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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.

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**Coldwater Falls**
Rolla, Madison County, Alabama

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**
Fort Payne, DeSoto County, Alabama

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.

**Rainbow Falls**
Dismals Canyon near Phil Campbell, Alabama

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Located in northwest Alabama, Rainbow Falls is nestled in a small canyon known as The Dismals, featuring two waterfalls, many various rock formations, and a 3/4-mile trail through the canyon. Dismals Canyon is a National Natural Landmark and is noted as one of the finest examples of ecological and geological features composing our nation's natural history.

**Wilson Dam Falls**
Muscle Shoals, Alabama

www.WilsonDamFalls.com

Wilson Dam is on the Tennessee River near Muscle Shoals. 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.

**Lacefield Falls**
Tuscumbia, Alabama

Located within the 14,000 acres of Little River Canyon National Preserve is Lacefield Falls. Though only seasonal, this waterfall is one of Alabama's highest waterfalls. At over 133 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.

**Mardis Mill Falls**
Gardendale, Cullman County, Alabama

Located on Graves' 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.

**Kinlock Falls**
Haleyville, Alabama

www.fs.usda.gov

Kinlock Falls is a cascade waterfall that drops 15 feet over a span of 20 feet. Though Kinlock Falls is not a high waterfall, it features a magnificent view, along with being an area that people come to swim. Located along Hubbard Creek in the Bankhead National Forest.

**High Falls**
Guntersville, Madison County, Alabama

www.HighFallsGuntersville.com

High Falls waterfall is considered a hidden treasure in Alabama. 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 waterfalls, along with a walking bridge that crosses over the waterfall.

**Turkey Foot Falls**
Double Springs, Madison County, Alabama

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Within a 30-minute walk from the Sipsey River Picnic Grounds and Recreation Area, the main developed access area off of County Road 6 (Cranal Road). Turkey Foot Creek runs through a sandstone canyon then empties into the Sipsey Fork. The area is rich in Native American and pioneer history.

**Little River Falls**
Fort Payne, Alabama

Known as one of America's deepest and most extensive canyon systems east of the Mississippi River, Little River Canyon National Preserve is 14,600 acres of nothing but beauty. Located at the northern end of Little River Canyon National Preserve, Little River Falls is one of Alabama’s most scenic waterfalls.

**Bethel Spring Falls**
Gardendale, Cullman County, Alabama

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 waterfalls, along with a walking bridge that crosses over the waterfall.

**Marble Mill Falls**
Oconeetie, Alabama

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