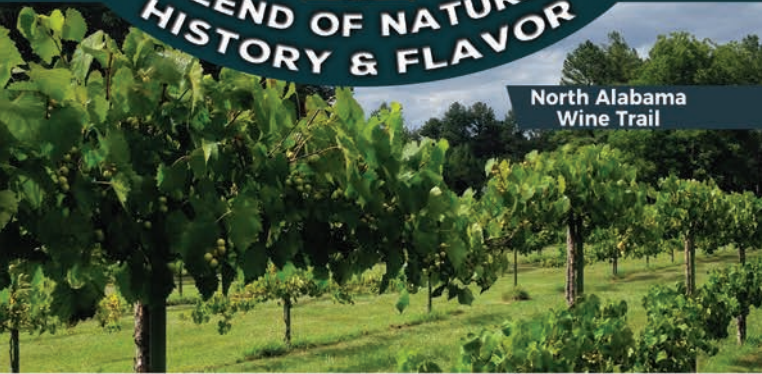


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• The Belue Place Pumpkin Patch

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• Gentry's Produce

1796 Military Street Hamilton, AL 35570; (256) 436-8489

Fresh produce including tomatoes, watermelons, strawberries, and cantaloupes.

Wineries

• Jules J. Berta Vineyards

1409 Darden Ave. Albertville, AL 35951; (256) 891-5115;
www.julesjbertavineyards.com

The tasting room serves award-winning wines grown from grapes in their vineyard such as Cabernet and Chardonnay, and sweet muscadine wines. Gift shop, wine supplies, tours, tastings.

• **Wills Creek Winery**

10522 Duck Springs Rd. Attalla, AL 35954; (256) 538-5452;

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Enjoy wine tastings from over 20 varieties of wine. Wine by the glass or bottles, cheese and salami platters available daily on Saturday. Winery tasting room and gift shop, home winemaker's corner. Groups welcome.

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• **Fruithurst Winery Co.**

27091 Co. Rd. 49 Fruithurst, AL 36262; (256) 463-1003; thefruithurstwineryco.com

One of the original wineries in the state. Surrounded by fifteen acres of muscadine vineyards, it carries the elegance and culture of what was then and will forever be the vineyard village.

• **White Oak Vineyards**

1484 Dry Hollow Rd Anniston, AL 36207; (256) 231-7998; www.whiteoakal.com

A family-owned farm winery featuring a selection of artisan wines. Walk through the flower gardens, sit and relax at the koi pond. Muscadine champagne, muscadine wines, fruit wines, and elegant dry wines.

• **High Country Cellars**

849 Almon St., Heflin, AL 36264; (256) 463-3456; www.highcountrycellars.com

Offering 60 fine wines crafted from an assortment of fruits from around the region, including sweet wines, semi-sweet wines, dry wines, sparkling wines, and chocolate wines. Some wines are aged in charred oak barrels for those who prefer a smoky flavor.

Farmer's Markets & Agriplex

• **Athens Farmers Market**

409 Green St Athens, AL 35611; (256) 232-9040; www.athensmainstreet.org

Buy fresh produce, meats, eggs, and flowers from local growers, prepared foods from local makers, and unique arts and crafts from local artisans. Live music, kid's activities, and food trucks. Every Tuesday May-Sept. 7am - Noon and every Saturday June-Aug. 8 am-Noon.

• **North Alabama Agriplex**

1714 Talleyho Street SW Cullman, AL 35055; (256) 297-1044;

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The mission of the Agriplex is to cultivate a community passionate about preserving our agricultural heritage, educating and feeding our neighbors, and growing a sustainable future. Offers monthly programs and community outreach for all age groups.

Agritourism Related Festivals

• **Annual Franklin County Watermelon Festival**

103 N. Jackson Street Russellville, AL 35653; (256) 332-1760;

www.franklincountychamber.org

Began in 1981, the event includes live entertainment with a variety of vendors from food to arts and crafts. Watermelon contest along with free watermelon. Admission is free. Always the third weekend in August.

• **Strawberry & Antiques Festival**

14451 Market St., Moulton Lions Club Fairgrounds Moulton, AL 35650;

(256) 566-4410; www.strawberryfestivalmoulton.com

Family event, local strawberries, 5K & 1-mile run/walk, cornhole tournament, classic car-truck-motorcycle show, arts and crafts vendors, festival foods, bands, Miss Strawberry Pageant, and free children's activities: blowups, petting zoo, slides, bouncy house. Typically first Friday and Saturday in May.

• **Alabama Gourd Festival**

Sparkman Civic Center, 406 Nance Road Hartselle, AL 35640; (256) 709-4585;

www.alabamagourdsociety.org

Enjoy the beautiful works of art made from gourds. Plenty of raw gourds, supplies, and tools for purchase. Children can decorate their own ornamental

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gourd for free. Tour the fabulous ribbon competition exhibit room. Learn something new as gourd artists demonstrate their art techniques, or take a class from an experienced gourd artist. Typically third Fri and Sat in October.

• **Piney Chapel American Farm Heritage Days**

Limestone Sheriff's Arena on Highway 99, Athens, AL 35611; (256) 431-6226

One of the best antique engine shows in the Southeast- voted one of the Top 20 Events For August by the Southeast Tourism Society. Features gasoline engines, steam engines, antique tractors, antique cars, antique trucks, horse-drawn equipment, parts vendors, flea market and collectibles vendors, and much more! Activities include a parade of power, fast crank competition, slow races, ladies skillet throw, kids pedal pull, and live entertainment on Friday. Typically first Friday and Saturday in August.

• **Mule Day**

126 City Hall Street Winfield, AL 35594; (205) 487-4265;

www.winfieldcity.org/en/chamber-of-commerce/mule-day

Held on Saturday in late September. This fun event celebrates the farm's friend the mule. Activities begin Friday night with food & craft vendors, and the parade with mules, horses, and buggies is held on Saturday. There is also a reenactment of the Civil War in the park, a 5K fun run, and a car show.

• **Cullman Strawberry Festival**

309 1st Ave NE, Cullman, AL 35055; (256) 734-9157;

www.cullmanstrawberryfest.com

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Craft Breweries and Distilleries

• **Yellowhammer Brewery**

2600 Clinton Ave. W, Huntsville, AL 35805; (256) 489-3510;

www.yellowhammerbrewery.com

Biergarten and event center as well as a new distillery. Dedicated to creating premium ales and lagers, drawing on Belgian and German brewing traditions with a Southern interpretation.

• **Bowler Hat Brewing Company**

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• **Back Forty Beer Company LLC**

200 North 6th Street, Gadsden, Alabama 35901; (256) 467-4912;

www.backfortybeer.com

A micro brewery focused on local ingredients. Air conditioned taproom where visitors may sample and purchase beers on site. Largest brewery in Alabama.

• **Main Channel Brewery**

2090 Gunter Avenue, Guntersville, AL 35976; (256) 960-5070;

www.mainchannelbeer.com

Main Channel aims to produce quality brews that capture the local love of the "Lake Life." Two locations to enjoy: Albertville and Guntersville.

• **Goat Island Craft Brewing**

1646 John H. Cooper Drive SE, Cullman, AL 35055; (256) 747-5556;

www.goatislandbrewing.com;

The first brewery in Cullman since the 1880s, they offer antique light golden pilsners, IPAs, European red ale, Marzen, German Heffeweizen, lager, Baltic porter, and Berline Weisse/Sour.

• **Dawson Distillery**

1022 LaGrange College Lane Leighton, AL 35646; (662) 808-1878;

www.dawsondistilleryllc.com

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 Open: Seven days a week, 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

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Greenbrier Restaurant

27028 Old Hwy. 20, Madison, AL 35758; (256) 351-1800; oldgreenbrier.com
 Open: M-Sa 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

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1401 4th. St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055; (256) 734-8539; johnnysbarbq.com
 Open: Tu-Sa 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Closed Su-M.

KC's Bar-B-Q

2300 County Park Rd, Scottsboro, AL 35769; (256) 999-0425
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LawLers Barbecue Airport Rd/Whitesburg

5004A Whitesburg Dr, Suite A, Huntsville, AL 35802; (256) 880-1286; lawlersbarbecue.com
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1506 Hwy 72 East/Exit 35 off I-65, Athens, AL 35611; (256) 233-1818; lawlersbarbecue.com.

Open: M-Sa 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Closed Sundays on purpose.

LawLers Barbecue Cullman

5781 Hwy 157, Cullman, AL 35055; (256) 747-5500; lawlersbarbecue.com.

Open: M-Sa 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Closed on Sundays on purpose.

LawLers Barbecue Decatur

725 Beltline Road Suite 1, Decatur, AL 35601; (256) 822-1006; lawlersbarbecue.com. Open: M-Sa 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Closed on Sundays on purpose.

LawLers Barbecue Hampton Cove

6727 Hwy 431 S, Suite N, Owens Cross Road, Huntsville, AL 35802;

(256) 585-3247; lawlersbarbecue.com. Open: M-Sa 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Closed on Sundays on purpose.

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1333 Hwy. 72 W, Killen, AL 35645; (256) 272-5464; lawlersbarbecue.com.

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544 Hughes Road, Madison, AL 35758; (256) 772-0590; lawlersbarbecue.com.

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LawLers Barbecue Meridianville

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802 Avalon Avenue, Muscle Shoals, AL 35661; (256) 320-7062;

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11310 S Memorial Parkway, SW, Huntsville, AL 35802; (256) 882-5404;

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Local Joe's BBQ

4967 Rainbow Drive, Rainbow City, AL 35906; (256) 438-5179;

Open: M-Sa 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

New Market BBQ

5601 Winchester Road, New Market, AL 35761; (256) 379-5525;

newmarketbbq.com.

Open: F-Sa 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Su 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Puckett's Restaurant

6076 AL-157 Cullman, AL 35055; (512) 658-3988; puckettsgro.com.

Open: Su-Th 7 a.m.-9 p.m., F & Sa 7 a.m.-10 p.m.

Whitt's BBQ - Athens

1397 E Elm St., Athens, AL 35611; (256) 232-7928; www.whittsbbqoriginal.com.

Open: Tu-Sa 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Su 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Whitt's BBQ - Decatur

2532 Spring Ave. SW Decatur, AL 35601; (256) 232-7928;

www.whittsbbqoriginal.com.

Open: Tu-W 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Th-Sa 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Barbecue Related Festivals

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Scottsboro BBQ Cook-Off Festival

Scottsboro Downtown Square, Second Saturday of October
Scottsborobbqcookoff.com

The Scottsboro BBQ Festival is a KCBS Backyard and Alabama BBQ Association sanctioned event. Arts/crafts & food vendors, People's Choice Competition, Barq-off dog competition, Kids Fun Zone, Kids-Q competition, pumpkin painting & carving contest, costume contest, car show, cornhole tournament, witches ride, beer & wine garden, and more.

Barbecue Related Recipes

White Barbecue Sauce

- 1 quart salad dressing (not mayonnaise)
- 3/4 quart white vinegar
- freshly ground black pepper

Place all salad dressing and vinegar in a very large bowl, blender or food processor. (It may be necessary to do this in 2 batches; just add 1/2 of each ingredient and then repeat.) Blend for 1 minute, or until thoroughly combined and mixture is smooth. Add black pepper to taste.

Brush lightly over chicken during the last few minutes of grilling. White sauce is also perfect to pour over chicken when serving or for dipping.

Picnic Potato Salad

- 3 hard boiled eggs
- 1/2 cup sweet pickle cubes
- 3/4 cup mayo (use a good brand)
- 1/2 stick real butter
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 1 tbsp. mustard
- 1 tsp. salt

Cook potatoes until well done, drain. Slightly mash potatoes, leaving some lumps. Stir butter into potatoes. Add chopped eggs, onion, pickle cubes, salt, pepper, mayo, and mustard. Serve warm or chilled. Add extra mayo if potato salad seems too dry.

Old Fashioned Slaw

- Quart 4% white vinegar
- 2 or 3 heads of green cabbage
- Teaspoon salt
- 1 ½ pound granulated sugar
- 1 tbsp. black pepper

Makes about a gallon or 30 servings

First make the slaw marinade. Pour the vinegar into a sauce pan and stir in the sugar. On high heat, stir occasionally and bring to a rolling boil for 10 minutes.

Take off stove, then cool quickly in refrigerator.

Grind the cabbage fine (3/16" or so) with a food processor. Put into a large bowl and then pour slaw marinade over it. (make sure it has cooled enough!) Sprinkle the black pepper on it.

Mix gently by hand until the marinade and pepper is evenly worked in.

Best if eaten day it is made. This slaw is tart and sweet.

Old Fashioned Peanut Butter Pie

- 9 inch deep dish pie shell
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 TBSP margarine, melted
- 1/4 cup sugar (for meringue)
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- dash salt
- 1/2 cup all purpose flour
- 2 1/4 cups milk (divided)
- 3 eggs, separated
- 1 cup powdered sugar

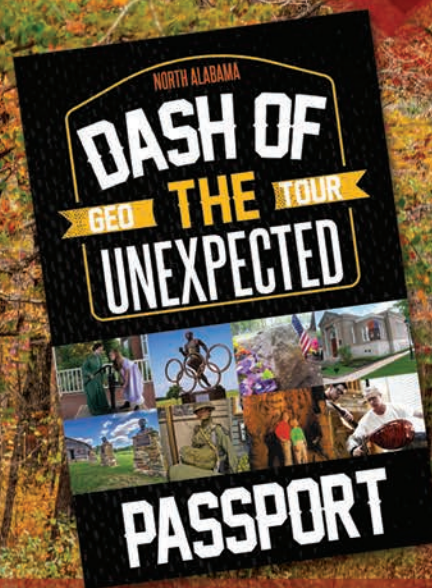
Prick and then bake empty pie shell according to directions. In a small bowl, place powdered sugar and peanut butter. Cut sugar into peanut butter with a fork until mixture is crumbly. Place half of mixture in bottom of baked pie shell, reserve remainder.

In large saucepan, whisk together flour, sugar, and salt stir in 1/2 cup milk to form a paste and whisk well till blended smooth. Whisk in melted margarine and vanilla until well combined. Whisk in lightly beaten egg yolks, and then whisk in remaining milk. Cover over medium heat until thickened, stirring constantly. Pour over peanut butter crumbles in pie crust.

Prepare meringue by beating egg whites until foamy, add 1/4 cup sugar and continue beating until soft peaks form. Spread over top of pie, being careful to seal at edges. Sprinkle remainder of peanut butter crumbles over top of pie.

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1646 John H. Cooper Drive SE, Cullman, AL 35055; 256-747-5556
www.goatislandbrewing.com; Tu-W 12-10PM, Th-Sa 12-10PM, Su 1-7PM
 Our two brew masters have a solid reputation of home brewing, designing new beers, and perfecting the American and German classics. The full crew is represented as a rocket scientist, a geologist, an insurance agent, and a cop. Goat Island Brewing was established in early 2015 on a foundation of friendship and a firm belief that it is never too late to go after your dream.

Beer selection includes Richter's Pils (gold medal winner at the 2017 Alabama Craft Beer Championship), Palomino Pale, and the limited edition Big Bridge IPA, Peace - Love & Hippieweizen.

BACK FORTY BEER COMPANY

200 North 6th Street, Gadsden, Alabama 35901; 256-467-4912
www.backfortybeer.com; M-Th 5-7PM, Fr-Sa 3-8PM

A micro brewery focused on local ingredients. They have an air conditioned taproom where visitors may sample and purchase their beers on site. Largest brewery in Alabama.

Beer selection includes Naked Pig Pale Ale, Truck Stop Honey Brown Ale, Freckle Belly India Pale Ale, Cart Barn Light, and Paw Paw's Peach Wheat Ale.

MAIN CHANNEL BREWERY

2090 Gunter Avenue, Guntersville, AL 35976; 256-960-5070
www.mainchannelbeer.com; Th-Sa 4-9PM

The Guntersville Taproom is located in the original Jitney Jr. store on Hwy 431. Affectionately known locally as "The Jit", it became the local hangout for Guntersville teens and surrounding towns alike. Main Channel Brewing Company is Marshall County's first brewery. Opened in 2015, Main Channel aims to produce quality brews that capture the local love of the "Lake Life."

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A recent expansion in Albertville has allowed Main Channel to increase production and provides customers with expanded seasonal beer styles, a large taproom (that features an 85 ft. bar) and an event space. Owners Clay Smith, Bobby & Vickie Satterfield have put together a team that consistently provides quality beer in a fun and inviting environment.

Year round beer selection includes: *Amber, India Pale Ale, Kolsch, Dunkelweisse, New England IPA, American Wheat, Black Currant Wheat, Dry Irish Stout, Juicy Double IPA*, as well as a Seasonal Fruited Sour Ale and Seasonal Lagers and Ales.

YELLOWHAMMER BREWERY

2600 Clinton Ave. W, Huntsville, AL 35805; 256-489-3510
yellowhammerbrewery.com; M-TH 11AM-9PM, F-Sa 11AM-11PM, Su 11AM-8PM

Opened in west Huntsville in 2010 by four guys who wanted to bring good, traditional beer to Alabama. Yellowhammer has grown rapidly in recent years and in 2015 we moved from a warehouse to a new facility at Campus 805. Our brewery has since doubled in size after the completion of a recent expansion which brought, not only more brewing space and production, but a Biergarten and event center as well as room for our new Distillery. We are still focused on, and dedicated to, creating premium ales and lagers, drawing on Belgian and German brewing traditions with a Southern interpretation.

Beer selection includes Belgian White, Rebellion Red, Midnight Special Black Lager, Cheatin' Heart IPA, T-Minus Kolsch and Midnight Special.

BOWLER HAT BREWING COMPANY

7429 U.S. Hwy. 72 West, Unit C, Madison, AL 35758; 256-325-3928
www.bowlerhatbrewing.com; M 4-9PM, Tu 4-10PM, W 4-9PM, Th 4-10PM, F 3-11PM, Sa 11AM-11PM, Su 1-6PM

A neighborhood micro-brewery with an old fashioned spirit. Enjoy a craft beer in their post-prohibition era operating brew house and cozy taproom environment. Restaurant onsite offers down home southern cooking specials.

Beer selection includes Irish Red Ale, American Pale Ale, Citra India Pale Ale, Robust Porter, a spicier rye beer Roggenbier, Strong Scotch Ale, the popular unfiltered ale Hefeweizen, Extra Special Bitter (ESB) inspired by English ales, and Vanilla Cream. "Wright Flights" is a selection of four tasty 4 oz. servings for a delicious sampling experience. Seasonals brewed on a whim, impulse or inclination, include strong ales, wheats, sours, and ciders.

RELATED TRAIL DESTINATIONS

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 Tu-W-Th: 4:00PM - 9:00PM, F-Sa: 4:00PM - 10:00PM, Su-M: Closed.
www.facebook.com/AthensAlehouse/

The Alehouse offers on and off premise craft beer and wine with charcuterie boards and other hors d'oeuvres in downtown Athens. There is a self serve tap system with six rotating options on draft including wine. Sit and sip or take your favorites to go.

HUNTSVILLE BREWS CRUISE

2620 Clinton Avenue West, Huntsville, AL 35805; (256) 469-0223
www.BrewsCruise.com/huntsville

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1022 LaGrange College Lane Leighton, AL 35646; (662) 808-1878;
www.dawsondistilleryllc.com

Dawson Distillery is the first legal moonshine operation in Northwest Alabama since prohibition! Their moonshine family legacy began on an old dirt road in the foothills of North Alabama with the oldest mountain spring water around which supplied the oldest known dwelling east of the Mississippi River known as LaGrange rock shelter. It is registered as a National Historic Site. Visit them for a tour of their distillery and have a taste of the best handcrafted moonshine in the Heart of Dixie!

Waterfalls OF NORTH ALABAMA

14 Magical Selfie Locations
Made by Nature



1. Bethel Spring Falls

Bethel Spring Nature Preserve on Keel Mountain offers hikers two miles of free trails to explore as well as one of Madison County's largest waterfalls. The waterfall is impressive enough above ground but continues its descent into a cave below, flows downhill underground, and exits through a spring at the base of the mountain. All the trails create a 1.3 mile loop leading to and from the waterfall. This hike is difficult due to change in elevation and some slippery and/or rocky areas.

2. Coldwater Falls at Spring Park

The man-made Coldwater Falls was constructed with over 2,000 tons of sandstone and today sees more than 4.3 million gallons of water flow each day. Spring Park Tusculumbia, AL; (800) 344-0783 (for info) (256) 386-5670; www.colbertcountytourism.org

3. DeSoto State Park

One of the most photographed points of interest in Alabama, DeSoto Falls is also one of the tallest (107 ft.) and most visited waterfall locations in the state. It also features numerous smaller falls. The waterfall has a concrete dam above the falls, which was built in 1925 for Alabama's first hydroelectric power plant, which is of historical significance. 1299 Blalock Drive. NE Fort Payne, AL; (256) 845-0051; www.alapark.com/parks/deso-to-state-park

4. Grace's High Falls

At over 700 feet high, the seasonal Grace's High Falls offers unparalleled views of similar creeks and waterfalls throughout your exploration.

Please check destination hours before traveling long distances.

5. High Falls

The county park at High Falls features a natural bridge at the bottom of falls, along with a walking bridge that crosses over the waterfall.

6. Kinlock Falls

Located along Hubbard Creek in the Bankhead National Forest, Kinlock Falls offers a magnificent view and an area that people come to swim.

7. Lacefield Falls

Wild streams, box canyons, waterfalls, rock shelters and sandstone bluffs encompass the 700 acres of Cane Creek Canyon Nature Preserve where you'll find Lacefield Falls.

8. Little River Falls

Located at the north end of America's deepest and most extensive canyon systems east of the Mississippi, Little River Falls is surrounded by 14,000 acres of beauty. Location: 4322 Little River Trail, Suite 100 Fort Payne, AL; (256) 845-9605; www.nps.gov/liri/index.htm

9. Mardis Mill Falls

Mardi Mills — aka Graves Creek Falls — is located on Grave's Creek (hence that nickname) which feeds into the Black Warrior River.

10. Nockalula Falls Park

Nestled among the trees in the park is a pioneer village, a group of rustic, hand-hewn log buildings representing a display of pioneer living conditions. Included in the village are a country store, grist mill, covered bridge, pioneer home, smoke house, blacksmith shop and more. Other park attractions include a War Memorial and Museum, botanical gardens, hiking trails, sightseeing train, playground, carpet golf, picnic pavilions, wedding chapel and honeymoon cabins, and meeting facilities.

11. Pisgah Gorge Falls

At a total of 600 feet spread out over 1.5 miles, Pisgah Gorge Falls includes two large waterfalls that are each close to 100 feet tall.

12. Rainbow Falls at Dismals Canyon

In the areas surrounding Rainbow Falls, you'll find pristine wilderness, romantic cabins, secluded campsites, hiking, swimming, canoeing, wildflowers, a country store and more. 901 Hwy. 8 Phil Campbell, AL; 205 993-4559; www.dismalscanyon.com

13. Turkey Foot Falls

Rich in Native American and pioneer history, Turkey Foot Falls is just a 30-minute walk from the Sipsey River Picnic Grounds and Rec Area.

14. Wilson Dam Falls

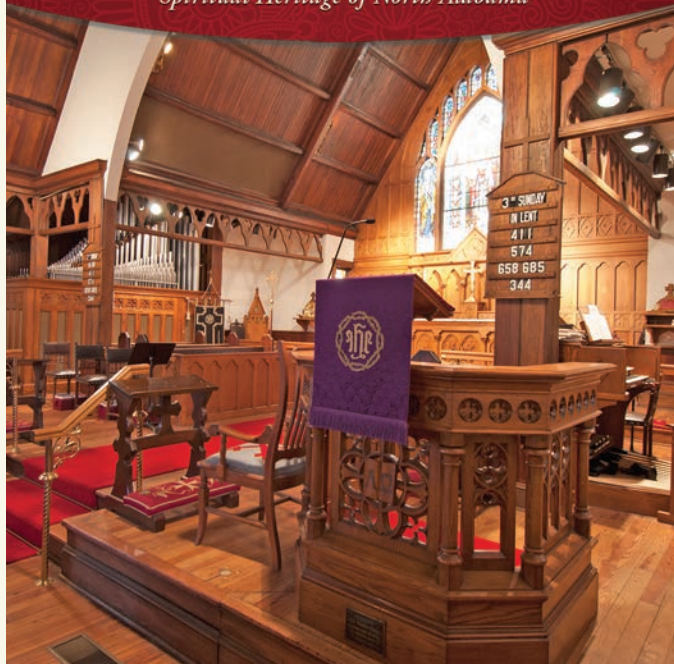
The waterfall is on a high rock wall adjacent to Wilson Dam. Small feeder creeks run through the natural area and create this waterfall on an adjacent cliff wall. The dam features one of the highest single-lift locks in the world.



Coldwater Falls at Spring Park, Tusculumbia.

NORTH ALABAMA
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*A Driving Tour of 32 Revered Sites
 Celebrating the Cultural and
 Spiritual Heritage of North Alabama*



This trail's thirty-two churches stand as landmarks in North Alabama and provide welcome and shelter for all who enter regardless of belief. Each church is at least 100 years old, is on its original site, and is still holding services today. The trail winds its way through sixteen counties in North Alabama.

- **Mentone United Methodist Church**
415 Cutler Avenue, Mentone, AL 35984; 256-899-3287, 256-634-8006
- **Helton Memorial Chapel**
94 County Road 454, Stevenson, AL 35772; 256-437-9474
- **Woodville Methodist Chapel**
106 Pear Street, Woodville, AL 35776; 256-776-2860
- **Temple B'nai Shalom**
103 Lincoln Street SE, Huntsville, AL 35801; 256-536-4771
- **Episcopal Church of the Nativity**
208 Eustis Avenue, Huntsville, AL 35801; 256-533-2455
- **Cambridge United Methodist Church**
13980 Cambridge Lane, Athens, AL 35613 ; 256-233-2862, 256-434-0502
- **First Presbyterian Church**
112 South Jefferson Street, Athens, AL 35611; 256-232-0122
- **St. Joseph Catholic Church**
1111 East College Street, Florence, AL 35630; 256-764-3303
- **Trinity Episcopal Church**
410 North Pine Street, Florence, AL 35630; 256-764-6149
- **First Presbyterian Church**
103 N. Broad Street, Tusculumbia, AL 35674; 256-383-2412

- **St. John's Episcopal Church**
300 N. Dickson Street, Tusculumbia, AL 35674; 256-383-4401
- **Mount Pleasant Methodist Church**
Outside viewing only, at the corner of Highway 724 & CR 87, Russellville, AL 35654; 256-332-1760
- **First United Methodist Church of Red Bay**
509 4th Street SW, Red Bay, AL 35582; 256-356-4654
- **Hamilton Methodist Church**
130 Military St N., Hamilton, AL 35570; 205-921-3243
- **Brilliant Methodist Church**
825 Main Street, Brilliant, AL 35548; 205-465-2281
- **Corinth Church**
2540 County Road 57, Double Springs, AL 35553; 205-489-2328
- **Church of the Forest**
51 County Road 94, Houston, AL 35572; 205-272-0034
- **Courtland Presbyterian Church**
645 Hamilton, Courtland, AL 35618; 256-247-5994
- **Pine Torch Church**
1955 County Road 70, Moulton, AL 35650; 256-974-1658
- **St. John's Episcopal Church**
202 Gordon Drive SE, Decatur, AL 35601; 256-353-9615
- **The Tabernacle**
35 Tabernacle Road, Hartselle, AL 35640; 205-310-8067
- **St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church**
512 2nd Avenue SE, Cullman, AL 35055; 256-734-0344; www.sjepc.com
- **Shady Grove Methodist Church**
895 County Road 846, Logan, AL 35098; 256-747-6569
- **Blountsville United Methodist Church**
415 College Street, Blountsville, AL 35031; 205-429-2468
- **Shiloh Methodist Church**
134 Boat Landing, Allgood, AL 35013; 205-237-4441
- **First Methodist Church of Guntersville**
539 Gunter Avenue, Guntersville, AL 35976; 256-582-2001
- **First Presbyterian Church**
901 Gunter Avenue, Guntersville, AL 35976; 256-582-3875
- **Keener United Methodist Church**
6025 US Highway 11 N, Attalla, AL 35954; 256-538-3315
- **First United Methodist Church of Attalla**
601 NW 4th Street, Attalla, AL 35954; 256-538-8491
- **Round Mountain**
241 County Road 600, Cedar Bluff, AL 35959; 256-927-8455
- **Lebanon Campground Methodist Church**
County Road 322, Spring Garden, AL 36275; 256-475-5600
- **First Presbyterian Church of Fort Payne**
300 Grand Avenue North, Fort Payne, AL 35967; 256-845-2915

NOTEWORTHY EXTRAS

Ave Maria Grotto

1600 St. Bernard Dr., Off Hwy. 278 East at St. Bernard Abbey; (256) 734-4110; www.avemariagrotto.com

Known throughout the world as "Jerusalem in Miniature," the Grotto is a four-acre park with 125 miniature reproductions of some of the most famous historic buildings and shrines of the world. Listed on the National Register of Historic Sites. Hours: Daily April-Sept. 9am-6pm, Oct.-March 9am-5pm. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day, and Easter. Admission.

Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament

3222 County Road 548, Hanceville; (205) 271-2917/205-795-5717 or 5722; www.olamshrine.com; www.nungiftshop.com; www.priestretreat.com
 The Shrine grounds consists of: Cloistered Monastery, Upper and Lower church, near life-sized Nativity scene, Lourdes Grotto, John Paul II Eucharistic Center and the Castle Shrine. Tours Mon-Sat 6am-9pm, Sun 6am-6pm, John Paul II Eucharistic Center Tours Mon-Sat 10am and 2pm. Free.



The North Alabama Mural Trail offers a self-guided tour of over 140 murals and an opportunity to discover North Alabama's heritage, beauty and love of the arts. Download the mobile passport for a brief description and address of each mural, along with an interactive mural. Individuals can access the North Alabama Mural Trail mobile passport by visiting NorthALMuralTrail.org. Upon registering, the passport will be instantly delivered to the registrant's mobile phone via text and email and is ready to use immediately. There is no app to download. The pass can be saved to the mobile phone's home screen for easy one-tap access.

People are encouraged to have cameras ready as every mural boasts a completely unique design and creative vision. Be sure to tag #NorthALMurals in all selfies and pictures and upon checking in at 25 sites, Visit North Alabama will award a prize for participating. When visiting a participating mural location, simply check in using the mobile phone's GPS to record each visit.



Mural by Athens State University students at Alabama Veterans Museum

Please check destination hours before traveling long distances.



The Magnolia House at Weiss Lake • Cedar Bluff, Ala.



Monte Sano State Park • Huntsville, Ala.



Bradford Farm and Venue • Town Creek, Ala.



Burns Bluff at High Falls • Albertville, Ala.



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CIVIL WAR in NORTH ALABAMA

Special Events, Trails, Monuments and Important Sites
Relating to the War Between the States



• **Emma Sansom Monument**

Greater Gadsden Area Tourism, 256-549-0351, GreaterGadsden.com
Under gunfire, teenage heroine Emma Sansom guided Gen. Forrest's troops across Black Creek near Gadsden on May 2, 1863. The following day, Confederate forces captured Union Col. Streight and his entire command of 1,466 men near Cedar Bluff. Marker is at the intersection of Broad Street and South 1st Street, in the median on Broad Street in Gadsden, AL.

• **Dual Destiny Monument**

Downtown Double Springs, AL.

This monument dedicated to the pain of civil war is a soldier wearing half a uniform from the Confederacy and half from the Union. The clothes are worn and the sword is broken. The statue stands in front of the Winston County courthouse. Winston County did not join the Confederacy and is still known as the "Free State of Winston." The statue was dedicated and unveiled on September 12, 1987.

• **Lest We Forget**

Memorial statues to honor those from the area who served in the military of the Confederate States of America may be found near the courthouse square of each county in North Alabama. Inscriptions generally honor the memory of those who offered their lives for a just cause, the defense of state rights.

• **Streight's Raid Trail**

<https://alabama.travel/trail-details/civil-war-trail>

Follows the route of Union Colonel Abel D. Streight on his ill-fated raid through North Alabama in 1863. The Trail covers five sites including the Emma Sansom Monument in Gadsden and the Cornwall Furnace Park in Cedar Bluff.

• **Decatur Civil War Walking Tour**

(256) 350-2028; www.decatuircvb.org

Part of the national Civil War Discovery Trail, begins at the Old State Bank Building in downtown Decatur (925 Bank Street NE) and covers 13 blocks of Old Decatur and New Albany Historic Districts, just off the southern bank of the Tennessee River near downtown Decatur.

• **Athens-Limestone County Civil War Trail**

(256) 232-5411; www.visitathensal.com

This is a self-guided driving tour featuring the Battles of Athens and Sulphur Creek Trestle and will take you back in time as troops of Company F, 9th Alabama Infantry leave Athens on June 6, 1861 to go fight with Joseph E. Johnston and the Army of the Shenandoah. The trail is also set up for geocaching for local treasure hunters.

• **The Civil War in Jackson County**

www.scottsborodepotmuseum.com

This 70-mile driving tour of Jackson County focuses on sites and events along rail routes but also includes places off the historic transportation routes.

• **Alabama Center of Military History/ Veterans Memorial Museum**

2060A Airport Rd, Huntsville; 256-883-3737; Memorialmuseum.org
Hours: W-Sa, Labor Day to Memorial Day 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Memorial Day to Labor Day 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission.

• **Alabama Veterans Museum & Archives**

100 Pryor St., Athens; 256-771-7578; alabamaveteransmuseum.com
Open M-Sa 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

• **Athens State University**

300 N Beaty St, Athens, AL 35611, 256-233-8100; www.athens.edu
For information regarding campus tours contact Kimberly Braden at 256-233-8175.

• **Belle Mont Mansion**

1569 Cook Lane, Tuscumbia; 256-381-5052, www.preserveala.org,
Open W-Sa, 10a.m.-4 p.m. Admission.

• **Bridgeport Depot Museum**

114 Souland Square, Bridgeport; 256-495-4020
Open Thursday-Friday 9 am-1 pm, Saturday 9 am-3 pm, Sunday 1-5 pm. Free.

• **The Colonel Montgomery Gilbreath House**

353 Blount Ave., Guntersville; 256-571-7520; guntersvillehistoricalsociety.org
Open Sat. 9a.m.-2 p.m., Sun. 1-4 p.m.

• **Cornwall Furnace Park**

1200 County Road 251, Cedar Bluff; 256-927-2757;
cherokeecountyhistory.com

• **Cullman County Museum**

211 2nd Ave. NE, Off Hwy. 31, Cullman; 256-739-1258;
Cullmancountymuseum.com
Hours: M-F 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sa 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Admission.

• **Cullman's Veterans Memorial Park**

1544 Sportsman Lake Rd NW, Cullman, AL 35055; 256-734-3052. Open daily, daylight hours.

• **Edith Newman Culver Memorial Museum**

501 Main St., Waterloo; 256-767-6081

• **Fort Harker**

Near the intersection of Tennessee Ave. and East Third St., Stevenson.
A self-guided, interpreted walking tour of the fort is in place.

• **Henagar Liberty Baptist Church**

1500 Liberty Road, Henagar; 256-657-1826

• **Historic Huntsville Depot**

Downtown Huntsville; 256-564-8100; Earlyworks.com. Museum temporarily closed. Park is open year-round.

• **LaGrange College Site Park**

1491 LaGrange College Rd., Leighton; 256-446-9324; www.lagrangehistoricsite.com

Hours: Open daily, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Welcome Center/Museum open Su 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. Free.

• **Morgan County Archives**

624 Bank Street N.E.. Decatur; 256-351-4726; www.co.morgan.al.us/archivesindex.html

Open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Free.

• **Oakwood Cemetery**

Tuscumbia, AL; (256) 383-0783 www.colbertcountytourism.org

• **Old State Bank**

Downtown Decatur; 256-341-4818; decaturoparks.com. Hours: M-F 9:30 a.m.-noon & 1-4:30 p.m

• **Pond Spring - The General Joe Wheeler Home**

12280 Highway 20, Hillsboro; 256-637-8513; Wheelerplantation.org
Admission. Please call to schedule your group tour.

• **Pope's Tavern Museum**

203 Hermitage Drive, Florence; 256-760-6439, FlorenceAL.org. Hours: Tu-Sa 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission.

• **Scottsboro Freight Depot**

Corner of N Houston and E Maple Streets, Scottsboro.
Fridays 10am-2pm.

• **Stevenson Railroad Depot Museum**

Downtown Stevenson; 256-437-3012, Hours: M-F 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Closed state holidays. Free.

Civil War Related Events

The Battle for Decatur

<https://www.facebook.com/battlefordecatur/>

Commemorating Decatur's 4-day battle in October 1864, this Civil War reenactment is held over the Labor Day weekend (early September) at Point Mallard Park. The free event features more than 200 reenactors representing both northern and southern forces engaging in two battles. A Civil War camp is open to the public with displays of authentic equipment, dress, and drills. A guided stroll along Decatur's Civil War Walking Tour is offered on Saturday afternoon.

Commemoration and Wreath-Laying

Forrest Cemetery Chapel, 700 South 15th Street, Gadsden, AL; 256-613-4226; Forrestcemetery.com

The Etowah Chapter #1620, United Daughters of the Confederacy host a commemoration of Confederate ancestors and solemn wreath-laying ceremony each April. There is a special recognition of the anniversary of the meeting at Black Creek between young Gadsden resident, Emma Sansom, and Confederate cavalry leader, General Nathan Bedford Forrest.

Park Day

Early April at Civil War sites throughout Alabama. Annual volunteer work day sponsored by the Civil War Trust. This is a hands-on preservation event to help Civil War battlefields and historic sites take on maintenance projects large and small. For a current list of participating historic sites, please visit the Civil War Trust website at www.battlefields.org/parkday.

Athens Old Cemetery Stroll

256-434-0441; www.VisitAthensAL.com

The event, presented by Thomas H. Hobbs Camp of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans and the Athens-Limestone County Tourism Association, is held in Athens City Cemetery, where Athens Old City Cemetery Stroll in Athens, AL. has more than 30 volunteers to portray famous Athens residents or family ancestors in historical wear and deliver their story. The cemetery, which lies between Washington and Hobbs streets, was founded in 1820 when Limestone County was newly organized. The Stroll is held in November from 2-4pm. Donations made during the free event will go toward cemetery maintenance.

Recall LaGrange's Distillery Raid

LaGrange College Site Park & Antebellum Cemetery, Leighton, AL.

Please check destination hours before traveling long distances.

The LaGrange College site is located 8 miles southeast of Muscle Shoals, off AL Hwy. 157 and 4 miles south of Leighton. 256-446-9324; www.lagrangehistoricsite.com

Recall LaGrange's Distillery Raid on the Mountain is centered on a prohibition era raid. It does have some Civil War displays.

General Joe Wheeler Birthday Celebration

Pond Spring, General Joe Wheeler Home, 12280 AL Hwy. 20, Hillsboro AL; 256-637-8513; ahc.alabama.gov/properties/pondspring/pondspring.aspx
First Saturday after Labor Day. Visit the grounds and out buildings of Pond Spring, the home of Confederate Major General Joe Wheeler, for a party celebrating his birthday, including house tours, re-enactors, costumed docents, and birthday cake. Official welcome at 10:00 am; home open until 2:00 pm. Free admission to grounds; fee charged for home tour.

Walking Tours & Trolley Tours

Tuscumbia. 256-383-0783; www.colbertcountytourism.org

Free guided walking tours of historic districts take place in Sheffield and Tuscumbia. Led by knowledgeable guides, the tours travel past structures that date prior to the Civil War. Tuscumbia boasts one of the state's best collection of Antebellum structures and Sheffield offers Victorian and Craftsman-style homes and structures. Trolley Tours of historic Tuscumbia are offered through public notice. These tours travel through the historic residential district and offer a "porch and parlor" tour of one house. Admission.

Maple Hill Cemetery Stroll

Maple Hill Cemetery, 203 Maple Hill Drive, Huntsville AL.; 256-533-5723; HuntsvillePilgrimage.org

Each October, over 70 period costumed volunteers tell the stories of notables, both famous and infamous, who shaped the future of Huntsville and Alabama. Included among others buried at Maple Hill are: five Alabama governors; soldiers from past wars; artist, poet and writer Maria Howard Weeden; and the notorious local madam Molly Teal.



Period dancing at the Recall LaGrange event, Leighton.



*51 Diverse Birding Habitats Featured
for Their Birdwatching Characteristics*



The North Alabama Birding Trail is a wildlife trail that is not really a “trail”, but a series of sites that have been chosen for their great birdwatching opportunities. The trail has 51 sites located in 12 counties in North Alabama (county names are shown in description). Landscapes in the region range from tupelo swamps to blazing fields of wildflowers and towering forests of oak and hickory to vast sheets of open water replete with loafing waterfowl.

www.alabamabirdingtrails.com/trails/north-alabama

Bankhead National Forest – Central Firetower

Northwest Loop Site # 14 | Lawrence | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring, Summer
GPS: N 34.3452, W 87.3393

Bankhead National Forest – Sipsey Wilderness Trailhead

Northwest Loop Site #15 | Winston | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring
GPS: N 34.2854, W 87.3986

BP-Amoco Environmental Trail

Central Loop Site #18 | Morgan | Best Seasons: Spring, Summer
GPS: N 34.6300, W 87.0525

Buck’s Pocket State Park, Morgan’s Cove, and South Sauty Creek

Northeast Loop Site # 49 | Marshall | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring
GPS Coordinates: N 34.4648, W 86.0918

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Cypress Cove Farm

Northwest Loop Site #51 | Franklin | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring
GPS: N 34.4588, W 88.1031

Decatur Hospitality Nature Park

Central Loop Site #17 | Limestone | Best Seasons: Winter
GPS: N 34.6277, W 86.9580

DeKalb County Public Lake

Northeast Loop Site #46 | DeKalb | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring, Winter
GPS: N 34.5764, W 85.8060

DeSoto State Park – Talmadge Butler Boardwalk Trail

Northeast Loop Site #47 | DeKalb | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring, Summer
GPS: N 34.4990, W 85.6178

Freedom Hills Wildlife Management Area Walking Trail

Northwest Loop Site #13 | Colbert | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring
GPS: N 34.6480, W 87.9902

Goose Pond Colony

Northeast Loop Site # 38 | Jackson | Best Seasons: Spring, Winter
GPS: N 34.5743, W 86.0807

Gorham’s Bluff / Coon Gulf

Northeast Loop Site #45 | Jackson | Best Seasons: Fall, Winter
GPS: N 34.7350, W 85.8347

Guntersville Dam North

Northeast Loop Site #37 | Marshall | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring, Winter
GPS: N 34.4250, W 86.3930

Guntersville Dam South

Northeast Loop Site #36 | Marshall | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring, Winter
GPS: N 34.4250, W 86.3930

Guntersville Peninsula

Northeast Loop Site # 35 | Marshall | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring, Winter
GPS: N 34.3630, W 86.2916

Guntersville State Park, Town Creek and Drive

Northeast Loop Site # 34 | Marshall | Best Seasons: Winter
GPS: N 34.3697, W 86.2169

Hays Nature Preserve

Central Loop Site #30 | Madison | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring, Winter
GPS: N 34.6420, W 86.4706

Hurricane Creek Park

Central Loop Site #32 | Cullman | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring, Winter
GPS: N 34.2860, W 86.8950

Joe Wheeler State Park

Northwest Loop Site #3 | Lauderdale | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring, Winter
GPS: N 34.8360, W 87.3680

Key Cave National Wildlife Refuge

Northwest Loop Site # 9 | Lauderdale | Best Seasons: Spring, Summer
GPS: N 34.7630, W 87.7818

Leighton Ponds

Northwest Loop Site #5 | Colbert | Best Seasons: Spring, Summer
GPS: N 34.7230, W 87.4770

Little River Canyon National Preserve Drive

Northeast Loop Site #48 | DeKalb | Best Seasons:
GPS: N 34.3510, W 85.6752

Madison County Public Lake

Central Loop Site # 28 | Madison | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring, Winter
GPS: N 34.8111, W 86.3940

Mallard Fox Creek Wildlife Management Area

Northwest Loop Site # 1 | Morgan | Best Seasons: Spring, Winter
GPS: N 34.6594, W 87.1104

Monte Sano State Park

Central Loop Site #29 | Madison | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring
GPS: N 34.7470, W 86.5104

Mud Creek Wildlife Management Area

Northeast Loop Site #42 | Jackson | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring, Summer,
Winter
GPS: N 34.7768, W 85.8593

Murphy Hill

Northeast Loop | Marshall | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring, Summer
GPS: N 34.4729, W 86.1722

Natchez Trace Parkway – Colbert Ferry

Northwest Loop Site #12 | Colbert | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring, Winter
GPS: N 34.8400, W 87.9452

Natchez Trace Parkway – Rock Springs Nature Trail

Northwest Loop Site #10 | Lauderdale | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring,
Summer
GPS: N 34.8580, W 87.9060

North Sauty Creek WMA / Sauta Cave NWR

Northeast Loop Site #39 | Jackson | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring, Winter
GPS: N 34.6190, W 86.1312

Rockpile Recreation Area, Wilson Dam

Northwest Loop Site #7 | Lauderdale | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring, Winter
GPS: N 34.7930, W 87.6320

Round Island Recreation Area

Central Loop Site #22 | Limestone | Best Seasons: Winter
GPS: N 34.6850, W 87.0705

Roy B. Whitaker Paint Rock River Preserve

Northeast Loop Site # 40 | Jackson | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring, Summer
GPS: N 34.6725, W 86.3282

Russell Cave National Monument

Northeast Loop | Jackson | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring
GPS: N 34.9770, W 85.8056

Skyline Wildlife Management Area

Northeast Loop Site # 41 | Jackson | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring
GPS: N 34.8534, W 86.1310

Stevenson Town Park

Northeast Loop Site #43 | Jackson | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring, Winter
GPS: N 34.8502 W 85.8342

Swan Creek Wildlife Management Area

Central Loop Site # 21 | Limestone | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring
GPS: N 34.6780, W 87.0033

Tennessee Valley Authority Reservation

Northwest Loop Site #8 | Colbert | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring, Summer,
Winter
GPS: N 34.7803, W 87.6546

Town Creek Marsh

Northwest Loop Site #4 | Colbert | Best Seasons: Winter
GPS: N 34.7700, W 87.4410

Waterloo

Northwest Loop Site #11 | Lauderdale | Best Seasons: Spring, Winter
GPS: N 34.9310, W 88.0391

Wheeler Dam – South Landing

Northwest Loop Site #2 | Lawrence | Best Seasons: Winter
GPS: N 34.7940, W 87.3872

Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center

Central Loop Site #16 | Morgan | Best Seasons: Winter
GPS: N 34.5480, W 86.9505

Wheeler NWR – Arrowhead Landing

Central Loop Site # 23 | Limestone | Best Seasons: Winter
GPS: N 34.6050, W 86.8922

Wheeler NWR – Beaverdam Peninsula Tower

Central Loop Site #24 | Limestone | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring, Winter
GPS: N 34.6110, W 86.8537

Wheeler NWR – Beaverdam Swamp Boardwalk

Central Loop Site #25 | Limestone | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring, Summer
GPS: N 34.6490, W 86.8190

Wheeler NWR – Blackwell Swamp

Central Loop Site # 26 | Madison | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring, Winter
GPS: N 34.5770, W 86.7822

Wheeler NWR – Cave Springs

Central Loop Site # 31 | Morgan | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring, Winter
GPS: N 34.5470, W 86.8510

Wheeler NWR – Dancy Bottoms Nature Trail

Central Loop Site #33 | Morgan | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring
GPS: N 34.5070, W 86.9552

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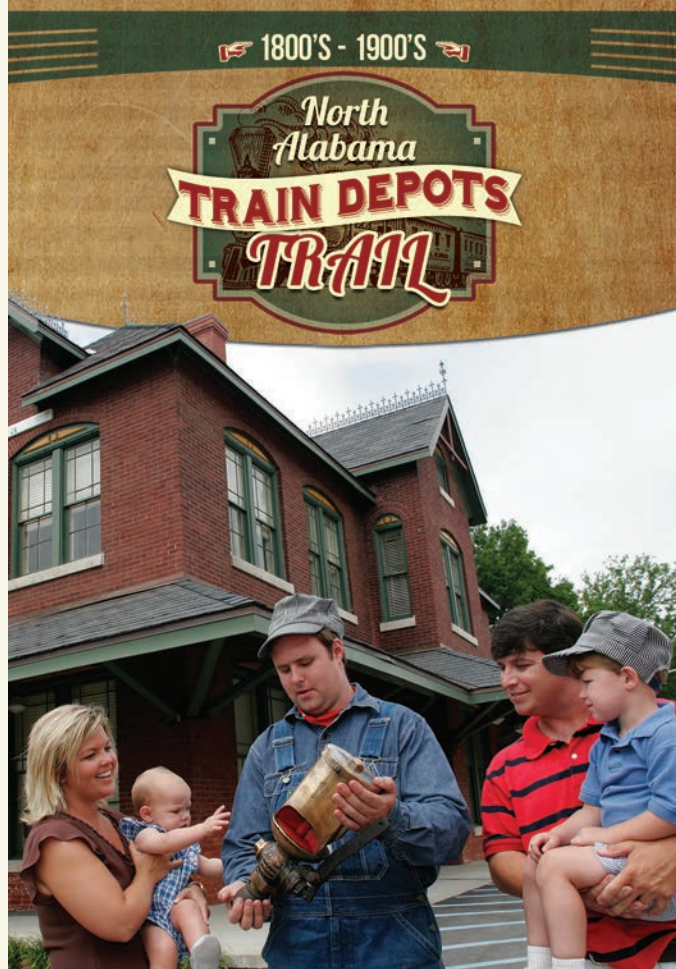
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Winter
GPS: N 34.6290, W 86.9520

Wilson Dam Visitor Center

Northwest Loop Site #20 | Colbert | Best Seasons: Summer, Winter
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Winfred Thomas Agricultural Research Station

Central Loop Site #27 | Madison | Best Seasons: Spring, Fall, Winter
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Historic Train Depots

Albertville Train Depot

221 E Main St, Albertville; (256) 891-8279

The train depot is one of only two buildings in Albertville on the National Register of Historic Places. The Albertville Depot, also known as L&N Railroad Depot, was built by the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway in 1892, one year after the town was incorporated. The depot is one of the only structures in Albertville to survive the tornado of 1908. Passenger service ended in the 1940s, although the depot remained in use for freight. Although the NC&StL was purchased by the Louisville and Nashville Railroad in 1880, the two companies operated separately until 1957. The depot was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on February 20, 1975. The building was renovated for use as a senior center in the mid-1990s. A former L&N caboose houses the Albertville Museum.

Bridgeport Depot Museum & Cultural Center

116 Souland Square, Bridgeport; (256) 495-4020

The museum is home to railroad memorabilia as well as Native American and Civil War artifacts. Items in the museum's collection date back to 1807. Constructed in 1917, today's depot is the fourth built on this site and is operated by the City of Bridgeport. The Depot is on the National Register of Historic Places. Open: Th-F 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sa 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., Su 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Cullman County Museum & Depot

304 First Avenue N.E., just off Hwy. 31, Cullman; (256) 739-1258;
www.cullmancountymuseum.com

The early settlers of Cullman came to the area because of the railroad. John Cullmann, the founder of this community, was an agent for the railroad and

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brought in German settlers to support and be supplied by the railroad. The Depot was built in 1913 at a cost of \$6,000 in a Pueblo style with Moorish influences. It was placed on the National Historical Registry in 1976. The restored waiting area contains several display cases featuring railroad artifacts. Open during regular business hours. Admission is free.

Decatur Historic Union Depot

701 Railroad Street, Decatur; (256) 565-3788; www.decaturparks.com

The historic Decatur Union Passenger Depot was built by the Southern Railway in 1905 and is a symbol of the city's rich railroad heritage which extends back to the 1830s when the first railroad west of the Allegheny Mountains, the Tusculumbia, Courtland and Decatur railroad, was built. A union depot was the result of the joint use of the depot by two railroads, the Southern and the Louisville & Nashville railroads. The lobby itself now depicts a number of scenes and artifacts from Decatur businesses of the early 1900s which surrounded the depot. Other items of interest include the original ticket office, a model train layout, actual railroad signage, and a unique depot desk from the 1920s Tusculumbia depot. Open: M-F 10 a.m. to noon, 1 to 3 p.m. Please call ahead for weekend and holiday hours.

Fort Payne Depot Museum

105 5th St., Fort Payne; (256) 845-5714; www.fortpaynedepotmuseum.com

Museum features exhibits typical of the lifestyles of the late 1800s and the early 1900s, Native American pottery, basketry, tools, and clothing. The Fort Payne Depot was built by the Alabama Great Southern Railroad in 1891. Hours: W, Th, F 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; doors close at 3:45 p.m. Admission.

Guntersville Depot (Outside viewing only)

Off Blount Avenue on Greenwood Street; tours by appointment and to make an appointment, contact Betty Jones at (256) 571-7560.

In 1847 the Alabama legislature launched a project to connect the Tennessee River with the Coosa River with a railway from Guntersville to Gadsden. Work on the project stopped in 1861 because of the Civil War but resumed after the conclusion of the conflict. It was during this time the Guntersville Depot was built. The first scheduled passenger trip from Guntersville was in October 1892. The Guntersville train depot was dedicated as a historic site in 2000.

Historic Hartselle Depot

110 Railroad Street Southwest, downtown Hartselle; (256) 773-4370;
www.hartsellechamber.com

The Depot, built in 1914, includes historical displays have been provided by the Hartselle Historical Society. Today, it is home to Hartselle Area Chamber of Commerce and It plays host to many community and civic affairs. Hours: M-F 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Free.

Historic Huntsville Depot

Downtown Huntsville; (256) 564-8100; www.earlyworks.com

An active passenger station until 1968, the original depot building stands as a symbol of Huntsville's transportation history and city growth. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Depot served as the local passenger house and the corporate offices for the Eastern division of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad. Open: Museum temporarily closed, Park open year-round.



Historic Huntsville Depot.

Scottsboro Depot Museum

230 N Houston St, Scottsboro; www.scottsborodepotmuseum.com

The Scottsboro Depot Museum houses a wide range of exhibits in the brick depot constructed by the Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company 1859-1860. It is thought that the same architect designed the Scottsboro Depot and Huntsville's pre-Civil War depot. The Scottsboro depot opened for business in January 1861 and serviced both passengers and freight until January 1892 when a separate passenger depot was opened in Scottsboro. It is Scottsboro and Jackson County's oldest business house and saw service for 132 years. It is significant to the State since this building is one of only three pre-Civil War depots still standing in the State of Alabama. Open: Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Stevenson Railroad Depot Museum

207 W Main St, Stevenson; (256) 437-3012. An important Civil War railroad junction. Station now houses a collection of military, agricultural, Indian artifacts, railroad, and other local memorabilia. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Hours: M-F 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Closed on state holidays. Free.

Tuscumbia Depot & Roundhouse

204 W. 5th St., Tuscumbia; (256) 389-1357; www.colbertcountytourism.org, www.tuscumbiarailway.com

Tuscumbia is known as America's First Frontier Railroad Town for being part of the first railroad west of the Appalachian Mountains. The 1888 restored passenger Depot was utilized by both the Memphis and Charleston and Southern Railway companies. In its early years, the depot was used often by Helen Keller and her teacher, Annie Sullivan. Today it is a museum dedicated to rail and train memorabilia, interactive train simulators, telegraph demonstrations and information about Tuscumbia's history. A Keller family carriage occupies one room of the museum. Admission. Call for open dates and times.

Train Related Museums

Courtland Heritage Museum

252 College St, Courtland, AL; (256) 637-2710, (256) 355-7875

The Museum contains exhibits on the 1st railroad west of the Appalachian Mountains, a book written in Courtland in 1832, the story of the Goliad (Texas) massacre in 1836, the battle of Courtland in 1862, the Courtland Army Air Force Base, Dinky Davis' bicycle, and lots of other local history.

North Alabama Railroad Museum

694 Chase Rd NE, Huntsville, AL 35811 ; (256) 851-6276; northalabamarailroadmuseum.com

At the North Alabama Railroad Museum, located in Chase, Alabama, just east of Huntsville, you will find a facility reflecting a love of trains and a desire to preserve railroad history. The centerpiece of the museum features the Chase Depot, the smallest union depot in the country since it served more than one railroad when in service. If you visit the museum on a day when the train is running (see Train Ride Schedule on their website), you can ride a vintage train over the museum's own Mercury & Chase Railroad. Over thirty pieces of major rolling stock have been preserved including both freight and passenger equipment and three historic locomotives. Open: The museum's volunteer staff is present each Wednesday and Saturday morning for member work sessions and to assist visitors. The museum is also open by special appointment. Visitors may take a free self-guided tour and there are tour sheets and museum brochures in the waybill box located on the north side of the Chase Depot. Donations are welcomed.

Red Bay Museum

400 4th St. SW, Red Bay, AL ; (256) 356-8758; www.redbaymuseum.org

The museum showcases various displays of artifacts of Red Bay's past and also a display of items donated by Tammy Wynette and family and friends of Tammy. A featured display is The Red Bay Depot, destroyed by fire in the early 1990s., which includes one of the Red Bay signs that was on each end of the depot building, ticket counter, benches, scales, several telegraph instruments and many other items related to the depot and railroad. Open: Tu and Th 1:30-4:00 p.m. and by appointment. Admission.

Please check destination hours before traveling long distances.

Train Related Events

Hartselle Depot Days Festival

Hartselle; (256) 773-4370, www.hartselledepotdays.com

A week of activities celebrating the railroad, est. 1870, culminates with a festival on the 3rd Saturday in September. Miss Depot Days pageant, 5K run, car, truck, and bike show, antique tractor and engine show, arts & crafts, children's art show, rides, music, food, and more. Always third Saturday in September. Free.

Trains on Main Scavenger Hunt

130 Park Square Lane, Madison, Inside the Hogan YMCA; (256) 325-8317; www.trainsonmain.com

Trains on Main is a permanent, 24/7 outdoor scavenger hunt through downtown Madison created by the Madison Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the City of Madison and the Huntsville-Madison County Convention & Visitors Bureau. Participants hunt for 8 bronze trains by utilizing clue cards, available from the Madison Chamber and City Hall or via download from their site. Once train spotters find all 8 trains, they bring their completed clue cards to the Madison Chamber office to collect a prize.

Small-Scale Train Rides

Sportsman Lake Park / Cullman Parks and Recreation Department

1544 Sportsman Lake Rd, NW, Cullman; (256) 734-3052; www.cullmancountyparks.com/sportsman.html

Located around a large shallow body of water teeming with fish and wildlife in downtown Cullman, Sportsman Lake Park is a scenic destination that has a little something for everyone. A fan favorite is the small-scale train wrapping around the lake.

Spring Park Tuscumbia

Downtown Tuscumbia; (256) 383-0783; www.colbertcountytourism.org

Several amusements provide an excellent venue for young children to enjoy: a roller coaster, carousel and narrow gauge train that runs through the park (nominal fee for amusements).

Noccalula Falls Park

Hwy. 211; (256) 549-4663, campground (256) 543-7412; https://www.facebook.com/noccalulafalls/about_details

The train operates daily and takes visitors on a scenic one mile ride in and around the park. Unlimited train rides included in park admission. Park also includes a 90-foot waterfall with canyon, nature trails, botanical garden, and pioneer village. Beautiful rocks and gardens with an array of shrubs and flowers may be viewed as you walk the park's paved trail system or rest your feet as you ride the train. Admission.

North Alabama Railroad Museum

694 Chase Rd NE, Huntsville, AL 35811 ; (256) 851-6276; northalabamarailroadmuseum.com

Regular excursions are run over the entire length of their line to make a 10 mile round trip. These trips last a little over 1 hour. Shorter trips last approximately 35 minutes. Please check website for train schedule.

Restaurants

Freight House Restaurant & Catering

200 Railroad St. SW, Hartselle; (256) 773-4600; www.freighthousehartselle.com

The Freight House Restaurant is a modern Southern restaurant located in the historic freight terminal in downtown Hartselle, Alabama. This historic landmark has been remodeled as a dining facility and event venue. Guests may hear passing trains and witness unique union of the past and present. Menu is available on website. Hours: Su, M, T, W 11 am - 2 pm; Th 11-8 pm; F-S 11 am 9 pm.

NORTH ALABAMA MOTORCYCLE Routes

Ten Scenic Drives Through
North Alabama's Appalachian Foothills



North Alabama embraces the southern foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, making it a great region for motorcycle rides. Our scenic routes also offer a unique blend of unexpected cultural and heritage stops to accent your trip. Following are a selection of ten motorcycle routes that cruise over rolling hills, through lush forests, past cascading waterfalls, and across the fertile Tennessee River Valley.

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• Natchez Trace Route

In North Alabama, the Trace span is 33 miles from the Tennessee state line (milepost 341.8) to the Mississippi state line (milepost 308.9). Scenery: Southern pine and hardwood forests along the entire route.

• Covered Bridge Route

Three covered bridges still exist in Blount County, the Covered Bridge Capital of Alabama and home of the annual Covered Bridge Festival. Spanning 324 feet and situated high above the rocky riverbed of the Black Warrior River, Swann Covered Bridge is the longest covered bridge still in existence in the state. It was built around 1933. Old Easley Covered Bridge is a one-span town bridge built in 1930. Tin-covered and in fairly good repair, all 95 feet of its single span are preserved. And Horton Mill Bridge, built in 1935, is one of the highest covered bridges in the nation, standing 70 feet above the Black Warrior River.

• Lookout Mountain Parkway

The Lookout Mountain Parkway spans three states as it stretches across Lookout Mountain from Gadsden, Alabama to Chattanooga, Tennessee. The Lookout Mountain Parkway begins at Noccalula Falls Park in Gadsden, Ala., on top of Lookout Mountain. It is easily accessible via exit # 188 off Interstate 59 and following Highway 211 to Noccalula Falls Park. Turn to the left on Tabor Road in front of the Park to begin your journey across the scenic Lookout Mountain.

• National Forest Route 1

A nice twisty road through the heart of Alabama's largest national forest, Bankhead National Forest. The forest embraces 180,000 acres with an abundance of bluffs, canyons, waterfalls, springs, and lakes. Four recreation areas are located throughout the forest offering a wide range of activities.

• National Forest Route 2

This trip into Bankhead National Forest begins at the Cullman County Museum near downtown Cullman, and travels to a town located in the middle of the forest, Double Springs.

• Northeast Mountains Route

The vistas in Jackson County are spectacular, particularly the mountain panoramas as you travel the north bank of Lake Guntersville.

• Sand Mountain Route

Begin your trip in downtown Stevenson at the Historic Railroad Depot Museum on Main Street. Route will also take you near the Russell Cave National Monument near the Tennessee state line.

• Limestone County 2-Wheel Bike & Motorcycle Route

Start in downtown Athens at the courthouse square and weave in and out of town to see Antebellum homes, tree-lined country roads, farmland, woodlands, and streams.

• TVA Dams Route

This is a day-long route across the breadth of North Alabama (approximately 110 miles, 2 hours 15 minutes direct drive time). Route is described as starting in Guntersville and heading west to Florence. You may choose to reverse the directions and begin in Florence and drive east to Guntersville. Due to the length of the route and allowing for time to visit sites along the way, you may wish to overnight and extend the trip to a two-day getaway. You will skirt four of the major lake reservoirs created by the TVA.

• North Alabama Wineries Route

This is approximately a five hour route. While our route directions start at Jules J. Berta Winery in Albertville, Ala., you may start the route at any of the selected wineries. Overall, this drive is very scenic with eye-catching views of the rivers and lakes in the area, as well as cresting hills for breathtaking mountain views. Many areas offer canopies of gorgeous oak, hickory, ash, and elm. There's also plenty of Alabama snow and down home ranges- cotton fields, grazing pastures, tilled farmland, and other rural delights. Let's not forget the many rock walls, sweeping curves, and winding slopes one will enjoy on this delightful route.




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Discover a tranquil world nestled in the Appalachian foothills of the Duck Springs Valley. Enjoy wine tastings from over 20 varieties of wine. Relax on the deck of the newly enclosed and heated/AC room overlooking the vineyard and duck pond with wine by the glass or bottles, cheese and salami platters, available daily on Saturday. Brunch is served Sunday 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Call the winery for the menu of the day and reservations. Winery tasting room and gift shop, home winemaker's corner and much more. Groups Welcome. M-Sa 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Su 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Su brunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

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Maraella Winery & Vineyards

Maraella Vineyards & Winery was established in 2005 in the picturesque foothills of the Appalachia and named after the creator's four beloved granddaughters. Their vineyards include estate grown and bottled Cabernet Sauvignon allowing visitors a choice between classic viniferous varietals and traditional Alabama fruit wines. Wine novelties and local handmade art fill their gift shop. The Lee family is dedicated to producing an experience well worth sharing. Tasting room open M-W Noon-5 p.m., Th-Sa 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Su by advance appointment only.

Maraella Winery & Vineyards

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White Oak is a family owned farm winery featuring a selection of artisan wines. Come and walk through our flower gardens, sit and relax at the Koi pond. Bring a picnic basket if you would like to spend a pleasant afternoon with the owners. Muscadine champagne, muscadine wines, fruit wines (peach & blueberry), and elegant dry wines (Cabernet, Norton, Chardone, Blanc de Noir). Open Th-F 1-5 p.m., Sa 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and M-W by appt., call Randal at 256 453-6470.

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NORTH ALABAMA WINE TRAIL FESTIVALS

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WINE & CHEESE

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The Alabama Bass Trail is a cooperative effort between the Governor's office, the Alabama Tourism Department, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association.

The Alabama Bass Trail features 13 of Alabama's premiere bass-fishing lakes and stretches from the mountains of North Alabama south to the Mobile Delta. With a mild climate, mineral rich reservoirs, affordable lodging and dining, as well as public access to boat ramps and marinas, Alabama is a year-round destination for anglers from across the country.

The Alabama Bass Trail Tournament Series entered its tenth season in 2023 as the state's premier weekend tournament trail for amateur bass anglers with an 11-event schedule offering more than \$590,000 in awards including \$10K in prize money in celebration of the tournament's tenth anniversary.

"It has been exciting to watch the Alabama Bass Trail Tournament Series grow since its inception in 2013," said Alabama Bass Trail Program Director Kay Donaldson. "From our sponsors and supporters to the anglers and their families, there are no words to adequately express my appreciation. We set out ten years ago to create an opportunity for anglers to experience what makes Alabama so special when it comes to bass fishing, and year after year, the host cities step up to create a world class angler experience that

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exceeds everyone's expectations. Not only have we won the support and trust from anglers who return year after year, local communities are realizing the economic impact from hosting a tournament of this caliber. Everyone, from our lodging partners to local attractions, restaurants, shops and gas stations, see an impact from the Alabama Bass Trail Tournament Series."

Sanctioned by BASS (Bass Anglers Sportsman Society), the ABT Tournament Series contains two divisions, North and South, and each division is made up of five tournaments on five different lakes. The maximum number of boats for each tournament is 225. Teams must fish in all five tournaments in their respective division; no single entries will be allowed.

AnglersChannel will continue the live-streaming and will film and produce the Alabama Bass Trail television series for Bally Sports Southeast to air at a later date.

For information on the current tournament schedule and entry rules, visit www.alabamabasstrail.org.

North Alabama lakes on the Alabama Bass Trail include:

- **H. Neely Henry Lake**

Made up of 11,200 acres of rippling blue waters and 339 miles of shoreline. Fish for largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass as well as catfish. Runs north-south next to Gadsden. Call (256) 549-0351, (888) 565-0411.

- **Lake Guntersville**

Alabama's largest impoundment at 69,000 acres with more than 900 miles of shoreline. Noted as an excellent bass lake and resort area. Stretches from Scottsboro to Guntersville. Call (256) 582-3612, (888) 565-0411.

- **Lewis Smith Lake**

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- **Pickwick Lake**

One of the South's best trophy smallmouth impoundments and popular for crappie and catfish. Runs from Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield and Tusculumbia to the Alabama-Mississippi border. Call (256) 740-4141, (888) FLO-TOUR, (256) 383-0783, (800) 344-0783.

- **Weiss Lake**

A 30,200-acre impoundment offering 447 miles of shoreline next to the City of Centre, known as "The Crappie Capital of the World." Popular spot for bass and catfish too. Call (256) 927-8455; www.cherokee-chamber.org.

- **Wheeler Lake**

A 65,000-acre reservoir on the Tennessee River running from Huntsville through Decatur to Wheeler Dam in Lauderdale County. Offers diverse sport fishing with largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass; crappie, hybrids, bluegill, and channel catfish. Call (256) 350-2028, (800) 524-6181, (256) 232-2600 or (256) 551-2230, 888-FLO-TOUR.

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- It's the name of a famous song, but Guntersville is truly a place "where eagles fly." The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources initiated a Bald Eagle Restoration Project in 1984, releasing 91 juvenile eagles between 1985 and 1991. Today, the site has one of the largest nesting eagle populations in the state. The area has so many migrating bald eagles during the winter that Lake Guntersville State Park specifically created Eagle Awareness Weekends for folks to come, watch, and enjoy the graceful symbol of our American heritage each January & February.

- Alabama installed the first statue honoring a disabled person in the U.S. Capitol in 2009, unveiling a bronze of a 7-year-old Helen Keller at her moment of epiphany when she solved "the mystery of language" without sight or hearing. The statue, also the only one of a child in the Capitol collection, depicts Keller at her home in Tusculumbia as her teacher Anne Sullivan spelled out the word "water" in her hand while pumping water over her other hand. Keller's home, known as Ivy Green, is listed on the National Historic Landmarks rolls and is open to the public daily.

- In January 1968, the FCC and AT&T announced a plan for an emergency telephone number. But the Alabama Telephone Company decided to get out ahead of the feds and set up its own system. The first 911 call in the United States was made in Haleyville, Alabama on February 16, 1968. Each May, Haleyville commemorates the event with the 9-1-1 Festival, featuring a free live concert that includes many nationally known recording artists, the 5K Color Fun Run, a Classic Car Show and Antique Tractor Show, arts, crafts, food vendors, and the 9-1-1 parade.

- Opened in 1970, just after the second manned mission to the lunar surface, the U. S. and Rocket Center in Huntsville is earth's largest museum of its type and is Alabama's number one most visited attraction. Showcasing rockets, achievements, and items from the U.S. space program, the center contains more than 1,500 permanent rocketry and space exploration artifacts, as well as many rotating rocketry and space-related exhibits. The idea for the museum was first proposed by Dr. Wernher von Braun, who led the efforts of the United States to land the first man on the moon.

- James Cleveland "Jesse" Owens was an American track and field athlete and four-time Olympic gold medalist in the 1936 Berlin Games. He was the most successful athlete at the games and, as a black man, was credited with "single-handedly crushing Hitler's myth of Aryan supremacy." Owens was the youngest of ten children born to a sharecropper in Oakville, Alabama, on September 12, 1913. Owens specialized in the sprints and the long jump and was recognized in his lifetime as "perhaps the greatest and most famous athlete in track and field history". A museum in Oakville honors his achievements.

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