COLDWATER FALLS
Spring Park, Tuscumbia, Alabama
GPS: N 34° 43.789 W 87° 42.205

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North Alabama marks the southern extremity of the beautiful Appalachian Mountains. The mighty Tennessee River cuts a large valley across our width, creating an abundance of creeks, streams, rivers, mountains, and lakes. Here you will find level highlands from 700 to 800 feet, a narrow strip of gentle rolling lowlands varying in elevation from 500 to 800 feet on each side of the Tennessee River, and a rugged section with steep mountain-sides, deep narrow valleys, and flat mountain-tops from 400 to 1,800 feet.

Preserving and enjoying nature is a rich part of our heritage. Our area includes the Bankhead National Forest, the Sipsey Wilderness Area, Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge, eight expansive lakes, millions of acres of woodlands, and hundreds of miles of nature-based trails.

From magical waterfalls, kayaking and white water rafting, to the world's largest space museum and homes of American legends Helen Keller and Jesse Owens, we invite you to come explore and see what each of the 16 counties of North Alabama have to offer.

Meet the Photographer

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Coldwater Falls is a man-made waterfall that is constructed with over 2,000 tons of sandstone. It is located at Spring Park in Tuscumbia and stretches 80 feet wide and is 42 feet tall. Each day over 4.3 million gallons of water flow over the falls.

DeSoto Falls
Mentone, Alabama
www.DiscoverLookoutMountain.com
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.

Grace's High Falls
Fort Payne, Alabama
www.DiscoverLookoutMountain.com
Located within the 14,000 acres Little River Canyon National Preserve is Grace's High Falls. Though only seasonal, this waterfall is one of Alabama's highest waterfalls. At over 700 feet high, the waterfall features a view you can't find anywhere else. When rainfall is high, a significant amount of smaller creeks and waterfalls can be seen while exploring the area.

High Falls
Tuscaloosa, Alabama
www.JacksonCountyChamber.com
High Falls waterfall is considered a hidden treasure in Alabama to many state residents. Located within High Falls County Park, High Falls waterfall is 55 feet high and close to 300 feet wide! In seasons of heavy rains, the entire width of the waterfall is overflowing. The park also features a natural bridge at the bottom of the waterfall, along with a walking bridge that crosses over the waterfall.

Lacefield Falls
Tuscumbia, Alabama
www.ColbertCountyTourism.org
Lacefield Falls is located in Cane Creek Canyon Nature Preserve just south of Tuscumbia. A large swath of wild streams, box canyons, waterfalls, rock shelters, and sandstone bluffs encompassing 700 acres remains nearly as pristine and wild as it did centuries ago.

Mardis Mill Falls
Oneonta, Alabama
www.BlountOneontaChamber.org
Located on Grave's Creek which feeds into The Black Warrior / Locust Fork River. The falls are roughly 35-feet wide and the water drops 16-feet. Also known as Graves Creek Falls.

Mystic Falls
Hodges, Alabama
www.vVisitFranklinCoAl.com
Located in Rock Bridge Canyon Equestrian Park, this popular cascading waterfall is located just off Canyon Road. The site was given its name by Jasper and Mary Avery who developed the area for public enjoyment in the 1950's.

Pisgah Forge Falls
Pisgah, Alabama
www.JacksonCountyChamber.com
This gorge is located within Sand Mountain at Pisgah. At a total of 600 feet spread out over 1.5 miles, the gorge includes two large waterfalls that are each close to 100 feet tall.

Wilson Dam Falls
Florence, Alabama
www.BlountOneontaChamber.org
Located on Grave's Creek which feeds into The Black Warrior / Locust Fork River. The falls are roughly 35-feet wide and the water drops 16-feet. Also known as Graves Creek Falls.

Wilson Dam Falls
Florence, Alabama
www.VisitingFranklinCoAL.com
Wilson Dam is on the Tennessee River near Florence. It is the only neoclassical-style dam in the Tennessee Valley Authority system, integrating themes of ancient Roman and Greek architecture into the modern structure. The waterfall is on a high rock wall adjacent to the dam. Small feeder creeks run through the natural area and create this waterfall on an adjacent cliff wall.