the plethora of award-winning or notable restaurants: Chez Fonfon, Bottega, Helen, Automatic Seafood and Oysters, or Hot and Hot Fish Club. Later, check out live performances at one of three of the South’s most gorgeous music venues, the Lyric, Alabama and Carver theaters. The latter also holds the completely renovated Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame, reopening this year.

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**Sunday**

**MORNING** Put on your Sunday best and attend a 10:45 a.m. worship service at the historic 16th Street Baptist Church, a civil rights landmark and part of the Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument and Birmingham Civil Rights District.

**NOON** Take time to explore the sites that make up the Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument (turn to page 28 for more details), but don’t forget to eat. Michael’s Restaurant, located about a mile from the civil rights district near Regions Field, prepares a tasty brunch with dishes that span from chicken and waffles to beef tips and rice.

**AFTERNOON** It’s dealer’s choice this afternoon. For a dive into art, visit the Birmingham Museum of Art, one of the finest regional museums in the United States. The diverse collection is culled from the museum’s extensive holdings of Asian, European, American, African, Pre-Columbian and Native American art. Notably, it holds the largest assembly of Wedgwood outside of England. If you are more focused on the future, stop into the McWane Science Center with its state-of-the-art science center, aquarium and 280-seat IMAX Dome Theater. Or, get an overview of the whole area from Vulcan, the world’s largest cast-iron statue, which overlooks downtown Birmingham from its pedestal on Red Mountain.

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A DAY AWAY TOURS BY LINDA
birminghamal.org/listings/a-day-away-tours-by-linda.

THE ABROMS-ENGEL INSTITUTE FOR VISUAL ARTS
uab.edu/cas/seiva. 205-975-6436.
1221 10th Ave. S. 35205.

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samanford.edu/alabama-mens-hall-of-fame. 205-706-1289. 800 Lakeshore Dr., 35229.

ALABAMA SPORTS HALL OF FAME
200 Overton Access Rd., 35203.

BARBER VINTAGE MOTORSPORTS MUSEUM

BHM EAT DRINK RIDE FOOD TOURS
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BIRMINGHAM ZOO
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2630 Cahaba Rd., 35223.

BOLT MOBILITY

CANARY GALLERY
canarygALLERY.com. 205-224-5300.
2201 2nd Ave. N. 35203.

CITY BREW TOURS
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205-740-2337. Various locations.

CIVIL AXE THROWING
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1214 81st St. S. 35206.

SAMUEL ULLMAN MUSEUM
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205-847-5757. 1112 24th St. N. 35234.
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BRENT  { map G-5 }

MILLER’S POTTERY
facebook.com/stevemillerpottery. 205-316-8029.
2324 AL Hwy. 5, 35034.

TALLADEGA NATIONAL FOREST
(alabamafineparks.com).
1001 1st St. SW, 35044.

BRIERFIELD  { map G-5 }

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discoversheby.com/facilities/facility/details/beeswax-creek-park-lay-take-area-84.
205-620-6631. 245 Beeswax Park Rd., 35051.

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50 W. College St., 35051.

SHELBY COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL
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CUSSETA  { map H-10 }

FORT CUSSETA
toureastalabama.com/attraction/fort-cusseta.
334-642-141. CR 83, diagonally across from post office, 36264.

DADEVILLE  { map H-8 }

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DELTA  { map F-9 }

CHEAHA STATE PARK

EPES  { map B-2 }

WHITE CLIFFS OF EPES
ruralswalabama.org/attraction/the-white-cliffs-of-epes-al.
26887 U.S. Hwy. II, 35480.

EUTAW  { map H-3 }

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GAINESVILLE  { map H-2 }

GAINESVILLE RESERVOIR

GOODWATER  { map G-8 }

HATCHET CREEK CANOE/ KAYAK TRAIL

GREENSBORO  { map H-3 }

MAGNOLIA GROVE
ahc.alabama.gov/properties/magnoliagrove/magnoliagrove.aspx. 1002 Hobson St., 36744.

SAFE HOUSE BLACK HISTORY MUSEUM
safehousemuseum.org. 334-624-2020. 518 Martin Luther King Dr., 36744.

HEFLIN  { map E-9 }

CAHULGA CREEK PARK
cityofheflin.org. 256-463-5434. 343 Mountain St., 36264.

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cleburnecounty.us. 256-463-5655. 120 Vickery St., 36264.

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jsu.edu/epic/tm. 256-463-3838. Forte Dr., 36264.

SHOAL CREEK CHURCH HISTORIC SITE
shoalcreekchurch.net. 256-463-2290. South of CR 5530, Fruithurst, 36262.
TALLADEGA NATIONAL FOREST
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fs.usda.gov/alabama. 256-463-2272.
45 Al. Hwy. 281, 36264.

HELENA (map F-5)

CAHABA RIVER PARK
discoverhelby.com/cahabariverpark.
205-620-6631. 2793 River Rd., 35080.

CANOE THE CAHABA
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205-874-5623. 2370 CR 52, 35080.

HELENA MUSEUM

OLD TOWN HELENA
cityofhelena.org. 205-663-2161. Helena Rd. at Old Town Place. 35080.

HOOMEOUD (map F-6)

BREAKOUT GAMES
breakoutgames.com/birmingham. 205-282-4798.
2717 19th Place S, 35209.

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URBAN AIR ADVENTURE PARK
urbanairtrampolinepark.com/locations/alabama/homewood.
205-206-6809. 800 Greensprings Hwy., Ste. 150, 35209.

HOOVER (map F-6)

ALDRIDGE BOTANICAL GARDENS
3530 Lorna Rd., 35216.

BLACK CREEK MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK
hooveral.org/101/black-creek-mountain-bike-park. 100 Nunnally Pass, 35244.

DEFY BIRMINGHAM
defy.com/locations/defy-birmingham.
205-775-0404. 6009 Tattersall Dr., 35209.

EXPLORE PLAYGROUND & SPLASH PAD
hoovermetcomplex.com/explore-play.
205-739-7364. 1004 RV Trace, 35244.

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hoovermetcomplex.com/finley-center/adventure.
205-739-7364. 100 Ben Chapman Dr., 35244.

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hoovermetcomplex.com/214/moss-rock-preserve.
205-739-7141. 617 Preserve Pkwy., 35226.

NEW LIFE ART GALLERY
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VETERAN’S PARK
hooveral.org/677/veterans-park.
205-444-7718. 4800 Valleydale Rd., 35242.

JACKSONVILLE (map D-8)

CHOCOLOCO MOUNTAIN
OFF-ROAD VEHICLE PARK
chocolocomountain.com. 256-365-0311.
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650 Mountain St. NW, 36265.

JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

JEMISON (map G-6)

MINOOKA OHV PARK
minookapark.org. 205-312-1376.
1922 CR 146, 35085.

LAFAYETTE (map H-9)

CHAMBERS COUNTY COURT HOUSE
chamberscountyal.gov. 334-864-4341.
2 Lafayette St. S, 35662.

CHAMBERS COUNTY LAKE

CHAMBERS COUNTY MUSEUM
toureeastalabama.com/attraction/chambers-county-museum.
334-864-9636. 1st Ave. SW, 36862.

JOE LOUIS STATUE
toureeastalabama.com/attraction/joe-louis-statue.
334-864-4311. Chambers County Courthouse, 2 Lafayette St., 36862.

LANETT (map H-10)

DOLLHOUSE/LITTLE NADINE’S GRAVE SITE
greatervalleyarea.com. 334-642-1411.
1462 1st St., 36863.

FORT TYLER
greatervalleyarea.com/tourism-visited-sites/historical-sites.
334-642-1411. Alabama/Georgia line, West Point, GA 31833.

WEST POINT LAKE
westpointlake.info. 706-645-2937. CR 211, 36863.

LEEDS (map E-6)

ARTISTS INCORPORATED
6200 Grand River Blvd., #114, 35084.

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leedsalabama.org/leeds-scenic-byway.

LEEDS THEATRE AND ARTS CENTER
leedsartscenter.org. 205-699-1892.
8140 Parkway Dr., 35084.

LEEDS MILITARY HALL OF HONOR
leedsalabama.org/leeds/scenic-byway.

LEEDS THEATRE AND ARTS CENTER
leedsartscenter.org. 205-699-1892.
8140 Parkway Dr., 35084.

LIVINGSTON (map I-2)

ALAMUCHEE-BELAMY COVERED BRIDGE
ruralswalabama.org/attraction/alamuchee-belamy-covered-bridge.
205-652-3828. Student Union Dr., 35470.

BLACK BELT MUSEUM
128 Franklin St., University of West Alabama, 35470.

LAKE LU AND NATURE TRAILS
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205-652-9266. 100 Lake Dr., 35470.

SUMTER COUNTY NATURE TRAILS
152 Nature Trail Rd., 35470.

MAPLESVILLE (map H-5)

MAPLESVILLE RAILROAD DEPOT
townofmaplesville.com.
334-366-4211. 9499 AL Hwy. 22, 36750.

MARBRURY (map H-7)

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL PARK
ahc.alabama.gov/properties/confederate/confederate.aspx.

MARION (map H-4)

LINCOLN MEMORIAL MUSEUM
334-683-2282. 207 Lincoln St., 36756.

MARION FEMALE SEMINARY BUILDING
& MUSEUM
facebook.com/perrycountyalabamahistoricalandpreservationsociety.
334-292-0319. 202 W. Monroe St., 36756.

MARION MILITARY INSTITUTE/ALABAMA MILITARY HALL OF HONOR
marionmilitary.edu.
334-683-2282. 207 Lincoln St., 36756.

MOORE-WEBB-HOLMES PLANTATION
1819
moorewebbhollyseckirgan.com.

THE OLD MARION DEPOT
334-683-6545. 1200 Washington St., 36756.

PERRY LAKES PARK & BARTON’S BEACH
334-683-9955. 1101 Washington St., 36756.

ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ruralswalabama.org/attraction/zion-united-methodist-church-at-marion-al.
205-302-1038. 1101 Lincoln St., 36756.

MCCALLA (map F-5)

SADLER HOUSE
wijefchohistoric.org.
205-426-1633. 5262 Eastern Valley Rd., 35111.

TANNEHILL IRONWORKS HISTORICAL STATE PARK & IRON AND STEEL MUSEUM OF ALABAMA
tannehillstatepark.org.

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americanvillage.org. 256-665-3535.  
3727 AL Hwy, 119, 35115.

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cityofmontevallo.com. 256-665-2555.  
27 Park Dr., 35115.

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montevallo.edu. 205-665-6000.  
75 College Dr., 35115.

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EBENEZER SWAMP ECOLOGICAL PRESERVE  
montevallo.edu/campus-life/around-campus/ 
ebenezzer-swamp. 205-665-6463. Spring Creek (corner of CR 24 & Stagecoach Rd.), 35115.

NEWBERRY (map I-4)  
THE JOE FARM—CONNECTING WITH BIRDS AND NATURE TOURS  

NORTHPORT (map F-3)  
KENTUCK ART CENTER & FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS  

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H. NEELY HENRY LAKE  
apchorelinese.com/o-four-lakes/neely-henry. 205-472-0481. 111 Lakeshore Lane, 35447.

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OXFORD (map E-8)  
BIG TIME ENTERTAINMENT  

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floatfun.net. 256-389-4418. 1741 Pribes Mill Rd., 36203.

HISTORIC MAIN STREET OXFORD  
mainstreetoxford.org. Main St., 36203.

MARTIN-LETT GALLERY OF ART  
oxfordpacific.com. 256-241-3322. 100 Chococoloco St., 36203.

PELHAM (map F-6)  
ALABAMA WILDLIFE CENTER  
arw.org. 205-663-7930. 100 Terrace Dr., 35124.

ALTITUDE TRAMPOLINE PARK  

BLUE WATER PARK  
bluewaterpark.com. 205-663-7428. 100 Industrial Park Dr., 35124.

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alapark.com. 205-620-2520. 200 Terrace Dr., 35124.

PELHAM CIVIC COMPLEX AND ICE ARENA  
pelhamciviccomplex.com/ice-arena/public-skating. 205-620-6448. 500 Amphitheater Dr., 35124.

PICKENSVILLE (map D-9)  
TENN-TOM WATERWAY  

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PIEDMONT (map F-7)  
BOUNDARY LINE BISON RANCH  
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redneckyachtclubcaneakayakrental.com. 256-447-8690. Terrapin Creek, 3850 CR 175, 36272.

TERRAPIN OUTDOOR CENTER  
canoeshop.net. 256-447-8690. 4114 CR 175, 36272.

ROANOKE (map G-10)  
FOX CREEK BIRDING TRAIL  

ROCKFORD (map H-7)  
BARRETT’S PARK AT LAKE MITCHELL  
apchorelinese.com/recreation/parks. 256-396-5093. CR 27, 35136.

COLDWATER COVERED BRIDGE/OXFORD LAKE PARK  
ofordal.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation. 256-831-2660. 401 McCullars Lane, 36203.

COOSA TRAIL  
coosachamber.com. 256-537-3004. CR 29 at Hatchett Creek, 35136.

COOSA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA  
gooutdooralabama.com/hunting/wildlife-management-areas. 256-537-3004. CR 29, 35136.

OLD ROCK JAIL AND MUSEUM  

SHELBY (map G-6)  
SHELBY IRON WORKS  

SYLACAUGA (map G-7)  
BLUE BELL CREAMERIES  

THE CRAFT STUDIO  
facebook.com/broadwaycraftstudio. 205-901-6510. 200 N. Broadway Ave., 35150.

IMERYS-GANTT’S QUARRY OBSERVATION SITE  
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ISABEL ANDERSON COMER MUSEUM & ARTS CENTER  
comer museum.weebly.com. 256-245-4016. 71 N. Broadway Ave., 35150.

PURSELL FARMS: ATV TOURS & ORVIS SPORTING CLAY  
pursellfarms.com/activities. 256-208-7600. 386 Talladega Springs Rd., 35151.

SILAWARD TRAIL AT LAKE HOWARD  
facebook.com/sylawardtrail. 256-249-8561. Boat Dock Lane, 35150.

TALLADEGA (map F-7)  
ALABAMA INSTITUTE FOR DEAF AND BLIND  
aidb.org. 256-761-3214. 205 South St. E, 35150.

TALLADEGA STATE PARK  

HALL OF HEROES  
talladegaheroes.org. 256-268-7217. 112 Court St., 35151.

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN COURT  
talladegalincolnchamber.com. 205-245-4016. 112 Court St., 35151.

HALL OF FAME  
internationalmotorsports.org. 205-245-4016. 112 East St. S, South St., Coffee St., 35160.

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BY LAURA MCGILL

Friday
AFTERNOON Begin your T-town visit about 20 miles east of downtown at the Mercedes-Benz U.S. International Visitor Center/Museum. Whether you’re a seasoned car enthusiast or just curious about the iconic brand, the museum will leave you with a true appreciation for the quality work produced here in central Alabama. Outside of a trip to Germany, this is your only opportunity for a Mercedes-Benz experience like this. Please note that plant tours are available Mondays and Wednesdays and require advance reservations.

Back in Tuscaloosa proper, pause for a caffeinated treat at Monarch Espresso Bar, where the menu includes coffees and teas with influences from around the globe. Turbo Coffee also touts international brews, as well as an extensive smoothie menu, ranging from a fruity Blue Lagoon to a protein-packed Pink Panther.

After checking into a downtown Tuscaloosa hotel, devote your remaining afternoon hours to the Tuscaloosa Civil Rights History Trail. Eighteen stops are explained in depth on the companion website, www.civilrightstuscaloosa.org. Several are within easy walking distance along the downtown portion of University Boulevard; others require a short drive.

EVENING Pick your pace for a night downtown. Go light with a glass of wine paired with a charcuterie board or baked feta dish from The Wine Market. Or, dine at a uniquely Tuscaloosa restaurant when you choose Central Mesa. Here everything seems to find its way into a taco, from Nashville hot chicken to Gulf shrimp. Keep the night going into the wee hours with a stop at Session, where you’ll feel just as at home with an old-school gimlet as with a new-school Monkey Business from the specialty cocktail menu.

Saturday
MORNING With two Tuscaloosa locations, fuel up for the day at Heritage House Coffee & Tea. Go healthy or hearty with its extended menu, ranging from a stack of blueberry pancakes to avocado open face.

Delve into campus life with a visit to the University of Alabama. You’ll find plenty of Instagram-worthy moments at the Quad, which is anchored to the south ROOFTOP RELAXATION

Enjoy a handcrafted cocktail at The Lookout atop Hotel Indigo as you watch the sun go down. The drinks are smooth, and the views from above are conversation starters since the hotel stands near the banks of the Black Warrior River. Try the onion dip; it’s the chef’s family recipe.
**EVENING** Check the calendar for concerts, performances and exhibits to attend at local hotspots including the Tuscaloosa Amphitheater, Dinah Washington Cultural Arts Center and Bama Theatre.

For a pre-performance appetizer or apéritif, head to Druid City Social. The eclectic menu runs the culinary gamut from a caprese salad to the mammoth L&N burger, a tribute to the building’s origins as a train station.

**Sunday**

**MORNING** Before you bid farewell to Tuscaloosa, take a stroll along the Tuscaloosa Riverwalk as it hugs the scenic Black Warrior River. Then, grab a final social snapshot in front of the colorful “Tuscaloosa” mural. Find it at 1229 University Boulevard.

NOON Might as well keep the Crimson Tide theme going strong over lunch. Grab a seat at the wildly popular Rama Jama’s, just off the southwest corner of the stadium. Open since 1996, the joint feels like it has always been here as it celebrates the home team with every square inch of space. The menu is comfort food 101 with cheeseburgers, fries and milkshakes.

AFTERNOON Step back on campus and way back in time—like 500 million years back—at the Alabama Museum of Natural History, located in Smith Hall. Or, choose the short drive to Moundville Archaeological Park, where prehistoric Indian mounds tell of the area’s past.

Clockwise from opposite bottom: Tuska at the University of Alabama, The Lookout atop Hotel Indigo, Tuscaloosa Riverwalk, Tuscaloosa mural, cinnamon roll at Heritage House Coffee & Tea, First African Baptist Church on the Tuscaloosa Civil Rights History Trail, Central Mesa

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ALABASTER (map F-6)

Candlewood Suites candlewoodsuites.com. 205-620-0188. 1004 Balmoral Dr., 35007. [p]

Holiday Inn Express & Suites hotelsonexpress.com. 205-624-6488. 1000 Balmoral Dr., 35007. [p]

Alexander City (map G-8)

American Inn 256-329-8858. 4000 U.S. Hwy. 280, 35010. [p]

Bob White Motel 205-234-4215, 930 Airport Dr., 35010. [p]


Hampton Inn hamptoninn.com. 256-234-2244. 1531 Elkahatchee Rd., 35010. [p]

Quality Inn choicehotels.com. 256-234-5900. 2945 Hwy. 280, 35010. [p]


Aliceville (map G-2)

Voyager Inn Motel 205-373-6344, 150 Mobile Rd. NW (AL Hwy. 175), 35442. [p]

Anniston (map E-8)

American Inn 256-238-6585. 1015 U.S. Hwy. 43N, 36206. [p]

Hotel Express 256-620-1000. 6220 McClellan Blvd., 36206. [p]

Hotel Finial hotelfinial.com. 256-236-0503. 1600 Quintard Ave., 36201. [p]

Lenlock Inn 256-820-1913. 6210 McClellan Blvd., 36206. [p]

Long Leaf Lodge at McClellan 256-820-9494, 74 Exchange Ave., 36205. [p]

Mcclellan Inn mcclellaninnannistonal.com. 256-820-3144, 5708 Weaver Rd., 36206. [p]

Royal Inn 256-820-5154. 5618 McClellan Blvd., 36206. [p]

Bessemer (map F-5)

Best Western Plus Bessemer Hotel & Suites bestwestern.com. 205-428-3999, 5031 Academy Ave. Ln., 35022. [p]

Fairfield Inn & Suites Birmingham Bessemer marriott.com/bhmbb. 205-277-1700. 4980 Academy Ct., 35022. [p]

Hampton Inn hamiltoninbnbessemer.com. 205-425-2010, 4910 Civic Lane, 35022. [p]

Hiway Host Motel 205-425-4352, 4701 Bessemer Super Hwy., 35020. [p]

Holiday Inn Express & Suites ihg.com/holidayinnexpress. 205-424-2600, 5001 Academy Lane, 35022. [p]

Motel 6 Birmingham motel6.com. 205-426-9646. 1000 Shilo Lane, 35020. [p]

Quality Inn choicehotels.com. 205-428-3194. 5021 Academy Lane, 35022. [p]

Red Roof Inn & Suites redroof.com. 205-481-0007, 4985 Academy Ct., 35022. [p]

Sleep Inn Bessemer Helena choicehotels.com/sleep-inn. 205-424-0000, 1259 Greenmor Dr., 35022. [p]


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Best Western Plus Birmingham Inn & Suites bestwestern.com. 205-995-8588, 800 Corporate Ridge Dr., 35242. [p]

Best Western Plus Carlston Suites bestwestern.com. 205-940-9990. 140 State Farm Pkwy., 35209. [p]

Birmingham Marriott birminghammarriott.com. 205-968-3775, 3590 Grandview Pkwy., 35243. [p]

Budgetel Birmingham Airport budgetel.com. 205-592-6110, 9101 Messer Airport Hwy., 35212. [p]


Courtyard Birmingham Downtown at UAB marriott.com/bhmdu. 205-254-0004, 1820 9th Ave. S, 35233. [p]

Courtyard Birmingham Homewood marriott.com/bhmhw. 205-879-0400, 320 Shades Creek Pkwy., 35209. [p]


Days Inn by Wyndham Birmingham/West daysinn.com. 205-208-7813. 905 11th Court W, 35204. [p]

DoubleTree by Hilton Birmingham Perimeter Park doublereet3.hilton.com. 205-967-2700. 8 Perimeter Park S, 35243. [p]


Drury Inn & Suites Lakeshore Drive druryhotels.com. 205-940-9500. 160 State Farm Pkwy., 35209. [p]


Embassy Suites by Hilton birmingham.embassysuites.com. 205-879-7400, 2300 Woodcrest Pl., 35202. [p]

Extended Stay America - Birmingham/Inverness extendedstayamerica.com. 205-408-0107, 101 Cahaba Park Cir., 35242. [p]

Extended Stay America - Birmingham - Perimeter Park South extendedstayamerica.com. 205-967-3800, 12 Perimeter Park S, 35243. [p]

Extended Stay America - Wildwood extendedstayamerica.com. 205-290-0102, 40 State Farm Pkwy., 35209. [p]

Fairfield Inn & Suites Colonnade/Grandview marriott.com. 205-969-7630, 3930 Colonnade Pkwy., 35243. [p]

Grand Bohemian Hotel Mountain Brook, Autograph Collection kesslercollection.com/bohemian-mountain-brook. 205-414-0503, 2635 Lane Park Rd., 35223. [p]

Hampton Inn & Suites Birmingham/280 East Eagle Point hamptoninn.com. 205-981-0024, 6220 Farley Court, 35242. [p]


Hampton Inn by Hilton Birmingham/Mountain Brook hamptoninn.com. 205-870-7822, 2731 U.S. Hwy. 280, 35223. [p]


Hilton Birmingham at UAB hilton.com. 205-933-9000, 808 20th St. S., 35209. [p]

Hilton Garden Inn Downtown hiltongardeninn.com. 205-322-7937, 250 18th St. S., 35233. [p]

Hilton Garden Inn Lakeshore Drive hiltongardeninn.com. 205-314-0274, 520 Woodlawn Cir. N, 35209. [p]
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intownsuites.com, 205-555-3528, 1650 Veterans Memorial Pkwy., 35404. 📞

IVORY DYNASTY
colloidge.com, 205-500-0780, 221 Greensboro Ave., 35401. 📞

THE JACK WARNER AT NORTHIVER
thejackwarner.com, 205-243-4215, 2700 Yacht Club Way NE, 35406. 📞

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MASTERS INN

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microtelinn.com, 205-632-7432, 1417 Veterans Memorial Pkwy., 35404. 📞

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microtelinn.com, 205-632-7423, 6331 Interstate Dr., Cottondale, 35453. 📞

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OLE’ ENGLISH INN
oleenglishinn.com, 205-553-3640, 3100 University Blvd. E, 35404. 📞

QUALITY INN
choicehotels.com, 205-771-4637, 4541 Jug Factory Lane, 35405. 📞

RAMADA BY WYNDHAM


RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT
marriott.com, 205-548-1010, 211 Rice Mine Road Loop, 35406. 📞

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woodspring.com, 205-633-3799, 4600 Doris Pate Dr., 35405. 📞

VALLEY
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.choicehotels.com, 334-219-3620, 3645 55th St., 36854. 📞

RED ROOF INN BIRMINGHAM SOUTH
redroof.com, 205-822-2224, 1466 Montgomery Hwy., 35216. 📞

WEDOWEE
.choicehotels.com, 205-392-9675, 17700 AL Hwy. 17N, 36025. 📞

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stayinns.com, 205-392-9675, 17700 AL Hwy. 17N, 36025. 📞

AXEL’S BISTRO AND CAFE
axelsbistroandcafe.com, 205-554-8781, 120 West Blvd., 35405. 📞

BED & BREAKFASTS

ALEXANDER CITY
.choicehotels.com, 205-548-1010, 211 Rice Mine Road Loop, 35406. 📞

MISTLETOE BOUGH
mistletoebough.com, 256-229-3717, 497 Hillabee St. SE, 35010, 980 Queen Anne Victorian home located on 1.5 acres. Antique furnishings offer retreat into years gone by, making the visit unforgettable. Minutes from Lake Martin.

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parkerbnb.com, 256-405-9262, 330 E. 6th St., 36207. Nestled on a 20-acre property between Anniston and Birmingham at the foot of Coldwater Mountain and the start of the Chief Ladiga Trail, the Parker House in historic Anniston is the perfect place to relax in one of the South’s most beautiful and inviting homes.

SPRINGWOOD INN
.springwoodinn.com, 842-384-2618, 1004 Bogger Hollow Rd., 36207. Also known as the 1822 Noble-Woodruff House, listed on the Register of Alabama’s Historical Homes. Located on 20 acres, the home is historical, romantic, elegant and private.

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THE DANNER’S BED & BREAKFAST
facebook.com/thedanners-bed-and-breakfast, 205-500-0780, 1134 AL Hwy. M, 35462. Restored 1852 plantation house, furnished with period antiques, represents a classic example of Greek Revival architecture during the antebellum era. Eight unique bedrooms.

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.choicehotels.com, 205-771-4637, 4541 Jug Factory Lane, 35405. 📞

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airbnb.com/rooms/5588317, 334-624-3367, 11205 AL Hwy. 14, 36244. Two rooms plus a 3-room secluded guesthouse. Peaceful location with many amenities, including nature trails, bridges, fish pond, barn, country auctions. Near Auburn Rural Studio project, Native American mounds, antebellum homes.

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alabamalakelodge.com. 205-568-2899. 5441 Houston Windle Rd., 35442. Alabama Lake Lodge (3BR/3BA) provides sleeping for a group of 10, which is ideal for multigenerational family vacations, accommodations for out-of-town wedding guests or class reunions. (5BR/3BA) provides sleeping for 20 guests or class reunions. Fearturing 12 luxury suites, our cottages are the essence of simple elegance and comfort set amid scenic mountains and sparkling lakes.

ALICEVILLE
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ALEXANDER CITY
( map G-8 )
WIND CREEK STATE PARK CABINS

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apias-eaglescreekside.com. 205-531-9044. 301 CR 425, 35803. Featured on the Alamo Roads organizations and the Chief Ladiga Trail and Eubanks Welcome Center. Bixi, specialty meals are available upon request.

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ashlandironworks.org/lightsey-cabin. 205-665-1856. 240 Furnace Pkwy., 35033. Two rustic, renovated 1800s-era log cabins—the Hubbard and Lightsey cabins—at historic Brierfield Ironworks. Both cabins have a furnished kitchen, living room with fireplace, bathroom and heating/air conditioning.

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Unwind where the mountains kiss the sky, cave openings lead to early civilizations and worlds below, and rocket simulators help you reach the moon.

Nighttime dazzles in this region, whether while listening to a singer in a club in the Shoals, observing the heavens from a planetarium in Huntsville or relaxing at a campsite beside a lakeshore. More acres are preserved for public use here than anywhere else in the state, meaning you’ve got plenty of room to roam. The foothills of the Appalachian Mountains rise, the Natchez Trace Parkway winds and the legacy of indigenous tribes forced westward endures. The spirit of the region has inspired countless musicians, both those born and raised nearby, like W.C. Handy and Jason Isbell, and artists Aretha Franklin and the Rolling Stones, who came to record in and around the Shoals. Museums honor American heroes Jesse Owens and Helen Keller, while the U.S. Space & Rocket Center reminds the world about Alabama’s pivotal role in space exploration.
Top: Near Little River Canyon
NORTHERN EXPOSURES

Increase your appreciation of Alabama’s crown with this slew of stops.  

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3 KID-FRIENDLY STOPS

The recently opened, state-of-the-art Cook Museum of Natural Science (this page) in Decatur encourages kids to see what life is like from a beaver’s perspective, to touch a meteorite, and to crawl through a recreated cave looking for life-like bats and bears.

Huntsville’s Alabama Constitution Hall Park allows visitors to step back into 1819 when Alabama became a state. Demonstrations and stories bring the period alive during 90-minute tours.

A visit to Ivy Green, Helen Keller’s birthplace, in Tuscumbia lends understanding to what her young life was like as a deafblind person.
FIND YOUR GROOVE

Alabama Music Hall of Fame, Tuscumbia: Discover the ties Alabama has to more than 1,200 musicians at this comprehensive museum. From Hank Williams Sr. to Nat “King” Cole to the Commodores, the breadth and variety of music and artists represented here is wide.

FAME, Muscle Shoals: In this still-operating sound studio, producer Rick Hall created what became known as the Muscle Shoals Sound, heard on Aretha Franklin’s “I Never Loved a Man” and Wilson Pickett’s “Mustang Sally.” Tours go beyond the front door and into famous Studio A and Studio B, where hits were made.

Alabama Fan Club & Museum, Fort Payne: Fort Payne natives and cousins Randy Owen, Teddy Gentry and Jeff Cook formed one of country music’s most celebrated bands and named it after their home state. Visit Alabama’s museum to see personal items, notable awards, photographs and more from the band’s 50-plus years of performing.

Muscle Shoals Sound Studio, Sheffield: Recently restored to the look of its late 1960s to early 1970s heyday, this still-active recording studio generated chart-topping singles. Sit on the couch where Rod Stewart, Willie Nelson and Cher have sat. During tours, see the piano where Paul Simon wrote “Kodachrome” and the bathroom where Keith Richards reportedly finished writing “Wild Horses.”

CAST NO DOUBT. Throw a line in Pickwick Lake near Florence and there is little doubt you’ll net a trophy bass. Already on the Alabama Bass Trail, the lake recently garnered attention from Bassmaster Magazine, which ranked it No. 10 among the top fishing lakes in the nation. The ranking was based on anglers’ ability to catch what Bassmaster calls “a trophy trifecta,” meaning significantly sized smallmouths, largemouths and spotted bass.

A Miniature World
Marvel at the 125 miniature replicas of the world’s famous religious shrines that Benedictine monk Brother Joseph Zoettl at St. Bernard Abbey’s Ave Maria Grotto crafted in Cullman. Most of the models are made from found objects, rendering his art even more miraculous.

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APRIL 29–MAY 1
Panoply Arts Festival
One of the premier arts weekends in the Southeast, featuring performances by local and regional musicians and the works of more than 100 visual artists, celebrates its 40th year. Huntsville, 256-519-2787, artshuntsville.org/panoply-arts-festival

MAY 28–29
Alabama Jubilee Hot-Air Balloon Classic
A former Southeast Tourism Society’s Top 20 Tourism Event in the Southeast, the event has drawn dozens of pilots from 20 states since 1978 who race against each other, share their love of ballooning with visitors and light up the night sky with a Balloon Glow. Decatur, 800-232-5449, alabamajubilee.net

JUNE 3–30
July 8, 9, 15 and 16
“The Miracle Worker”
See one of the great stories of love, determination and courage where the story actually took place. Sixty years after “The Miracle Worker” won Oscars for best actress and best supporting actress, the Tony-winning play is being performed at Helen Keller’s home at Ivy Green. Tuscumbia, 256-383-4066, themiracleworker.info

JUNE 25–26
Guntersville Lake HydroFest
More than 20,000 visitors are expected to come this year to see some of the fastest boats in the world race and to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the world’s fastest speed record Roy Duby set in 1962 on Lake Guntersville. Guntersville, 256-582-7015, guntersvillelakehydrofest.com

OCT. 1–2
ShoalsFest
Jason Isbell and Amanda Shires, both Grammy winners, created this festival for Isbell’s hometown and have been bringing incredibly talented musical friends to perform with them. It’s a big enough hit that in 2021 it expanded from one day to two days. Florence, shoalsfest.net

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BIG SPRING MEMORIAL PARK  
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DONNELL HOUSE  
donnellhouse.net. 239-249-2211. 601 1/2 S. Clinton St., 35611.

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256-233-6406. Limestone County Courthouse on W. Market St., 35611.

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JUDGE JAMES E. HORTON JR MONUMENT  
facebook.com/judgehortonmonument. 256-233-6406. Limestone County Courthouse on N. Jefferson St., 35611.

LIMESTONE COUNTY CANOE & KAYAK TRAIL  

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256-233-6406. Limestone County Courthouse on W. Market St., 35611.

LIMESTONE COUNTY TORNADO MEMORIAL  
Bethel Church of Christ Cemetery. At or near 25467-25543 U.S. Hwy. 72, 35611.

NOAH BIKE, CAR AND MOTORCYCLE TRAIL  
visitathensal.com/noah-bike--car-trail. 256-232-5411. 100 N. Beaty St., 35611.

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HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ATTALLA  
attallacity.com. 256-538-9986. 420 4th St. NW, 35954.

TIGERS FOR TOMORROW AT UNTAMED MOUNTAIN  
tigersfortomorrow.org. 256-524-4150. 708 CR 345, 35954.

BEAR CREEK (map C-2)  
BEAR CREEK FLOATWAY  

BLOUNTSVILLE (map D-5)  
BLOUNTSVILLE HISTORICAL PARK  
blountsvillehistoricalsociety.com. 205-429-2468. 71406 Main St., 35954.

SPRING VALLEY BEACH WATER PARK  
springvalleybeach.com. 205-429-2075. 2340 County Hwy. 55, 35954.

BRIDGEPORT (map A-8)  
BRIDGEPORT DEPOT MUSEUM  
facebook.com/bridgeportdepot. 256-495-4020. 116 Soulard Square, 35740.

RUSSELL CAVE NATIONAL MONUMENT  
nps.gov/rufa. 256-495-2672. 3729 CR 98, 35740.

CEDAR BLUFF (map C-8)  
CANYON MOUTH PARK  

CORNWALL FURNACE PARK  

CENTRE (map C-8)  
CHEROKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM  
museumatcentrealabama.com. 256-927-7835. 101 E. Main St., 35960.

TERRAPIN CREEK  
outdooralabama.com. 256-927-8455. AL Hwy. 9, 35960.

WEISS LAKE  

CHEROKEE (map A-1)  
CHEROKEE KAYAK TRAIL  
colbertcountytourism.org. 256-359-4959. 3780 Old Lee Hwy., 35160.

FREEDOM HILLS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA  

NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY  
nps.gov/natr. 256-383-0783. 3204 Natchez Trace Pkwy., 35160.
CLEVELAND  (map D-5)

KING’S BEND OVERLOOK PARK

SWANN COVERED BRIDGE

COLLINSVILLE  (map C-7)

MUSEUM OF COLLINSVILLE HISTORY
collinsvillehistorical.weebly.com. 256-524-2155. 115 W. Main St., 35961.

COURTLAND  (map B-3)

COURTLAND HERITAGE MUSEUM
northalabama.org. 256-637-2707. 252 College St., 35618.

COURTLAND HISTORIC DISTRICT
256-637-2710. Heritage Museum, College St., 35618.

CULLMAN  (map C-4)

AVE MARIA GROTTO
avemariagrotto.com. 256-734-4110. 1600 Saint Bernard Dr. SE, 35055.

CLARKSON COVERED BRIDGE AND PARK
cullmancountyparks.com/clarkson.html. 256-739-2916. 1240 CR 1043, 35057.

CROOKED CREEK CIVIL WAR MUSEUM
visitcullman.org. 256-739-2741. 516 CR 1127, Vinemont, 35179.

CULLMAN COUNTY MUSEUM
cullmancountymuseum.com. 256-739-1258. 211 2nd Ave. NE, 35055.

CULLMAN DEPOT
cullmancountymuseum.com. 256-739-1258. 301 1st Ave. NE, 35055.

EVELYN BURROW MUSEUM
burrowmuseum.org. 256-352-8497. 801 Main St. NW (on the campus of WSCC), Hanceville, 35077.

HURRICANE CREEK PARK

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cullmancountyparks.com. 256-734-3052. 1544 Sportsman Lake Rd. NW, 35055.

STONY LONESOME OHV PARK
stonylonesomeohv.us. 256-287-1133. 10075 AL Hwy. 69, Bremen, 35033.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

WEISS COTTAGE
cullmancountymuseum.com. 256-739-1258. 418 1st Ave. SE, 35055.

WHEELER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE/VISITOR CENTER
fws.gov/wheeler. 256-350-6639. 3121 Visitor Center Rd., 35603.

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MARBUT BEND ACCESSIBLE WALKING TRAIL

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FACKLER (map A-7)
NEVERSINK CAVE PRESERVE

FALKVILLE (map C-4)
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256-734-7337. 630 CR 1281, 35622.

FAYETTE (map E-2)
FAYETTE ART MUSEUM

GOLDEN EAGLE SYRUP
goldeneaglesyrup.com. 205-932-5294. 205 1st Ave. SE., 35555.

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FLORENCE (map A-2)
CHILDREN’S MUSEUM OF THE SHOALS
facebook.com/childrensmuseumoftheshoals. 256-284-7107. 2810 Darby Dr., 35630.

DEIBERT PARK
visitflorenceal.com. 256-760-6416. Corner of Darby Dr. & Cox Creek Pkwy., 35630.

FLORENCE INDIAN MOUND MUSEUM
facebook.com/florenceindianmoundmuseum. 256-760-6427. 1028 S. Court St., 35630.

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT ROSENBAUM HOUSE MUSEUM
wrightinalabama.com. 256-718-5050. 601 Riverview Dr., 35630.

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visitflorenceal.com. 256-760-6416. Corner of Darby Dr. & Cox Creek Pkwy., 35630.

KENNEDY-DOUGLASS CENTER FOR THE ARTS
kdartcenter.org. 256-760-6379. 217 E. Tuscaloosa St., 35630.

MUSCLE SHOALS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA
msnha.una.edu. 256-765-5028. 468 N. Court St., 35630.

POPE’S TAVERN MUSEUM
visitflorenceal.com. 256-760-6439. 203 Hermitage Dr., 35630.

SACRED WAY SANCTUARY
sacredwaysanctuary.org. 256-648-0582. 4409 CR 200, 35633.

W.C. HANDY BIRTHPLACE, MUSEUM AND LIBRARY
visitflorenceal.com. 256-275-3128. 620 W. College St., 35630.

FORT PAYNE (map B-8)
ALABAMA BAND STATUES

ALABAMA FAN CLUB AND MUSEUM

CONGO FALLS PARK AT CONGO NATURE PRESERVE

CONGO NATURE PRESERVE
congonaturepreserve.org. 256-996-0562. 13106 AL Hwy. 176, 35967.

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7104 DeSoto Pkwy. NE, 35967.

FORT PAYNE DEPOT MUSEUM
105 5th St. NE, 35967.

THE HOSIERY MUSEUM
landmarksdekalbal.org. 256-845-6888.
512 Gault Ave. N, 35967.

LITTLE RIVER CANYON CENTER
canyoncenter.org. 256-845-3548. 4322 Little River Trail NE (GPS: 472 AL Hwy. 35), 35967.

LITTLE RIVER CANYON NATIONAL PRESERVE/LITTLE RIVER FALLS
nps.gov/liri. 256-845-9605. 4322 Little River Trail NE, Ste. 100 (GPS: 472 AL Hwy. 35), 35967.

MANITOU CAVE OF ALABAMA
manitoucaveofal.org. Base of Lookout Mountain near historic Fort Payne, 35967.

ORBIX HOT GLASS
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Dive Land Park
facebook.com/divelandpark. 256-492-4455. 401 Webster Chapel Rd., Glencoe, 35905.

Downtown Gadsden, Inc.
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Etowah Heritage Museum
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HARTSELLE (map B-4)
HARTSELLE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT
hartsellechamber.com, 256-773-4370. Main St., 35640.

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Friday

AFTERNOON Indulge your artsy side with a stop at Lowe Mill Arts & Entertainment. Formerly a thriving textile mill, the complex today is the largest privately owned arts facility in the South and home to more than 150 studios. Pop into the studios to see the artists at work or to browse their finished pieces. In between stops, pause for tea at Piper & Leaf or a sweet bite at Pizzelle’s Confections. Or, spend your afternoon discovering the 3,200+ objects on permanent display at the Huntsville Museum of Art. Walk out the museum’s doors and over to Big Spring International Park for a relaxing walk before heading to your hotel.

EVENING For downtown lodging, consider the newly opened 106 Jefferson, which sports mid-century charm. Unpack, and then get ready for an evening of tunes and tastes. One popular downtown dinner spot, 1892 East Restaurant & Tavern, presents seasonal American fare influenced by what is growing locally. New to the scene, BeeZr Gastropub + Social Exchange, enables you to sip small-batch beers crafted by Chandler’s Ford Brewing and nosh on tapas-sized dishes prepared by Champagne Taco Kitchen. Don’t miss live entertainment. Check the calendar for who’s on stage at the Von Braun Center, at the new Orion Amphitheater, or at one of the city’s entertainment complexes: Stovehouse or Campus No. 805. Find more details about the eagerly anticipated amphitheater on page 44.

Saturday

MORNING You’ve got a busy day ahead, so don’t skip breakfast. Order one of the hearty omelets or the banana pancakes at City Café Diner. Don’t worry, you’ll work it off!

Spend the rest of the morning in awe at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center—everywhere you look, it seems, you are surrounded by...
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**AFTERNOON** During minor league baseball season, the Rocket City Trash Pandas might be in town. They play home games at Toyota Field in Madison, located about 10 miles west of Huntsville. If they’re not in town, take advantage of one of the many trails the community has developed. For example, you could pace yourself and drink responsibly on the Downtown Huntsville Craft Beer Trail, a collection of nine brewery stops, three store stops and two bonus stops. Or, you could toast your way along the recently launched Downtown Huntsville Craft Cocktail Trail. It consists of seven stops, each of which pours a specific cocktail made for the trail, or you can order a favorite drink. Booze not your thing?

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**EVENING** Tonight, treat your taste buds to some of Huntsville’s global influences. For Chinese, head to Ding How II, where the menu includes family meals. These options, available for two to five people, include predetermined selections, such as moo goo gai pan and sweet and sour pork, but also come with daily soup, spring rolls and fried rice. Another long-time dining landmark since 1972, Ol’ Heidelberg Restaurant dishes up delicious German schnitzel and sausage. Or, Neon Lilly, located in Bridge Street Town Centre, presents eclectic Eastern European cuisine. Think authentically prepared Polish pierogies, Armenian stuffed grape leaves, and Ukrainian kielbasa. **Sunday**

**MORNING** Perk up for your last day in town with your pick of stops on the Downtown Huntsville Craft Coffee Trail. Currently, 10 coffee shops participate, sharing their best roasts, lattes, drips and more. Fully energized, you’ll be ready to conquer a hiking trail at Monte Sano State Park. Another option could be some of the 70+ miles of trails provided by the Land Trust of North Alabama and held in six nature preserves. Only two miles from downtown, trails in Monte Sano Nature Preserve also connect with networks in the state park and Burritt on the Mountain.

**AFTERNOON** Whether you hiked over or drove to Burritt on the Mountain, this “jewel” sits atop Round Top Mountain. Take a guided or self-guided tour of the historic 19th-century Burritt Mansion and learn about farming in the 1800s from interpreters dressed in period clothing and through hands-on demonstrations. Kids love the animals at The McCurdy Barnyard.
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MOORESVILLE  (map B-4)
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TOWN OF MOORESVILLE

MOUTON  (map B-3)
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RUSSELLVILLE (map B-2)

BEAR CREEK LAKES

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staylodges.com.

STUDIO 9 INN & SUITES
studio9innsuites-decatur.wyndham.com.
256-393-8034. 440 Johnston St. SE, 35601.

SUPER 8 BY WYNDHAM
super8.com.
256-642-7125. 70 Marco Dr., 35603.

TIN TOP INN
tintopinn.com.
205-270-8655. 1796 CR 106, 35555.

FLORENCE (map A-2)

BAYMONT BY WYNDHAM
Florence/muscleshoals/baymontinn.com.
256-415-6754. 115 Ana Dr., 35603.

BUDGET INN
budgetinnflorence.com.
256-764-7621. 1238 Florence Blvd., 35630.

COMFORT SUITES SHAALS AREA
choicehotels.com.
256-246-2300. 140 Matthew Paul Ct., 35630.

FLORENCE INN & SUITES
florenceinnsuites.com.
256-766-2620. 1915 Florence Blvd., 35630.

GREAT AMERICAN HOTEL
256-760-8888. 400 S. Court St., 35630.

GUNRUNNER BOUTIQUE HOTEL
gunrunnerhotel.com.
256-349-5464. 310 E. Tennessee St., 35630.

HAMPTON INN & SUITES
hamptoninn.com.
256-764-8888. 2281 Florence Blvd., 35630.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES FLORENCE NORTHEAST
ihg.com/holidayinnexpress.
256-246-2200. 180 Etta Gray St., 35630.

MARRIOTT SHALS HOTEL & SPA
marrriott.com/hs/vd.
256-767-9282. 205 S. Court St., 35630.

MARRIOTT SHALS HOTEL & SPA
marrriott.com/hs/vd.
256-767-9282. 205 S. Court St., 35630.

RESIDENCE INN
marrriott.com/hs/vd.
256-767-9282. 205 S. Court St., 35630.

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studio9innsuites-decatur.wyndham.com.
256-393-8034. 440 Johnston St. SE, 35601.

SUPER 8
super8.com.
256-415-6754. 1796 CR 106, 35555.

THE STRICKLIN HOTEL
thestricklin.com.
256-248-9982. 317 N. Court St., 35630.

FORT PAYNE (map B-8)

DAYS INN BY WYNDHAM
Daysinn.com.
256-273-5034. 1416 Glen Blvd. SW, I-59 at Exit 218, 35968.

DESETO STATE PARK LODGE
alapark.com/deseoto-state-park.
256-845-5380. 1299 Ballock Dr., 35967.

ECO LODGE
choicehotels.com.
256-845-4013. 142 Glen Blvd. SW, 35967.

HAMPTON INN
hamptoninn.com.
256-304-2600. 1201 Jordan Rd. SW, 35968.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES
hiexpress.com/ftpayneal.
256-997-1020. 112 Airport Rd. W, 35968.

QUALITY INN
choicehotels.com.
256-845-2950. 102 Drinkard Dr. NW, 35967.

GADSDEN (map D-7)

BEST WESTERN PLUS
bestwestern.com.
256-570-1569. 205 Enterprise Dr., 35904.

BUDGET INN
bestbudgetinn.com.
256-543-3790. 2704 W. Meighan Blvd, 35904.

COMFORT SUITES GADSDEN ATALLA
comfortsuites.com.
256-539-5770. 96 Walker St., 35904.

ECONO LODGE GADSDEN ATALLA
choicehotels.com.
256-442-7913. 1612 W. Grand Ave., 35904.

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES
fairfieldinn.com/bhmgd.
256-538-2100. 116 Walker St., 35904.

GADSDEN INN & SUITES
gadsoninn.com.
256-543-7240. 200 Albert Rains Blvd., 35901.

HAMPTON INN
hamptoninn.com.
256-546-2337. 129 River Rd., 35901.

HAMPTON INN ATALLA I-59
hamptoninn.com.
256-538-5222. 210 Walker St., 35904.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES WEST-NEAR ATALLA
ihg.com/holidayinnexpress.
256-691-0225. 106 Walker St., 35904.

RED ROOF INN
redroofinn.com.
256-543-1105. 1600 Rainbow Dr., 35901.

REDWOOD INN
redwood-inn-motel.business.site.
256-543-8410. 201 N. Hood Ave., 35904.

RODEWAY INN
choicehotels.com.
256-543-0323. 3909 W. Meighan Blvd, 35904.

SUPER 8
super8.com.
256-547-9033. 2110 Rainbow Dr., 35901.

GUIN (map D-2)

HOLIDAY INN
hiexpress.com/holidayinn.
205-468-4625. 5750 AL Hwy. 44, 35563.
WHERE TO STAY

NORTH

SPRINGHILL SUITES HUNTSVILLE DOWNTOWN
marriott.com. 256-512-0188. 745 Constellation Place Dr. SW, 35801.

SPRINGHILL SUITES HUNTSVILLE WEST/RESEARCH PARK
marriott.com/hswve. 256-430-1485. 320 Providence Main St., 35806.

SUBURBAN EXTENDED STAY HOTEL HUNTSVILLE UNIVERSITY AREA
choicehotels.com. 256-489-4710. 3131 University Dr. NW, 35816.

SUPER 8 BY Wyndham
super8.com. 256-684-8199. 3803 University Dr. NW, 35816.

TOWNPLACE SUITES
marriott.com/bsvtu. 256-971-5277. 1125 Mcmurtrie Dr., 35806.

TOWNPLACE SUITES HUNTSVILLE WEST/ REDSTONE GATEWAY

VIP INN AND SUITES
256-881-7620. 10015 S. Memorial Pkwy., 35803.

THE WESTIN HUNTSVILLE

JASPER { map D-3 }

BUDGET INN
205-221-6430. 1301 U.S. Hwy. 78W, 35501.

COMFORT INN & SUITES

ECOLODGE

HAMPION INN
hamptoninn.com. 205-221-3334. 100 Industrial Pkwy., 35501.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

QUALITY INN JASPER HWY. 78

SLEEP INN & SUITES JASPER I-22

SUPER 8 BY Wyndham

KILLEN { map A-3 }

LAKE VIEW INN & SUITES
256-757-2167. 101 U.S. Hwy. 72, 35645.

MADISON { map B-5 }

AVID HOTEL MADISON - HUNTSVILLE WEST
ihg.com/avidhotels. 125 Graphics Dr., 35758.

BEST WESTERN PLUS MADISON-HUNTSVILLE HOTEL
bestwestern.com. 256-772-7170. 9035 Madison Blvd., 35758.

CLARION POINTE MADISON - HUNTSVILLE

COUNTRY INN & SUITES BY RADISSON
countryinns.com. 256-325-0007. 101 Westchester Dr., 35758.

ECOLODGE
choicehotels.com. 256-772-9550. 102 Arlington Dr., Blvd G, 35758.

HAMPION INN MADISON HUNTSVILLE AIRPORT

HILTON GARDEN INN MADISON HUNTSVILLE AIRPORT

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES HUNTSVILLE AIRPORT

HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON MADISON HUNTSVILLE AIRPORT

LA QUINTA INN & SUITES BY WYNDHAM HUNTSVILLE AIRPORT
lq.com. 256-258-2777. 105 Westchester Dr., 35758.

MADISON INN & SUITES
madisoninnandsuites.com. 256-256-2800. 8716 Madison Blvd., 35758.

QUALITY INN
choicehotels.com. 256-937-7537. 102 Arlington Dr., Blvd G, 35758.


WOODSPRING SUITES HUNTSVILLE MADISON
wwoodspring.com. 256-325-6300. 120 Brazelton Cir., 35758.

MOODY { map E-5 }

BEST WESTERN PLUS BASS HOTEL & SUITES

COMFORT INN & SUITES

SUPER 8 BY Wyndham

MOULTON { map B-3 }

DAYS INN BY WYNDHAM
daysinn.com. 256-974-1215. 1720 AL Hwy 157, 35650.

MUSCLE SHOALS { map A-2 }

DAYS INN BY WYNDHAM MUSCLE SHOALS

RED ROOF INN
redroof.com. 256-381-0236. 2807 Woodward Ave., 35661.

ONEONTA { map D-5 }

COVERED BRIDGE INN
205-625-3961. 120 High School St., 35121.

DAYS INN BY WYNDHAM

PELL CITY { map E-6 }

AMERICAS BEST VALUE INN - PELL CITY/RIVERSIDE

COMFORT SUITES
choicehotels.com. 205-338-5570. 270 Vaughan Lane, 35125.

HAMPION INN
hamptoninn.com. 205-814-3000. 201 Vaughan Lane, 35125.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES
ihg.com/holidayinnexpress. 205-884-0047. 240 Vaughan Lane, 35125.

LAKE FRONT HOTEL
205-338-2344. 4304 Martin St. S., 35125.

QUALITY INN

QUALITY INN I-20 EXIT 158

RAYSVILLE { map B-7 }

SUPER 8 BY WYNDHAM

RED BAY { map B-1 }

HOTEL RED BAY

ROGERSVILLE { map A-3 }

ECOLODGE

HAMPION INN & SUITES

QUALITY INN

RED ROOF INN & SUITES
scottsbororedroof.com. 256-574-6740. 23518 John T. Reid Pkwy., 35768.

SHEFFIELD { map A-2 }

CLARION INN
choicehotels.com. 256-381-4770. 4900 martin Blvd., 35660.

STEVENSON { map A-7 }

AMERICAN INN
facebook.com/americaninn stevenson. 256-437-2216. 42973 U.S. Hwy. 72, 35772.

TUSCUMBIA { map A-2 }

BEST WESTERN PLUS TUSCUMBIA/MUSCLE SHOALS HOTEL & SUITES
bestwestern.com. 256-386-9899. 1934 AL Hwy. 20, 35674.
**COLDWATER INN**

**CONFORT INN & SUITES TUSCUMBIA – MUSCLE SHOALS**

**KEY WEST INN**

**MICROTOL INN & SUITES BY WYNHADAM TUSCUMBIA/ MUSCLE SHOALS**

**VERNON** (map E-1)

**VERNON INN MOTEL**

**WINFIELD** (map D-2)

**HAMPTON INN**

**BED & BREAKFASTS**
Amenities vary by location and region. To learn the full range of options available, call your desired destination directly before you leave.

**ARAB** (map C-5)

**RUTH MOUNTAIN BED AND BREAKFAST**
facebook.com/ruthmountainandbreakfast. 256-412-7754. 5190 Ruth Rd., 35611. Furnished in period antiques features a wraparound porch with rocking chairs, movie room and common area with fireplace where guests can make coffee and relax in a warm and friendly environment.

**ATHENS** (map A-4)

**DROP INN**
thedroplfarm.com. 1185 Snake Rd., 35661. An early 20th-century farmhouse bed-and-breakfast furnished in period antiques features two rooms, each with a double bed and private bath. Horse riding is available at Drop Barn. There are facilities available for weddings, private events and parties.

**CRANE HILL** (map D-4)

**SMITH LAKE BED & BREAKFAST**
smithlakebandb.com. 256-747-6057. 994 CR 4230, 35053. A private resort on beautiful Lewis Smith Lake. Choose from luxury suites that have private entrances, kitchens and sleep up to five, or glamp in style in one of two Airstreams. Gourmet breakfast.

**FAYETTE** (map E-2)

**ROSE HOUSE INN**
orosehouseinn.net. 205-932-7673. 325 2nd Ave. NW, 35555. This beautifully restored 1898 Queen Anne Victorian offers a step back in time. Guest rooms are tastefully decorated with period antiques, with most having private baths. Wi-Fi and a generous breakfast are included.

**GUNTERSVILLE** (map C-6)

**LAKE GUNTERSVILLE BED & BREAKFAST**
lakeguntersvilllebandandbreakfast.com. 256-505-0133. 2204 Scott St., 35976. This registered historic home sits on a hill overlooking Lake Guntersville. All guest rooms have private baths and luxury robes for lounging, and most have a private entrance from the wraparound porches. Gourmet-style breakfast and complimentary happy hour each day.

**HUNTSVILLE** (map B-5)

**DOGWOOD MANOR GUESTHOUSE**

**LEESBURG** (map C-7)

**JOYLAND BED AND BREAKFAST**
joylandrk-leepsburg.com. 502-775-6556. 55 Keener Dr., 35983. This bed-and-breakfast has a wraparound porch with rocking chairs, movie room and common area with fireplace where guests can make coffee and relax in a warm and friendly environment.

**THE SECRET BED & BREAKFAST LODGE**
secretbedandbreakfastlodge.com. 256-523-3825. 2356 AL Hwy. 68W, 35983. Spectacular mountain top views atop Lookout Mountain Pkwy. and 180-degree panoramic view of beautiful Weiss Lake makes the perfect setting for this bed-and-breakfast. It features four unique guest cottages, guest rooms in the main lodge, rooftop pool, fireplace and Jacuzzi.

**MENTONE** (map B-8)

**MENTONE INN**

**MOUNTAIN VIEW INN**

**RAVEN HAVEN B&B**
ravenhavenbandb.info. 256-634-4310. 651 CR 644, 35984. Unique accommodations amidst nature’s beauty. All spacious rooms have private baths and include a full buffet breakfast. Smoke-free. Children over 14 welcome. No pets.

**THE LODGE ON GORHAM'S BLUFF**
gorhambluff.com. 256-451-8439. 101 Gorham Dr., 35765. Sit back in time to one of Alabama’s most beautiful antebellum mansions, featuring gracious verandas, garden lawns, intimate dining room, large game room and more. Spacious designer suites decorated with antique furniture accommodate 2-4 guests and have private baths.

**VALLEY HEAD** (map B-8)

**ANTEBELLUM WINSTON PLACE**
winstonplacebnb.com. 256-996-0094. 533 Railroad Ave., 35989. Step back in time to one of Alabama’s most beautiful antebellum mansions, featuring gracious verandas, garden lawns, intimate dining room, large game room and more. Spacious designer suites decorated with antique furniture accommodate 2-4 guests and have private baths.

**CABINS, COTTAGES, LODGOS & VACATION HOMES**
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**ALTOONA** (map C-6)

**WHIPPOORWILL CREEK RANCH CABIN**
airbnb.com/rooms/2763433. 205-446-5068. 2011 Gainsville Rd., 35552. Cute and rustic 1-bedroom cabin nestled in the woods located within Whippoowill Creek Ranch. The ranch has over 150 acres of beautiful scenery, a spring-fed creek, and several walking trails.

**BRYANT** (map A-8)

**GRANT SUMMIT CABINS**
grantsummitcabins.com. 256-657-0825, 359 CR 189, 35958. We offer all the amenities of home with the peace and relaxation of a secluded mountain cabin. Two- and 3-bedroom cabins feature fireplaces, charcoal grills.

**CEDAR BLUFF** (map C-8)

**WEISS LAKE HOUSE VACATION RENTAL**
weisslakehouse.com. 770-434-0871, 404-339-3592. 804 CR 668, 35959. Located on beautiful Weiss Lake, this house has an open and spacious floorplan with great room and large kitchen. It features a pedal-pusher swing, two huge sundecks and private dock. Fish, water ski, swim, climb, hike or simply escape for a relaxing vacation any season.

**CENTRE** (map C-8)

**COWAN CREEK RESORT**
cowancreekrresort.com. 256-475-3950. 3580 CR 22, 35960. This resort is located on beautiful Weiss Lake. Take in the breathtaking views from your screened-in porch. On-site amenities include a convenience store, boat, kayak and paddleboard rentals, and gift shop.

**CHEROKEE** (map A-1)

**BIG BEAR CABIN**
pickwickwaterfrontrentals.com. 901-412-5507. 791 Shook Rd., 35616. You may rent all or part of this large three-story, stone and cedar cabin. Six bedrooms, four baths, two kitchens, and two sets of washers/dryers. It also features a floating deck, paddleboat and pool table.

**COLLINSVILLE** (map C-7)

**COZY COUNTRY CABIN**
vrbo.com/111118. 256-523-5523. 2149 CR 6, 35961. A retreat from the hustle and bustle, this 2-bedroom cabin will remind guests of the simple life. Small stocked pond 30 feet from the front porch. Those who enjoy fossil finding and arrowhead collecting will enjoy exploring around the creek banks.

**CRANE HILL** (map D-4)

**SMITH LAKE RETREAT**
smithlakevacation.com. 205-902-6185. 101 CR 330, 35053. This two-story cedar-finished retreat hideaway over-looking Smith Lake has 4 bedrooms and 3 baths. It includes a rear porch that leads to a multi-level dock and 3 baths. It includes a rear porch that leads to a multi-level dock and a three-state panoramic mountainous view. A continental breakfast can be enjoyed each morning.

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WHERE TO STAY

CULLMAN (map C-4)

LITTLE'S ON THE LAKE littlesonthelake.com, 256-339-2342, 32 CR 386, 35055. Designed lakefront retreat featuring 2 bedrooms accommodating up to 10 comfortably with available bunk beds, large family room, kitchen and dining area.

SMITH LAKE MARINA & RESORT smithlakeamarina.com, 256-737-7317. 175 CR 312, 35057. Cabins feature 2 bedrooms with flat-screen TV, cable TV, sleeper sofa, dinette, stove, refrigerator and shower stall.

SMITH LAKE PARK cullmancountyparks.com/smithlake.html, 256-739-2916. 403 CR 385, 35057. Located on the shore of Lewis Smith Lake, the park features 9 cabins, pavilions, playground, pool, fishing pier and boat launch.

SMITH LAKE RENTALS smithlerentals.com, 700-806-0757, various locations on Smith Lake. Approximately 30 lake homes available. Enjoy the relaxing beauty of Smith Lake with all the comforts of home.

TH E BARN SMITH LAKE thebarnsmithlake.com, 256-566-8576, various locations on Smith Lake. 5 luxury properties available accommodating up to 80 guests. All properties are waterfront.

ELKMONT (map A-4)

VETO LODGE vetolodge.com. The Veto General Store recently opened as an Airbnb. The Lodge is 1,000 sq. ft. of wonderful open space. The interior design creates several cozy environments throughout the Lodge for TV watching, fireplace enjoying or reading. Accommodates six people in 1 queen bed and 2 queen futon beds.

FLAT ROCK (map A-B)

DOGWOOD HILLS GOLF RESORT & GARDENS dogwoodhillsgolfresortandgardens.com, 256-632-3634, 26460 AL Hwy, 71, 35966. Log cabin village located next to the fairways of Dogwood Hills Golf Resort. Experience the peace and serenity while rocking on the front porch surrounded by natural wildflowers and native shrubs.

FLORENCE (map A-2)

SHOAL CREEK GIBBONS HOME shoalcreekgibbonshome.com, 256-767-0764, 200 Maury Lane, 35634. A 2,400-sq.-ft. 3-bedroom, 2-bath home on Wilson Lake is convenient to all that the Shoals has to offer. It features 2 adults, 2 youth sleepers, games and 150 feet of water frontage. The 2-bedroom, 2-bath guest house is offered as an add-on.

FORT PAYNE (map B-8)

BEAR CREEK LOG CABINS bearccreeklogcabins.com, 256-845-2584. 923 CR 252, 35967. Reconstructed from original 1800s American pioneer log cabins and restored on 201 acres of seclued farmland on Lookout Mountain. All cabins have modern amenities, including hot tubs. Pet friendly.

DE SOTO STATE PARK CABINS AND CHALETS alapark.com/log-cabins. 256-845-5380, 1299 Blalock Dr., 35967. Enjoy a peaceful getaway on Lookout Mountain in one of the fully furnished 2-bedroom, 1-bath log cabins or 1-bedroom, 1-bath A-frame chalets with open lofts. Also available are four 1-bedroom rustic cabins that have an open living room/ kitchen concept.

GREAT BUCK LODGE greatbucklodge.com, 256-996-0611. 106A Fox Ave., 35967. In the historic Fort Payne area, this lodge sleeps 20 people in luxury in three distinct private or combined areas. Each section features its own kitchen and living, dining and laundry rooms. Perfect for retreats, weddings, family reunions and groups.

T.A.S. LODGING tasadventuresports.com, 256-997-9577, 1301 AL Hwy, 176, 35967. TAS offers cabin, chalet, house, dorm room and campsite lodging options on Little River. Cabin and relax at a rustic cabin or hide away at a beautiful chalet with all of the comforts of home.

WILLS CREEK CABIN willscreekravenspark.com, 256-845-6203. 1310 Airport Rd. W, 35968. Cozy 1-bedroom cabin, located in a quiet setting. This cabin is fully furnished with a queen-size bed, full bath, living room, kitchenette and screened-in front porch for relaxing.

GUNTERSVILLE (map C-6)

BEDDINGFIELD HOMES facebook.com/Beddingfieldvibrarental, 256-729-3901. Luxurious waterfront homes on Lake Guntersville. The Savannah home at Signal Point has 7 bedrooms, 5 baths and sleeps 23. The Wyeth House has 6 bedrooms, 4 baths and sleeps 17.

CATTS CRADLE facebook.com/catsscradle. 256-302-6487, 2012 Wyeth Dr., 35976. Waterfront vacation rental house located on beautiful Lake Guntersville has 4 bedrooms and 2 baths. The park-like setting on the private beach, boat launch and large private pier only begin to name a few of the amenities.

CREEKSIDE CABINS marshallcountyvcb.com, 256-506-2615, 35976. Perfect getaway for grilling and chilling after a long day out on the lake fishing, skiing, tubing. Near golf course, walking trails.

GUNTERSVILLE GETAWAY guntersvillegetaway.com, 256-571-5080, 280 Morrow Dr., 35976. This private, waterfront home is nestled in a small cove on beautiful Guntersville Lake. Features include Wi-Fi, boat slip, boat lift, and scenic views from each bedroom and living room. Boat house has power, water, cleaning station and freezer. Pets considered.

H OOK & BULLET HIDEAWAY airbnb.com/rooms/33530436. 256-302-3032, 3880 Warrenton Rd., 35976. This quiet and quaint 2-bedroom, 2-bath house is nestled just .3 miles from Warrenton boat launch on beautiful Lake Guntersville. Lots of privacy for grilling out and sitting by the firepit. Perfect for families, fishermen or hunters.

KUDZU COVE CABINS kudzucove.com. 256-571-5915. 1576 Buck Island Rd., 35976. All those who enjoy the outdoors will find these cabins a special place for relaxation and adventure. Conveniently located on the banks of the Tennessee River. Each cabin/ chalet is custom designed in a different theme.


OSSA-WIN-THA RESORT 256-582-4595. 212 Ossa Win Tha Rd., 35976. These lakeside cottages are ideal when you are ready to fish. On-site boat launches will have you on the water faster.

POLECAT PLACE vrbo.com/193622. 256-298-0444. 4103 Hideaway Dr., 35976. Situated on Poolec Hollow on beautiful Lake Guntersville, this charming cabin with separate units offers complete rest and enjoyment. Free, private boat slip inside boathouse with electrical. Fishing pier with 8 to 10 feet of water at dock. Free Wi-Fi. Pet-friendly.

RESTORATION LOG CABINS restorationlogcabinrentals.com, 256-658-3244. Five beautifully restored 1800s log cabin vacation rentals along the southern end of the Appalachian Mountains in gorgeous North Alabama.

RIVER RIDGE RETREAT riverridgedcaverns.com, 256-505-1454, 2450 Monsanto Rd., 35976. Private and quiet, these new cabins located along the mountain range just outside Guntersville offer a restful retreat. Last year, glamping sites as well as full hookup campsites were added. Cabins sleep up to 4 comfortably.

W ATERFRONT BAY waterfrontbay.com, 256-444-5017, 6989 Scottsboro Hwy, 79, 35769. Tucked in a cozy inlet of Lake Guntersville, these cabins await the avid fisherman. Each cabin’s covered front porch provides the perfect view of the lake and features 2 bedrooms, 2 baths and 2 covered boat ports.

HODGES (map C-1)

HODGES EQUESTRIAN PARK hodgesequestrianpark.com, 205-935-3436. 331 Trail Head Rd., 35571. A cozy cabin sleeps 4 and includes a full-size shoes, full-size kitchen appliances and utensils. Access to 4 private, covered stalls.

HUNTSVILLE (map B-5)

MONTE SANO STATE PARK CABINS alapark.com, 256-534-3575, 3105 Kolen Ave., 35901. Each quaint, stone cabin is built in the Arts and Crafts style with a handcrafted stone fireplace and original wood floor. Step onto the side screen porch to take in the fresh mountain air and breathtaking panoramic view of the natural surroundings. Accessible and pet-friendly options.

LEESBURG (map C-7)

CHESNUT BAY RESORT chesnutbayresort.com, 256-220-4180, 4840 CR 44, 35983. Family resort with lakeside rental homes, each with its own character and style. Amenities include swimming pools, lake water slide, beach, walking trails and playgrounds. Choose from lake houses of all shapes and sizes with beautiful views of Weiss Lake.

M ENTONE (map B-8)

BELLA VISTA ON THE BROW monterenitals.com, 256-597-3556, 16567 CR 89, 35984. Perched on the edge of Lookout Mountain, Bella Vista is close to downtown shopping and DeSoto State Park. Features 2 bedrooms, sun porch, outdoor fireplace and satellite TV.

THE CHALETS OF MENTONE 256-657-8330, 168 Rd. 934, 35984. This 1500-sq.-ft. cabin has 2 bedroom, 2 full baths, custom kitchen, tile floors, pool table and a heart-shaped Jacuzzi tub in the master bath. Guests also may enjoy the hot tub and gas grill on the porch.
CHESNT NUTS OAKS COTTAGE vrbo.com/437026. 256-997-5555. 16485 CR 89, 35984. Our cottage, nestled on the west brow of Lookout Mountain between the historic towns of Mentone and DeSoto State Park, has a wraparound porch with rockers to enjoy the breathtaking view.


COTTAGES OF MENTONE cottagesofmentone.com. 504-481-8666. 16569 CR 89, 35984. Charming rental cottages on the brow, river or nestled in the woods located atop Lookout Mountain in the quaint town of Mentone. Coming soon…don’t miss our bed-and-stay.

CRAIGSMER ANE craigsmereanor.com. 256-977-5555. 17871 CR 89, 35984. This historic building, once home to Craigsmere Manna restaurant, is now Mentone’s premier accommodation for large groups, capable of sleeping up to 12 with 6 bedrooms and 4 baths.

HAWK’S NEST HIDEAWAY vrbo.com/251357. 225-572-4316. 154 CR 9002, 35984. This 2-bedroom, 2-bath mountain retreat offers the perfect combination of beautiful scenery and comfortable amenities, such as the clear running creek, pond with plenty of fish, hot tub, gas grill and Wi-Fi.

LITTLE RIVER CABIN littlerivercabin.com. 678-372-1687. 12998 CR 103, 35984. High atop Lookout Mountain and overlooking the Little River, this charming cabin features 2 bedrooms, sleeping loft and 2 baths. Guests can enjoy the private dock, 2 kayaks and fishing boat.

LITTLE RIVER RHYMEL littleriverrhymel.com. 352-250-6521. 35984. On 6 acres and nearly 500 feet of private riverfront, this retreat overlooks the Little River amongst pines, dogwoods, mountain laurel and rhododendron. Two units in one, 3-level log home capable of sleeping up to 6 or 20.


MENTONE LOG CABINS mentoneologcabins.com. 256-657-4335. 250 CR 600, 35984. Cabins feature fireplaces, whirlpool tub in bedroom and hot tub on deck. Cabins are fully furnished with washer and dryer, dishwasher, central heat and air, front and rear porch, and gas grill.

MENTONE MOUNTAIN GETAWAYS mentonemountaingetaways.com. 888-920-8445. 15259 CR 89, 35984. These cabins are nicely furnished and well maintained. We take pride in our cabins to ensure the perfect atmosphere for you here on Lookout Mountain!

MENTONE RENTAL CABINS mentonereentalcabins.com. 205-532-6111. Various locations, 35967. Our cabins provide the doorstep to the unsurpassed natural beauty of Mentone and DeSoto State Park. Explore clear streams, secluded mountain trails, forgotten natural beauty, a peaceful environment, cool breezes and abundant wildlife.

MENTONE VACATION RENTALS mentonевacationrentals.com. 205-604-1093. Various locations, 35967. Soak in an authentic vacation experience in one of the 5-star-rated, rustic, luxury vacation rental cabins, lodges or chalets that sit atop beautiful Lookout Mountain. The veteran/ family-owned property offers stunning vistas, a fountain, dogwoods, a pond and beautiful rock formations.

MOUNTAINWOOD COTTAGES mountainwoodcottages.com. 930-610-7542. 2214 CR 89, 35984. Amenities include a full kitchen with all new full-size appliances, including stove, refrigerator, built-in microwave and dishwasher. Back porch deck extends the length of the cottage. Full-size gas grill and hot tub for four.

RENTAL CABINS AT MENTONE freightcreekcabin.com/milhamreecabinrentals. 256-634-0046. 205-415-8785. 109 CR 9080, 35984. Tommy and Betty Milham invite you to come away to Mentone on Lookout Mountain. Three beautiful, award-winning cabins; 3-acre lake for canoeing and fishing; hot tubs; Jacuzzis; fireplaces.

SETASPEL BY THE LAKE vrbo.com/427913. 256-997-5555. 470 CR 637, 35967. A rustic cabin located on a beautiful rocky site on Little River’s Lake Lahusage, just a few miles out of Mentone. Spend time relaxing on the porch watching the birds, squirrels, or swim and canoe in the lake.

STONE RIDGE COTTAGES vrbo.com/90872. homeaway.com/ 3571237, 256-634-9031. 21595 Scenic Dr., 35984. Two cottages with wonderful views of the valley. One unique cottage features stone walls, Wi-Fi, satellite TV and hot tub. The second Pottery Barn-style cottage has 1 bedroom and hot tub.

SUMMER HAVEN summerhaven-desotofalls.com. 256-634-4025. 132 CR 650, 35984. Sleep to the sound of DeSoto Falls in one of two cabins that overlook the beautiful waterfall. Both are decorated with antiques, and guests can take a swim in the pool on the property.


MUSCLE SHOALS (map A-2)


RED RAY (map B-1)

CREEKSIDE COTTAGE airbnb.com/rooms/26465075. 256-668-0045. 619 Waldrep Dr., 35582. Well-maintained 2 bedroom/2 bath cabin that sleeps up to 6 guests in Red Bay. Up to 2 pets welcome in the downstairs area.

THE FANCHER GUESTHOUSE airbnb.com/rooms/25517578. 256-460-0288. 609 4th St. SE, 35582. 1 bedroom cottage with hot tub and full kitchen, TV/VCR and private bath. Pets welcome.

ROGERSVILLE (map A-3)

JOE WHEELER STATE PARK COTTAGES alapark.com/joe-wheeler-state-park. 256-247-5461. 4401 McLean Dr., 35652. Ten lakeside cottages, located at the mouth of First Creek, have 2 or 3 bedrooms, each with a wonderful view of Wheeler Lake. All have satellite TV, central heat and air, fireplaces and kitchens. Some also have accessibility and allow pets.

SCOTTSBORO (map B-7)


GOOSE POND COLONY goosespond.org. 256-912-0592. 417 Ed Hembree Dr., 35769. Enjoy two beautiful, 18-hole championship golf courses, comfortable lakefront cottages, lodge, relaxing waterfront campground, full-service marina, meeting facilities, The Docks Restaurant, swimming pool and beach area.

JACKSON COUNTY PARK CABINS jacksoncounty.gov/jackson_county_park. 256-574-4719. 2302 County Park Rd., 35769. Sitting only 4 miles from the Tennessee River channel, it is the perfect spot for the eager fisherman, duck hunter, boater, swimmer or water skier.

LAKE LANDS LIMITED VACATION RENTALS lakesl.com. 256-571-5915. Multiple locations. Choose from 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom cabins rental with open floor plans in the waterfront Lakeside, dog pond, tennis, basketball play areas. Situated on beautiful Lake Guntersville or Kudzu Cove just off the banks of the Tennessee River.

STEELE (map D-6)

HORSE PENS 40 hp40.com. 256-538-7439. 3525 CR 42, 35987. Nine rustic cabins that sleep up to 6 each an unrestored atopol Chandler Mountain at our historic outdoor nature park. Rates include bouldering until sundown the day you leave.

TOWN CREEK (map B-3)


JOE WHEELER STATE PARK CABINS & COTTAGES alapark.com. 256-685-2686. 730 Park Rd., 35769. Whether you arrive by land or water, there’s no mistaking the beauty and serenity of this 2,550-acre resort park. Choose a lakeside cottage, cozy cabin or room at the rustic group lodge.

VINA (map C-1)

SLEEPY HOLLOW CABIN RENTALS franklincounty chamber.org/accommodations. 256-412-3807. 150 Wetherford Rd., 35593. The three cabins are on 4 wooded acres with a stream dividing it. It is secluded, quiet and peaceful, yet is only 2 miles off Hwy. 24 and only 5 miles from the town of Red Bay. Nonsmoking. Pet friendly.

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Arthur James Davis’ photo of fishermen at Dauphin Island won second place in the Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest’s Nature-Based Recreation category.
OUTDOORS

Seek outdoor adventures in a state that offers an endless variety of them.

Walk on sugar-like, white-sand beaches; paddle gorgeous lakes and rivers; take shady walks through towering forests; witness thundering waterfalls; or explore some of the nation’s most spectacular caves. Want something different? Experience some of the country’s best bouldering; hike through the southern Appalachian Mountains on more than 330 miles of the Pinhoti Trail, which connects with the Appalachian Trail; or cast your line in a state known for some of the world’s best bass fishing. Hunt for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, bobwhite quail and other game. Or, if simple discovery and quiet observation are your preference, bring binoculars to appreciate this birding paradise while also getting acquainted with the incredible wealth of exotic plants and animals that have earned Alabama the title of America’s Amazon. For more about the adventures that await you, visit outdooralabama.com.
BRINGING THE OUTDOORS INTO FOCUS

BY RICK HARMON
Imagine the most beautiful photographed landscape you have ever seen. Now, multiply that by the thousands and place yourself and your family into these masterpieces. Welcome to Alabama.

WHO BETTER TO SHOW the sublimity of Alabama’s outdoors than the people exploring it? The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, in conjunction with the Alabama Tourism Department, holds an annual Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest in which amateur photographers can enter photos taken on their in-state outings. Here are some of the winning images.

STATE PARKS
Cheaha State Park
First Place
Photographer: Keith Bozeman
Location: Delta
Experience: Transport yourself to what feels like a rock island in the sky when you take the Mountain Laurel Trail to Rock Garden Outlook. From here, you can view Alabama’s vast Talladega National Forest from Cheaha Mountain, the state’s highest point, inside Cheaha State Park, Alabama’s oldest state park.

SWEET HOME ALABAMA
USS Alabama Battleship and Skyline
First Place
Photographer: Gwen Ainsworth
Location: Mobile
Experience: Bright lights, big...battleship. Catch the illuminated glory of WWII battleship the USS Alabama, one of the country’s top military attractions, against the backdrop of Mobile.

Visit outdooralabama.com/outdoor-alabama-photo-contest to see more winning photographs and to submit your images for future contests.
Whatever you want to explore—mountains, beaches, forests, lakes, rivers or caves—this landscape holds such a diversity of flora and fauna that Alabama contains what has been called America’s Amazon.

**SCENIC**

**Canyon Cascade**
*First Place*
*Photographer:* Keith Bozeman  
*Location:* Bankhead National Forest  
*Experience:* Cascading sunlight highlights the primordial beauty of a canyon bottom in Bankhead National Forest, one of four national forests in Alabama and home to the Sipsey Fork.

**NATURE-BASED RECREATION**

**Full Moon Fishing at Lake Guntersville**
*First Place*
*Photographer:* Christopher Baker  
*Location:* Guntersville  
*Experience:* When the sun goes down, pull up largemouth bass in the cool resplendence of moonlit Lake Guntersville, Alabama’s largest lake.
STATE PARKS

Call 800-ALA-PARK for more information or to make reservations. You also can find us at our website: alapark.com or e-mail: dcnr.parkspr@dcnr.alabama.gov. Refer to page 160 for map locations.

NORTH

| 1 | BUCK'S POCKET | 2000 | 23 |
| 2 | CATHEDRAL CAVERNS | 493 | 11 |
| 3 | DEGO * | 3502 | 94 |
| 4 | JOE WHEELER * | 2550 | 196 |
| 5 | LAKE GUNTERSVILLE * | 6000 | 296 |
| 6 | MONTE SANO | 2140 | 89 |
| 7 | RICKWOOD CAVERNS | 380 | 13 |

CENTRAL

| 8 | CHEAH * | 2799 | 112 |
| 9 | LAKE LURLEEN | 1625 | 91 |
| 10 | OAK MOUNTAIN | 9940 | 166 |
| 11 | WIND CREEK | 1445 | 606 |

SOUTH

| 12 | BLADON SPRINGS | 357 | 10 |
| 13 | BLUE SPRINGS | 103 | 47 |
| 14 | CHEWACAL | 696 | 36 |
| 15 | CHICKASAW | 520 | 3 |
| 16 | FRANK JACKSON | 2050 | 32 |
| 17 | LAKEPOIN * | 1220 | 192 |
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| 20 | GULF * | 6150 | 496 |
| 21 | MEAMER | 1327 | 61 |

HISTORICAL

Historical parks are not operated by the Parks Division—please call individual park.
## STATE PARKS, RECREATION TRAILS & NATIONAL FORESTS

**BASS TRAIL**
fishalabama.org

1—Lake Guntersville  
2—Wheeler Lake  
3—Pickwick Lake  
4—Weiss Lake  
5—Lewis Smith Lake  
6—Neely Henry Lake  
7—Logan Martin Lake  
8—Lay Lake

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**WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS:** 334-242-3469

**NATIONAL FOREST RECREATIONAL AREAS:** 334-832-4470

### CAMPGROUNDS

**GULF COAST**

**BAY MINETTE**  (map N-3)  
Carol Hodgsion Arena RV & Campground  
cityofbayanette.org/carlodgison-arena  
251-380-1879, 45421 Pine Grove Rd., 36570  
REH, BF

**CITRONELLE**  (map N-2)  
Citronelle Lakeview RV Park  
cityofcitronelle.com  
251-866-9647, 17850 Municipal Park Dr., 36522  
REH, RSH, RW, PA, BF, LF, PC

**CREOLA**  (map N-2)  
I-65 RV Campground  
i65rvcampground.com  
251-675-6347, 7930 Jackson Rd., 36525  
REH, RSH, RW, PA, BF, LF, PC, CS

**DAUPHIN ISLAND**  (map P-2)  
Dauphin Island Campground  
dauphinisland.org  
251-861-2338, 1306 Bienville Blvd., 36530  
REH, RSH, RW, PA, BF, LF, PC

**ELBERTA**  (map P-3)  
Lake Osprey RV Resort  
lakesoaprey.com  
251-986-3800, 12054 Gateway Dr., 36530  
REH, RSH, RW, PA, BF, LF, WI

**FAIRHOPE**  (map P-3)  
Coastal Haven RV Park  
facebook.com/coastal-haven-rv-park  
1695660520674861, 251-990-9011, 251-929-4298, 1051 CR 32, 36532  
REH, RSH, RW, PA, BF, LF, WI

**FOLEY**  (map P-3)  
Ahoy RV Resort  
ahoyrvresort.com  
251-233-7250, 13000 Springsteen Lane, 36535  
REH, RW, PA, BF, LF, WI

**FOLEY OAKS RV RESORT**  
foleyoaks.com  
251-970-0100, 9619 CR 65, 36535  
REH, RSH, RW, PA, BF, LF, WI

**GREEN COVE**  
Johnnys Lakeside RV Resort  
johnnyslakesidervresort.com  
251-970-3733, 15810 AL Hwy. 59, 36535  
REH, RSH, RW, PA, BF, LF, WI

**MAGNOLIA FARMS RV PARK**  
magnoliafarmsrvpark.com  
251-928-7335, 13831 Lipscomb Rd., 36535  
REH, RSH, RW, PA, BF, LF, WI

**MAGNOLIA SPRINGS RV PARK**  
gorvingal.com  
251-965-6777, 109 Bienville Ave., 36528  
REH, RSH, RW, PA, BF, LF, WI

**BEACH EXPRESS RV PARK**  
beachexpressrvpark.com  
251-970-7277, 22225 U.S. Hwy. 98, 36533  
REH, RSH, RW, PA, BF, LF, WI

**BELL TERRA OF GULF SHORES**  
bellaterraarrvresorts.com  
251-970-2370, 886-417-2416, 101 Viabella Terrace, 36535  
REH, RSH, RW, PA, BF, LF, WI

**BLUEGRASS RV PARK**  
251-917-8047, 2403 U.S. Hwy. 98, 36535  
REH, RSH, RW, PA, BF, LF, WI

**CREEKSIDE RV RESORT**  
facebook.com/rvresortfoley  
251-978-9111, 21240 Mctin Rd, 36535  
REH, RSH, RW, PA, BF, LF, WI

**DRIFTWOOD RV PARK**  
driftwoodrvparkalabama.com  
251-597-9825, 9318 U.S. Hwy. 98, 36532  
REH, RSH, RW, PA, BF, LF, WI

**PA: Pets Allowed**  
**BF: Bathroom Facilities**  
**FL: On-site Laundry Facilities**  
**WI: Wi-Fi**  
**PC: Primitive Camping**  
**CS: Camp Store**

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<td>allaboutrelaxingrv.com</td>
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<td>251-600-9170. 1853 Grantham Rd., 36535. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, LF, WI</td>
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<td>homervc.com, 251-975-2484.</td>
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<td>baybreezer.com, 251-540-2362. 1901 Bay Breeze Pkwy., 36542.</td>
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<td>docsrvpark.com, 251-968-4511. 17595 AL Hwy. 180W, 36542.</td>
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magnoliabrack.com, 251-446-3423.

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barwrpark.com, 334-887-3631.

CHEWACULA STATE PARK CAMPGROUND
alapark.com, 334-897-5621.

EAGLE’S LANDING RV PARK
eagleslandingrv.com, 334-821-8805.

UNIVERSITY STATION RV RESORT
universitystationrv.com, 334-821-8986.

ALABAMA STATE RV CAMPGROUND
alapark.com.

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recreation.gov. 334-855-2746.

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FOSQUER CREEK CAMPGROUND
recreation.gov. 334-402-1608.

DOOTHAN (map M-9)
A-OAKY RV PARK
aokyrpark.com, 334-718-7576.

DOOTHAN RV PARK
cherryblossomrv.com, 334-792-3212.

HARPERS HAPPy HIDEAWAY RV PARK
facebook.com/harpershappyyhideaway.

ROSEMONT RV PARK
rosenortrvpark.com, 334-661-5632.

TODD FARMS RV PARK
toddfarmsrv.com/toddfarmsrv.

DOZIER (map L-7)
CYPRESS LANDING RV CAMPGROUND
2249 Riverdale Dr., 36028.

LAKE EUFAULA CAMPGROUND
lakeeufaulacampground.com.

LAKE WHITE OAK CAMPGROUND (USACE)
recreation.gov. 334-687-3101.

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capitalelverpark.net, 2465 Old Wetumpka Hwy., 36010.

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recreation.gov. 334-269-1053.

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alapark.com, 334-858-6425.

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alapark.com, 334-872-5846.

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recreation.gov. 334-875-9554.

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oldstephens.net.

ST. STEPHENS (map L-2)
TALLADEGA (map F-7)
CLEAR CREEK COVE RV RESORT
cclrvresort.com, 256-589-5377.
REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, LF
TALLADEGA CREEKSIDE RESORT
talladegaresortresorts.com,
256-362-9053. 760 Lake Whittland Dr.,
35160. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, WI
TOP TRAILS
toptrails.net, 256-649-0813.
1247 Home Dr., 35160. REH, RWH, PA, BF, PC
TUSCALOOSA (map G-4)
COACHES CORNER RV PARK
coachescornersrvpark.com, 205-722-2048.
RANCH
WHIPPOORWILL CREEK
8240. 396 SMPA Blvd., 35950.
sandmountainpark.com.
SAND MOUNTAIN PARK
alapark.com.
205-388-1111.
CAMPGROUND (USACE)
DEERLICK CREEK PARK
35401. 205-722-2048. 103 Hargrove Rd.,
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toptrails.net, 256-649-0813.
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LAKE LURLEEN STATE PARK
alapark.com, 205-339-1558. 3226 Lake Lurleen Rd.,
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sandmountainpark.com, 256-891-8240. 396 SMPA Blvd.,
35950. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, LF
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WHIPPPOORWILL CREEK RANCH
campthecreek.com, 205-446-5068.
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HIDDEN COVE RV RESORT
thousandstrails.com/alabama/
hidden-cove-rv-resort.
205-221-7042. 687 CR 3919, 35541.
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ASHVILLE (map D-6)
GREENSPORT RV PARK & CAMPGROUND
greensportrvpark.com, 205-505-0027.
130 Greensport, 35952. From our family to
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CURLEY’S COVE RV PARK
curleyscove.com, 256-996-5769.
8840 CR 44, 35959. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, WI
DRIFTWOOD FAMILY CAMPGROUND
facebook.com/driftwoodfamilycampground, 256-526-8069.
500 CR 600, 35959. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, WI
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BAY SPRINGS CAMPGROUND
256-927-8224. 2520 CR 61, 35960.
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bayspringscountryinn.com, 256-927-3618.
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PRUETT’S LAKESIDE CAMPGROUND
256-927-2975, 550 CR 311, 35961. REH, RWH, PA, BF, WI
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COLBERT ROSE TRAIL PARK
colbertcounty.org/parks/motortrailpark,
256-360-2764. 9395 Riverton Rose Trail,
35561. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, PC
CRANE HILL (map D-4)
ARROWHEAD RV PARK
arrowheadparksmithlake.com,
256-747-2159. 761 CR 941, 35053.
REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, LF, CS
THE LOST COVE
205-563-0067. 188 CR 177, 35053.
REH, RSH, RWH, PA, WI
CULLMAN (map C-4)
CULLMAN CAMPGROUND
 Alleyheadparksmithlake.com,
256-743-5833, 220 CR 1185, 35053.
REH, RWH, PA, BF, LF, WI, PC
SMITH LAKE PARK
smithlake.html, 256-739-2916.
413 CR 386, 35057. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, PC, CS
SPORTSMAK LAKE PARK
smithlake.com, 256-734-3052.
1500 Noccalula Rd., 35901.
noccalulafallspark.com/campground.
CAMPGROUND
LITTLE RIVER RV PARK & CAMPGROUND
littleriverpark.com, 256-619-2267.
1357 CR 261, 35557. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, LF, WI
WILLS CREEK RV PARK
wilscreekrvpark.com, 256-845-4703. 1900 Airport Rd. W,
35967. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, LF, WI

GADSDEN (map D-7)
THE COVE LAKESIDE RV RESORT & CAMPGROUND
thecoverv.com, 256-467-3158.
4022 Old Pump Station Rd., 35904.
REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, LF, WI
NOCCALULA FALLS RV & CAMPGROUND
noccalulafallsrv.com, 256-549-4663.
1500 Nooccalula Rd., 35904.
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FORT PAYNE (map B-8)
DESOSE STATE PARK CAMPGROUND
alapark.com, 256-845-5075.
7104 DeSoto Pkwy. NW, 35967.
REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, LF, WI
LITTLE RIVER RV PARK & CAMPGROUND
littleriverpark.com,
256-619-2267. 1357 CR 261, 35557. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, LF, WI
WILLS CREEK RV PARK
wilscreekrvpark.com, 256-845-4703. 1900 Airport Rd. W,
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HONEYCOMB CAMPGROUND
honeycomb.com, 256-582-3984.
1188 Campground Rd., 35904.
REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, LF, WI, PC, CS

POINT MILLARD CAMPGROUND
pointmillardpark.com,
256-341-4826. 2600 C Point Millard Dr.,
35601. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, LF, WI, PC, CS

DOUBLE SPRINGS (map C-3)
BANKHEAD NATIONAL FOREST—CORINTH CAMPGROUND
recreation.gov, 205-300-1513.
Bankhead National Forest, 2540 CR 57,
35553. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, PC

FAYETTE (map E-2)
TIN TOP INN & CAMPGROUND
tintopinn.com, 205-270-8655.
1790 CR 941, 35553. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, LF

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MCFARLAND PARK CAMPGROUND
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TWIN FORKS CAMPGROUND
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campground bear-creek-al
10971373617785, 205-486-4707.
205-269-3534. 740 Twin Forks Rd.,
35543. REH, RWH, PA, BF, PC

BEAR CREEK (map C-2)
BOAZ (map C-6)
BOAZ RV PARK
boazrvpark.com, 256-490-5960.
319 Billy Dyar Blvd., 35957. REH, RWH, PA, BF
CEDAR BLUFF (map C-8)
THE COVE RESTAURANT,
CAMPGROUND & MOTEL
althoughthereverv.com, 256-775-6683.
1210 CR 131, 35959. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, PC
DECATUR (map B-4)
JAY LANDINGS MARINA & RV PARK
jaylandingsrvpark.com, 256-303-3880.
1600 AL Hwy 20W, 35601. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, WI

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HODGES EQUESTRIAN PARK hodgesequesitripark.com. 205-935-3436. 531 Trail Head Rd., 35571. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, PC

HUNTSVILLE (map B-5)
DITTO LANDING dittollanding.org. 205-882-1057. 293 Ditto Landing Rd. SE. 35803. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, WI

MONTE SANO STATE PARK CAMPGROUND alapark.com. 256-534-6859. 5105 Nolen Ave., 35801. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, LF, PC, CS

MOUNTAIN BREEZE RV PARK 256-200-5133. 3829 U.S. Hwy. 231, Laceys Spring. 35754. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, LF, PC

U.S. SPACE & ROCKET CENTER RV PARK spacecamp.com/travel/rvpark. 256-722-5604. 1 Tranquility Base. 35805. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, LF

JASPER (map D-3)
BANKHEAD NATIONAL FOREST—CLEAR CREEK CAMPGROUND recreation.gov. 205-300-1463. Bankhead National Forest, 8079 Fall City Rd., 35503. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, PC

WINDEMERE COVE windemerecovercove.com. 256-228-7010. 1014 CR 67. 35575. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF

LEESBURG (map C-7)
CHESNUT BAY RV RESORT chesnutbaycampground.com. 256-526-7779. 256-526-7778. 4507 CR 147. 35983. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, LF, WI

JOYLAND RV PARK joylandrvpark-leesburg.com. 502-778-6565. 55 Keener Dr., 35983. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, PC

LEESBURG LANDING & RV PARK leesburgal.com. 256-526-8800. 256-557-9377. 100 Riverside St., 35983. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, PC

WEISS LAKE RV PARK weisslakervpark.com. 678-571-1796. 55 CR 913, 35983. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, PC

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1776 RV & CAMPGROUND 1776rv.com. 256-619-1776. 3588 AL Hwy. 117. 35984. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, WI, PC, CS

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COLBERT COUNTY ALLOYS PARK colbertcounty.org/parks/alloyspark. 256-577-9619. 180 Alloys Park Lane. 35661. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, WI, PC

PELL CITY (map E-6)
GENERAL LEE MARINA AND CAMPGROUND generalleeal.com. 205-525-5114. 4630 Martin St. S. Cropwell. 35504. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, LF, WI, PC

PHIL CAMPELL (map C-2)
DISMALS CANYON dismalscanyon.com/campsites. 205-993-4359. 901 CR 8, 35581. PA, PC, CS

ROGERSVILLE (map A-3)
JOE WHEELER STATE PARK CAMPGROUND alapark.com. 256-247-1814. 3171 McLean Dr., 35652. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, LF, WI, PC

WHEELER RESERVATION CAMPGROUND laurendalecounty.gov/index.php/parks-recreation. 256-760-5876. 200 AL Hwy. 101. 35652. REH, RWH, PA, BF

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BEAR CREEK LAKES—ELLIOTT BRANCH bearcreeklakes.com. 256-332-4392. 129 Elliott Branch Rd., Hodges. 35563. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF

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BECK CREEK CAMPGROUND cedarridgecampgroundal.com. 267-668-3438. 140 Campground Rd., 35633. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, LF, CS

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CRAWFORD RV PARK crawfordrvpark.com. 256-574-5366. 4320 S. Broad St., 35769. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, WI

GOOSE POND COLONY RESORT CAMPGROUND goosepond.com. 256-912-0075. 417 Ed Hemmree Dr., 35769. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, PC

JACKSON COUNTY PARK jacksoncountyrvpark.com. 256-574-8791. 2302 County Rd. 35769. REH, RWH, PA, BF, WI, PC

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HAWK PRIDE MOUNTAIN OFFROAD hawkpridegroundoffroad.com. camping. 256-349-4500. 144 Mountain Side Rd., 35674. REH, RWH, PA, PC

HERITAGE ACRES RV PARK heritageacresrvpark.com. 256-383-7388. 1770 Neil Morris Rd., 35674. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, LF, WI, CS

SEVEN SPRINGS LODGE AND RATTLESNAKE SALOON seven springsodge.net. 256-370-7288. 1620 US Hwy. 72W (16 Florida Lane for GPS), 35674. REH, RWH, PA, BF, LF, WI, PC

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RICKWOOD CAVERNS STATE PARK CAMPGROUND rickwoodal.com. 205-647-9822. 370 Richwood Park Rd., 35680. REH, RWH, PA, BF, PC

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HART’S RV PARK & CAMPGROUND hartpark.com. 256-768-5533. 500 Hart Park Way, Pickwick Lake. 35677. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, LF, PC

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PARNELL CREEK RV PARK
parnellcreekrvpark.com. 256-508-7308. 115 Parnell Cir., 35776. REH, RSH, RWH, PA, BF, LF, WI, PC, C5

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MOBILE COUNTY RIVER DELTA MARINA & CAMPGROUND
mobilecounty.gov/parks. 251-574-2266. 2530 Dead Lake Marina Rd., 36525.

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LAKE FOREST MARINA
lakeforestdaphne.com. 251-626-0788. 2350 Dead Lake Dr., 35776. 251-476-1444. 5010-A Dauphin Island Pkwy., 36605.

ELBERTA (map P-3)
BARBER MARINA

Pirates Cove Marina & Restaurant
piratescoveyffraff.com. 251-987-5224. 6664 CR 95, 36530. Pirates Cove is a family-owned marina and restaurant since 1957 in Josephine featuring burgers and pizza.

Fairhope (map P-3)
FAIRHOPE DOCKS MARINA
fairhopeal.gov/community/fairhope-docks-marina. 251-929-0365. 848 Sea Cliff Dr., 36532.

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DEMOPOLIS (map I-3)
DEMOPOLIS YACHT BASIN
demoby.com. 334-216-0480. 130 Yacht Basin Dr., 36632.

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Lakepoint Resort State Park Marina

Montgomery (map J-7)
MONTGOMERY MARINA
capitololysterbar.com/montgomery-marina. 334-239-8958. 817 Shady St., 36104.

Selma (map I-5)
SELMA CITY MARINA
selmaalabama.com. 334-874-2173. 1 Marina Dr, 36701.

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LAKE JORDAN MARINA
facebook.com/lakejordanmarina. 354-657-4249. 789 Lakeland Dr., 36080.

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ADGER (map F-4)
FRANKLIN FERRY MARINA
205-686-7601. 520 Marina Rd., 35006.

Alexander City (map G-8)
KOWALIGA MARINA
russellmarine.net. 256-472-5665. 255 Kowaliga Marina Rd., 35010.

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THE WHARF MARINA

Zeke’s Landing Marina
zeskelanding.com. 251-981-4044. 26619 Perdido Beach Blvd., 36561.

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lacooasamrina.com, 205-917-0801. 150 Lake Shore Dr., 35143.
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BLUE CREEK MARINA
bluecreekverbena.wordpress.com, 256-795-1928. 1161 CR 546, 35091.
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wedoweemarine.com, 256-357-2045. 21150 U.S. Hwy. 431, 36278.
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GREENSPORT MARINA
greenportvpark.com/marina. 250-505-0027. 1000 Greensport, 35953.
ATHERNS  (map A-4)
LUCY’S BRANCH MARINA
lucysbranch.com, 256-729-1322. 6049 Bay Village Dr., 35611.
CEDAR BLUFF  (map C-8)
LITTLE RIVER MARINA & LODGE
litlerivermarinaandlodge.com, 256-779-6461. 1780 CR 102, 35959.
WEISS MART MARINA
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SUNRISE MARINA
erwinmarinesales.com/sunrise-marina. 256-582-8087. 28571 U.S. Hwy. 431, 35747.
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ALRED MARINA
airedmarina.com, 256-582-4400. 351 Marina Rd., 35903.
GUNTSVILLE BOAT MART MARINA
256-562-2038. 3374 AL Hwy. 69, 35906.
NORTH ALABAMA SAILING MARINA
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RIVER BEND MARINA
256-582-6057. 133 Riverbend Cir., 35976.
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dittolanding.org, 256-882-1057. 293 Ditto Landing Rd. SE, 35803.
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GODFREY’S MARINA
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LITTLE BRIDGE MARINA
littlebridgemarina.com, 256-442-7768. 70 Whorton Bend Rd., 35906.
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rbcalabama.com, 256-442-6786. AL Hwy. 77 & Lakeshore Dr., 35906.
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ALAN BATTLE’S RIVERSIDE MARINA
205-338-2291. 101 Marina St., 35135.
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alapark.com. 256-247-6971. 4601 McLean Dr., 35652.
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JACKSON COUNTY PARK & MARINA
jacksoncountyal.gov/jacksoncountypark. 256-574-4719. 2302 County Park Rd., 35769.
**The Basics**

Skim how to use this guide, the ways you can travel to Alabama, the distance between here and other major Southern cities, and a few things to keep in mind once you arrive.

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**GETTING HERE**

- **Amtrak** has train stations in Anniston, Birmingham and Tuscaloosa. amtrak.com
- **Greyhound** serves more than 35 cities and towns throughout Alabama, from Abbeville to York. greyhound.com
- **Megabus** currently connects with Mobile, Montgomery and Birmingham. megabus.com

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**Essentials**

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

More and more breweries and distilleries are popping up in Alabama, but there are still some “dry counties” that don’t sell alcohol at all (although many of these have “wet” cities within them). The legal drinking age is 21.

**TIME**

The state of Alabama is in the Central Standard Zone; however, Phenix City, Lanett, Smiths Station and Valley unofficially observe the Eastern Time Zone due to their close proximity to Georgia.

**ALABAMA ACCESSIBILITY**

Disabled accessibility is noted in most lodging listings by the icon 🦕. For information about inclusive access at attractions, search “accessibility” in the search bar at Alabama.Travel. Travelers with physical challenges may call Travelers Aid to inquire about special travel services:
- Birmingham: 205-322-5426
- Montgomery: 334-270-4100

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**AIRPORTS**

- **Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport** (BHM) offers more than 100 daily flights to 15 cities with American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Southwest Airlines and United Airlines.
- **Huntsville International Airport** (HSV) offers daily flights on American Airlines, Breeze Airways, Delta Air Lines, Frontier Airlines, Silver Airways and United Airlines.
- **Montgomery Regional Airport** (MGM) offers daily flights via American Airlines and Delta Air Lines.
- **Mobile Regional Airport** (MOB) offers daily flights aboard American Airlines, Delta Air Lines and United Airlines.

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**DRIVING LAWS**

All people (driver and passengers) in a vehicle must wear seat belts. Motorcyclists must wear helmets. Child car seats are required up to 6 years old. Cell phone use is allowed but not for texts or emails. **TEXTING WHILE DRIVING IS ILLEGAL.**

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**How close are you?**

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