NORTH ALABAMA TRAILS MIX
A BLEND OF NATURE, HISTORY & FLAVOR

North Alabama Waterfall Trail

North Alabama Wine Trail

North Alabama Barbecue Trail

North Alabama Mural Trail

Historic Train Depots Trail

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North Alabama marks the southern foothills of the Appalachian Mountain Range, with rocky peaks boldly cut by the rushing waters of the Tennessee River. It is a region of unsurpassed beauty and is renowned for its wooded bluffs and serene nature areas. North Alabama boasts of many assets of interest to the traveler -- beautiful landscapes, sparkling lakes, abundant flora and fauna, internationally-acclaimed music and food, a rich and compelling history, and a vibrant array of unexpected destinations.

To help you see all North Alabama has to offer, we’ve developed a number of themed trails to peak the interest of any family member. We look forward to providing you with an exciting adventure. 

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Orchards & Farms

• **Isom’s Orchard**
  23910 US Highway 72 E Athens, AL 35613; (256) 232-0808; www.facebook.com/isomsorchard/
  Isom’s will provide you with a wide variety of only the freshest and tastiest produce grown right on their farm!

• **1818 Farms**
  24889 Lauderdale Street Mooresville, AL 35649; (256) 714-3220; www.1818farms.com
  Farm animals, 10,000 flowers, farm-related classes such as raised bed gardening and food preservation, and a full series of 1818 Farms’ bath and beauty products.

• **Boneyard Farm**
  3762 Co Rd 249 Courtland, AL 35603; (256) 476-7157; www.boneyardfarm.business.site/ Specializing in breeding rare poultry breeds.

• **Boyd Family Farms**
  916 State Line Road Ardmore, AL 35739; (929) 525-6111; www.theboydfamilyfarm.com
  U-Pick blueberries, petting zoo and mobile petting zoo, alternative livestock, and Animal Park & Gardens filled with exotic birds, tropical plants, and animals of all types. Season begins mid-June, open on Sat and Sun 7am-1pm during season, season and family passes available. Also available for special event bookings.

• **GoFAR USA Park**
  895 S Bethel Rd. Decatur, AL; (256) 345-0797; www.gofarusapark.com
  An outdoor adventure park complete with running/biking/hiking trails, ziplines, climbing wall, natural playscape, farm petting zoo, paintball shooting range, obstacle courses, electric scooter and trail board rental, picnic area, and more.

• **Hidden River Farms**
  280 Goose Pond Road Hartselle, AL 35640; (256) 200-8502; www.hiddenriversfarm.com
  Themed maze, pumpkin patch, animal encounters, ride a pony, corn pit, and tailgating area.

• **Reeves Peach Farm**
  334 Hwy 36 East, Hartselle, AL 35640; (256) 502-9760; www.reevespeaches.com
  Settled in 1835, four generations of the Reeves family have been growing peaches, plums, watermelon, cantaloupes, tomatoes, squash, sweet corn, and other vegetables for more than six decades.

• **Red Land Cotton**
  1000 County Road 213 Moulton, AL 35650; (205) 235-9792; www.redlandcotton.com
  Rain-fed cotton, never irrigated, and produced under the most up-to-date and sustainable farming techniques. They then custom gin their cotton for only the finest fibers their farm has to offer to become a part of Red Land Cotton linens.

• **Sullivan Creek Ranch**
  151 County Road 1047 Vinemont, AL 35179; (256) 595-4090; www.sullivancreekranch.com
  Sullivan Creek Ranch is a 300 acre cattle ranch located here in the rolling hills of North Alabama. While their priority is raising Akaushi beef, they have opened their ranch up to RVs, campers, and others.

• **J. Calvert Farms**
  30 County Road 260 Cullman, AL 35057; (256) 636-2752; jcalvertfarms.com
  A family farm trying to bring customers the best quality produce products that they can buy. Fresh fruits, vegetables, and some meats.

• **Cornutt Farms**
  24 Miller Lane Boaz, AL 35957; (256) 572-6347; https://cornuttfarms.wixsite.com/cornuttfarmllc
  A row crop and cattle farm that also grows sunflowers and pumpkins that are open to the public each fall.

• **The Belue Place Pumpkin Patch**
  700 Co Rd 513 Lexington, AL 35648; (256) 366-6277; www.thebelueplace.com
  Featured in “25 Pumpkin Patches In Alabama you need to visit this Fall” The Belue Place resides on the site of an early 1800s farm of the Belue family. There are also other activities such as: a petting zoo, hay loft, corn crib, hayride, cow train, etc.

• **McGee Farm**
  8211 Co. Rd. 7 Florence, AL 35633; (256) 764-5320, (256) 766-2725(farm); www.mcgeeferm.com
  Visitors can get fall decorations from the field via a tractor-drawn wagon ride to the pumpkin patch. Pick your own pumpkins! Choose your Chrysanthemums from thousands grown on the farm. Enjoy children’s activities: the barnyard bounce, pumpkin painting, playing in the hay and feeding the chickens. The Kitchen offers home cooked meals and treats and jars of farm produce transformed into jams, jellies and relishes.

• **Gentry’s Produce**
  1796 Military Street Hamilton, AL 35570; (256) 436-8489
  Fresh produce including tomatoes, watermelons, strawberries, and cantaloupes.
Wineries

• Jules D. Berta Vineyards
  1409 Darden Ave. Albertville, AL 35951; (256) 891-5115; www.julesdbertavineyards.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; www.willscreekwinery.com
  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, and
  much more. Groups welcome.

• Marrella Winery
  5296 Old Us Hwy 278 E, Gadsden, AL 35903; (256) 504-8222; www.marella.com
  The vineyards include estate grown and bottled Cabernet Sauvignon allowing visitors a choice between classic
  viniferous varietals and traditional Alabama fruit wines. Wine novelties and handmade art fill the gift shop.

• Fruthurst Winery Co.
  27091 Co. Rd. 49 Fruthurst, AL 36262; (256) 463-1003; thefruthurstwineryco.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 Street Athens, AL 35611; (256) 232-9040; www.athensmainstreet.org
  Visit the market every Tuesday and Saturday during the summer to buy fresh produce, meats, eggs, and
  flowers from local growers, buy prepared foods from local makers, and buy 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; www.facebook.com/NorthAlabamaAgriplex
  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 7 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 & Antique Festival
  14451 Market St., Moulton Lions Club Fairgrounds Moulton, AL 35650; (256) 566-4410; www.strawberryfestivalmoulton.com
  Family event, local strawberries, free children’s activities: blowups, petting zoo, bike trail ride, slides,
  bounce house. Mud Volleyball tournament, 5K & 1-mile run/walk, Cornhole tournament, classic car-
  truck-motorcycle show, arts and crafts vendors, festival foods, bands, and Miss Strawberry Pageant.

• 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 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.

• Piney Chapel American Farm Heritage Days
  20147 Elkton Road Athens, AL 35612; (256) 431-6226
  One of the best antique engine shows in the Southeast- voted one of the Top 20 Events For August by the
  Southeastern 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.

• 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, buggies, is held on Saturday.
  There will also be a reenactment of the Civil War in the park, a 5K fun run, a car show, and the vendors
  will be out all day.

• Cullman Strawberry Festival
  309 1st Ave NE, Cullman, AL 35055; (256) 734-9157; www.cullmanstrawberryfestival.com
  The oldest strawberry festival in the state of Alabama! Come out and enjoy some tasty strawberry treats,
  the doggy pawgent, kid activities, craft show, live music, strawberries at the market & more! Located in
  Depot Park in Cullman, Alabama.

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
  7429 U.S. Hwy. 72 West, Unit C, Madison, AL 35758; (256-) 25-3928; www.bowlerhatbrewing.com
  A new neighborhood micro-brewery with an old-fashioned spirit. Enjoy a craft beer in our post-
  prohibition era operating brewhouse and cozy taproom environment. “The Neon Lily” restaurant menu is
  full of savory dishes, offering unique ethnic meals that pair wonderfully with their craft beer. Liyla Taylor,
  from Kazakhstan, is an award-winning grand champion in several categories of Eurasian cuisine.

• 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 and the only brewery to bottle beer and sell outside the
  state. Guided brewery tours on Saturday.

• Main Channel Brewery
  2090 Gunter Avenue, Guntersville, AL 35776; (256) 960-5070; www.mainchannelbeer.com
  Marshall County’s first craft brewery, Main Channel Brewing offers brews centered around Lake
  Guntersville themes, which is at the heart of the brewery itself. With beautiful lake views and a naval theme,
  the taproom offers a continuous selection of lack favorites and rotating seasonal offerings sure to
  please any beer lover.

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 Berlin Weisse/Sour.

Dawson Distillery
  1022 LaGrange College Lane Leighton, AL 35646; (256-) 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 foot hills 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!

50 Taters
1497 County Park Road, Scottsboro, AL 35769; (256) 259-3222; Open: W-Th 11 a.m.-8 p.m., F-Sa 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Su 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; www.restaurantji.com/al/scottsboro/50-taters

Big Bob Gibson Bar-B-Q
1715 6th Ave. SE & 2520 Danville Rd, SW, Decatur, AL 35601; (256) 350-6969, (256) 350-0404; bigbobgibson.com
Open: Seven days a week, 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

L. O. Bishop BBQ
10 L.O. Bishop Lane, Cherokee, AL 35616; (256) 368-3635, (800)368-3635; bishopsbbq.com. Online ordering or catering only.

Dales BBQ - Boaz
10850 AL Hwy. 168 (Mill St.), Boaz, AL 35957; (256) 593-1168; dales-bbq.com
Second location in Attalla on Gilberts Ferry Rd.
Open: M-Sa 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Closed on Sundays on purpose.

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

Johnny’s Bar-B-Q
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
Open: M-Th 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m., F-Sa 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Su 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

LawLers Barbecue Airport Rd/Whitesburg
5004 A Whitesburg Dr, Suite A, Huntsville, AL 35802; (256) 880-1286; lawlersbarbecue.com
Open: M-Sa 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Closed on Sundays on purpose.

LawLers Barbecue Athens
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 Su 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 Su 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 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.

LawLers Barbecue Killen
1333 Hwy. 72 W, Killen, AL 35645; (256) 272-5464; lawlersbarbecue.com. Open: M-Sa 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Closed on Sundays on purpose.
LawLers Barbecue Madison
544 Hughes Road, Madison, AL 35758; (256) 772-0590; lawlersbarbecue.com. Open: M-Sa 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Closed on Sundays on purpose.

LawLers Barbecue Meridianville
11818 231/431 N, Suite A, Huntsville, AL 35802; (256) 828-6677; lawlersbarbecue.com. Open: M-Sa 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Closed on Sundays on purpose.

LawLers Barbecue Monrovia
1047 Jeff Road, Suite 10, Huntsville, AL 35758; (256) 830-8200; lawlersbarbecue.com. Open: M-Sa 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Closed on Sundays on purpose.

LawLers Barbecue Muscle Shoals
802 Avalon Avenue, Muscle Shoals, AL 35661; (256) 320-7062; lawlersbarbecue.com. Open: M-Sa 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Closed on Sundays on purpose.

LawLers Barbecue South Parkway
11310 S Memorial Parkway, SW, Huntsville, AL 35802; (256) 882-5404; lawlersbarbecue.com. Open: M-Sa 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Closed on Sundays on purpose.

Local Joe’s BBQ
4967 Rainbow Drive, Rainbow City, AL 35906; (256) 438-5179. Open: M-Sa 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Mud Creek Restaurant
844 Co. Rd. 213, Hollywood, AL 35752; (256) 259-2493
Open: Tu-Sa 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Su 11 a.m.-3 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: Tu-Th 7 a.m.-9 p.m., F & Sa 7 a.m.-10 p.m.

Smokin’ on the Boulevard
4080 Florence Blvd., Florence, AL 35634; (256) 757-0099; Look for us on Facebook.
Open: Th noonish until the sun goes down, Fr 8 a.m.-dark thirty, Sa 8 a.m.-2 p.m. or until we sell out. Extended hours for all major holidays, and then closed the weekend right after.
Walk-ins are welcome, but call if you’re making a special trip.

Whitt’s BBQ - Athens
1397 E Elm Street Athens, AL 35611;
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;
Open: Tu-W 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Th-Sa 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Barbecue Related Festivals
Sizzle & Smoke by Mosaic of North Alabama
Ingall’s Harbor, Decatur, September each year
(256) 353-0157/mosaicnorthal.org
Alabama’s first TRIPLE SCA sanctioned Steak Cook Off. Also includes a Kids-Que turn in of Cheeseburgers, an anything goes appetizer ancillary and the Jack Daniel Cocktail ancillary. Live music on Friday night with food trucks. Open to the public. Admission, kids are free. Event information on social media platforms: Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter.

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.

Whistle Stop Weekend
John Hunt Park, 2151 Airport Rd., Huntsville
September
(256) 564-8100/www.whistlestopweekend.com
Two days of music, food and fun at the new festival grounds at John Hunt Park! Live entertainment, tasting opportunities, food trucks and the sweet smells from the award-winning barbeque cooks. Admission.

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
• 3/4 cup chopped onion
• 1/2 cup sweet pickle cubes • 1/2 tsp. black pepper
• 3/4 cup mayo (use a good brand) • 1 tbsp. mustard
• 1/2 stick real butter • 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
• 1 1/2 pound granulated sugar
• 2 or 3 heads of green cabbage
• Tablespoon black pepper
Makes about a gallon or 30 servings
First make the slaw marinade (or buy it from us!). 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.
The North Alabama Birding Trail is a wildlife trail that is not a really a “trail”, but a series of sites that have been chosen for their great birdwatching opportunities. The trail has 51 sites located in eleven 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

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

Key Cave National Wildlife Refuge
Northeast 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
Northeast 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
Northwest 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 – Dancy Bottoms Nature Trail
Central Loop Site #33 | Morgan | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring
GPS: N 34.5070, W 86.9552

Wheeler NWR – Cave Springs
Central Loop Site #31 | Limestone | Best Seasons: Fall, Spring, Winter
GPS: N 34.6290, W 86.9520

Wilson Dam Visitor Center
Northwest Loop Site #20 | Colbert | Best Seasons: Summer, Winter
GPS: N 34.7934, W 87.6262

Winfred Thomas Agricultural Research Station
Central Loop Site #27 | Madison | Best Seasons: Spring, Fall, Winter
GPS: N 34.9025, W 86.5596

Day Park Kiosk, Decatur, Ala.
• 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
alabama.travel/trails/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.decaturcvb.org
The Civil War Walking Tour is located in the Old Decatur and New Albany Historic Districts, just off the southern bank of the Tennessee River near downtown Decatur. Part of the national Civil War Discovery Trail, begins at the Old State Bank Building in downtown Decatur (925 Bank Street NE).

• 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. The War for Southern Independence, commonly called the Civil War, was very real and devastating to Athens and Limestone County from 1861 to 1865. This driving trail 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 Beatty 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, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission.
stroll along Decatur's Civil War Walking Tour is offered on Saturday afternoons. A Civil War related event is held on 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 weekend 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.civilwar.org/aboutus/events/park-day.

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 2-5pm. Donations made during the free event will go toward cemetery maintenance.

Recall LaGrange
LaGrange College Site Park & Antebellum Cemetery, Leighton, AL. 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
Commemoration of the Civil War destruction of LaGrange College and the village with soldiers and villagers dressed in period clothing, demonstrating daily camp life, military drills, skirmishes, and more. Held in May each year.

General Joe Wheeler Birthday Celebration
Pond Spring, General Joe Wheeler Home, 12280 AL Hwy. 20, Hillsboro AL; 256-637-8513; 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.
GOAT ISLAND BREWING
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
On the day of April 27th, 2011, Cullman, Alabama was turned upside down by a tornado. While devastation hit hard, something was brewing in the midst of destruction.

Actions related to the rebuilding after the storm set in motion a series of fortunate events. An old high school friendship was rekindled and the passion for making good beer was sparked. Our two brew masters had a solid reputation of home brewing, designing new beers, and perfecting the American and German classics. When the two began to collaborate and brew together, magic happened and the synergy took their beer recipes to a new level. You could call it a true brewmance.

Behind the scenes stood the rest of the brew crew. The full crew was represented as a rocket scientist, a geologist, an insurance agent, and a cop. What started out as a dream was in the process of becoming reality. New beer was invented, dreams were fueled, and plans were made to birth something this town had not seen since the 1800s: a brewery. 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. So before you begin cast judgement, these old goats know good beer. And as they say, “Life is too short to drink baaad beer!”.

Beer selection includes Richter’s Pils (gold medal winner at the 2017 Alabama Craft Beer Championship), Palomino Pale, the limited edition Big Bridge IPA, Peace - Love & Hippieweizen, and the seasonal Sipsey River Red (gold medal winner in the 2016 Alabama Craft Beer Championship), Oktoberfest, and The Colonel’s Fest Bier.

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 and the only brewery to bottle beer and sell outside the state. Guided brewery tours on Saturday from 3–8 p.m.

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.

Limited and Specialty beers include PBP Peanut Butter Porter, Jalapango, The Mandarin Chief, and Pomereader. Old and Rare beers include Farm Box Variety Pack, Fence Post Session Ale, and Kudzu Porter.

MAIN CHANNEL BREWERY
2090 Gunter Avenue, Guntersville, AL 35976; 256-960-5070
www.mainchannelbeer.com; Th-Sa 4-9PM
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 the surrounding towns alike. Main Channel Brewing Company is Marshall County’s first brewery. “Think about vacations at the lake, tubing, skiing, fishing, catching your first turtle or the first time you boated under the river bridge and catching your breath at the scale of it. Main Channel wants to bring this emotion to you through quality brews from people that love the water and lake living,” said owners Clay and Sarah Smith.

Beer selection includes Main Channel Amber Ale, MC’s New England IPA, 358 American Imperial IPA, Blackberry Wheat, Blonde Ale, Chocolate Oatmeal South, Choppky Water Wheat, Clays Coffe Stout, Dunkelweiss German Dunkelweizen, and Ryedrilla rye Beer.

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.

Seasonal selections feature Miracle Worker Belgian Tripel, Tobacco Road Red Ale, Groovy Don’s Groovy IPA, 1819 Belgian Dubbel, Oktoberfest, and Frankenhammer Belgian Dark Ale.

**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. Travel back to a simpler time to connect with your friends, meet new people, celebrate accomplishments with low level background music to facilitate conversations. “The Neon Lily” restaurant menu is full of savory dishes, offering unique ethnic meals that pair wonderfully with their craft beer. Liliya Taylor, from Kazakhstan is an award winning grand champion in several categories of Eurasian cuisine.

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.

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111 W. Washington Street, Athens, AL 35611, (256) 874-9430

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

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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.

These churches define the heart of North Alabama’s rich and diverse cultural and spiritual heritage. Each church being born of need and built from the materials at hand.

Houses of worship cause us to pause, to reflect, and to witness the most important events in our lives: birth, marriage and death. Each of these churches has a story to tell. One can never know a church too well, for each time one visits one discovers new things.

Some churches have been designed by experienced architects and some have been designed and constructed by church members who simply “felt the calling.” Many church interiors appear of simple designs, but know that members feel everyday life must be recounted with gentle grace and perfect balance. Services continue to be marked by singing, storytelling and communal good cheer.

Several white painted timber-framed churches are nestled in quiet surroundings, standing as testimonies to those who wished to create a place of silence, of prayer, and of spiritual joy. Others can be found in serene locations, open on three sides, married to the woodlands with only a single room. Like the forest, each church has its atmosphere, its fragrance, its light and its shadow. With some, sturdy benches and a simple wooden pulpit are the sole furnishings.
The stained glass windows are breathtaking. They become warmer and vibrant with the sun's light... filling sanctuaries with colorful prisms. Beautiful gothic, cathedral-like structures are truly great wonders of art.

Tall elegant steeples rise into the sky bringing one closer to the heavens. Many interiors of these gothic wonders are beyond human description.

What has been most intriguing about this adventure has been the devotion people feel for their churches, whether a grand gothic edifice or a simple clapboard building.

“Let there always be quiet churches in which people can take refuge...Houses filled with His silent presence. There, even when they do not know how to pray, at least they can be still and breathe easily.”

-Thomas Merton

New Seeds of Contemplation 1961

Whether you choose to visit one, ten or thirty-two churches on the Trail, we wish you a good and safe trip. It is our hope you will come back often.
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 Soulard Square; (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. 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 Cullman, the founder of this community, was an agent for the railroad and 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 Tuscumbia, 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 Tuscumbia 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. The museum features Native American pottery, basketry, tools, and clothing. Old Fort Payne Depot 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 you must 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
Built in 1914, it was restored by community. Historical displays have been provided by the Hartselle
Historical Society. It is home to Huntsville Area Chamber of Commerce. 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: Tu-Sa 9 a.m.-4 p.m., March-Dec.

**Scottsboro Depot Museum**

230 N Houston St, Scottsboro; www.scottsborodepott parl.com

The Scottsboro Depot Museum houses a wide range of exhibits in the Scottsboro 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 has been in continuous operation for 153 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.

**Tusculum Depot & Roundhouse**

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

Tusculum 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 Tusculum’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; (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 Goliah (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 county 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.

**Train Related Events**

**Huntsville Depot Days Festival**

Huntsville; (256) 773-4370, www.huntsvilledepotdays.com

A week of activities celebrating the railroad, est. 1870, culminates with a festival on the 3rd Saturday in September. Miss Depot Days pageant, $5 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.

**Whistle Stop Weekend**

Huntsville; (256) 564-8100; www.whistlestopweekend.com

Two days of music, food, and fun on the grounds of the Historic Huntsville Depot! Live entertainment, family fun zone, and barbecue judging are highlights of this annual event. First weekend in May.

**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 this 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.cullmanrecreation.org

Located around a large shallow body of water teeming with fish and wildlife in downtown Cullman. A fan favorite is the small-scale train wrapping around the lake.

**Spring Park Tusculum**

Downtown Tusculum; (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; www.cityofgadsden.com

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, Huntsville; 256-773-4600; www.freighthousecatering.com

The Freight House Restaurant is a modern Southern restaurant located in downtown Huntsville, Alabama. We are located in the historic freight terminal. This historic landmark has been remodeled as a dining facility and event venue. Our guests may hear passing trains and witness unique union of the past and present. Our menu is poster on our website. Hours: Su, M, T, W 11 am - 2 pm; Th 11-8 pm; F-S 11 am 9 pm. 800-648-5381 | 256-350-3500 |
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  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. This parkway begins at Noccalula Falls Park in Gadsden, Ala., on top of Lookout Mountain. It is easily accessible via exit # 188 o 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. Scenery: 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.
The North Alabama Mural Trail offers a self-guided tour of over 125 murals and an opportunity to discover North Alabama’s heritage, beauty and love of the arts. Along with a brief description of each mural, the mobile passport offers the artist (if known), street address, GPS coordinates along with an interactive map. 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.
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 Tuscumbia, AL; (800) 344-0783 (for info) (256) 386-5670; www.colbertcountytourism.org

3. DeSoto State Park
Offers a lodge, cabins, motel, full service restaurant, campground, primitive camping, nature center, hiking and biking trails, Olympic-size pool, canoeing, boating, and fishing areas. Located atop Lookout Mountain near Little River Canyon National Preserve and near DeSoto Falls day use area. 1299 Blalock Drive. NE Fort Payne, AL; (256) 845-0051; www.alapark.com/parks/desoto-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.

5. High Falls
The 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 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. Noccalula 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 main; 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
Boasts one of the highest, single-lift locks in the world. Construction on the dam began during World War I, TVA was created in 1933. The lock is accessible to visitors Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. throughout the year.

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FESTIVALS
WINE & CHOCOLATE
Every Saturday in February
Love is in the air at the wineries. Could there be anything more romantic than wine and chocolate? We don’t think so. In the month of February, each participating winery will be offering samples of chocolate. So, stop by the wineries and enjoy the Wine & Chocolate Trail with your sweetie, family or friends. Start the new year off on a sweet note.

WINE & CHEESE
Every Saturday in June
Seldom is wine drunk alone. Often it is paired with a range of cheese which brings out the tastiness of each. The month of June each participating winery will give you an opportunity to experience a variety of cheeses. Start your summer off on a sunny note and plan on visiting each winery to savor their favorite cheeses. Say wine and cheese, please.

WINE & PINK
In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the participating wineries will have tasty wine and pink sweets. Whether it be cheesecakes, sheet cakes, cupcakes or petit fours, each winery will serve delicious pink sweets and focus on their blush wines. Start & finish the trail during the month of October to receive a pink stemmed North Alabama Wine Trail glass. Donations are appreciated and proceeds given to a local charity in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. Fight like a girl; drink like a lady.
Limited supply of Wine Trail glasses available