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FEEDING BEARS AND MOST OTHER WILDLIFE IS AGAINST ALABAMA LAW AND CAN HURT BOTH YOU AND THE WILDLIFE.

AVOID CONFLICTS WITH BEARS

- Dispose of garbage in trash receptacles provided around the park.
- Store food, fragrant toiletries indoors or in airtight containers. Not in your tent.
- Cleanup your campsite - including your grill after each use.
- Do not pour grease from your grill to the ground.
- Keep pets on a leash no longer than 6 ft.
- Be aware of your surroundings, especially at dawn and dusk.
- Make noise or talk in areas of limited visibility on trails.
- Report bear sightings to park staff.



Look inside for more great places!

FACILITIES

INFORMATION CENTER / COUNTRY STORE

This facility is centrally located within the Park and contains an information area, coin operated laundry, restrooms, Country Store, Nature Center with live animals and Screaming Eagle Aerial Adventures Zipline. The store is stocked with snacks, souvenirs, and supply items necessary for camping, hiking, and picnicking.

PICNIC AND PLAY AREA

Located east of the Information Center is the picnic area with a large rustic stone shelter, 2 smaller shelters, picnic tables, grills, and restrooms. This area also has a well equipped playground, volleyball court, and a ball field. A seasonal Olympic size swimming pool is located nearby. Free pool admission for park guests.

LODGE AND CABINS

This restaurant-motel complex was remodeled from the stone walls and beamed ceilings of the original Lodge built during the 1930s. The elegant dining room has an extra-large fireplace to enhance the mountain atmosphere, and there are two smaller rooms available for meetings as well. The 25 motel units located next to the lodge feature cable TV, telephone, Wi-Fi, and also offer a view from the porch or balcony. DeSoto State Park also has Chalets, Rustic Cabins, and Log Cabins available for rent at the lodge.

NATURE HIKING TRAILS

The 360-yard Azalea Cascade Boardwalk Trail is the highlight of over 30 miles of hiking and mountain biking trails located in the Park. Many unusual rock formations, rushing mountain streams and rare and endangered forms of plant life will be found along these trails. Because of the delicate balance of nature in the Park, we ask that you help protect the environment by not breaking, picking, or digging any of the plants, wildflowers, or shrubs. Please do not disturb the wildlife.

CAMPGROUND RULES

- Place your camping permit card on the campsite number sign.
- Vehicles must be parked in the drive for the campsite.
- A maximum of one camping unit and one tent, or two tents are allowed on a site.
- Campsites are reserved site-specific. Do not change sites without Park Management approval and receiving a new site card.
- To check out, place the camping permit card in the box at the campground gate.
- **CHECK-OUT TIME IS 11:00 AM.** If you wish to remain longer, please check at the Registration Desk.
- Motorcycles, motorbikes and other small motorized vehicles are restricted to roadways and must be licensed.
- Pets must be kept on a leash no longer than 6 ft. Pets are not allowed in any facility.
- Please deposit your garbage and recyclable aluminum cans in the receptacles provided.
- Wildlife, trees, shrubs, plants, and wildflowers shall not be defaced, injured, or removed.
- Washing of cars or RVs is not permitted.
- Pool Availability: Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day weekend. Pool party reservations available. Open weekends only, after public school starts in August.



SEVERE WEATHER

Alabama State Parks follow the recommendation of the National Weather Service during severe weather conditions. Please ensure you have consistent ways to stay connected to them and your trusted local weather authorities during inclement weather. DeSoto State Park is located in Fort Payne, Alabama, DeKalb County. Tune your radio to FM 105.1, 98.3, or 96.9 in addition to the National Weather Service. The nearest automated weather sirens are in Fort Payne and are activated by the National Weather Service in the event of a Tornado Warning. DeSoto State Park and the surrounding area are under a **TORNADO WARNING** if this siren is activated. Please follow the recommendations of the National Weather Service and trusted local weather professionals for safe next steps.

POINTS OF INTEREST

DeSoto Falls Area – 7 miles north of the Information Center off of DeSoto Parkway.
Little River Canyon – Begins 10 miles south of the Information Center.
Little River Falls – Near junction of AL Highway 35 and Little River Canyon Rim Parkway (AL Hwy. 176)
Umbrella Rock – At the center of the Little River Canyon Rim Parkway.
Grace's High Falls – On the south side of Bear Creek Canyon (seasonal).
Rhododendron Trails – Along the west bank of the Little River and east of the picnic and cottage area.
Little River – Forms in NW Georgia and NE Alabama and flows down Lookout Mountain, leaving the mountain at Little River Canyon Mouth Park and flowing into Weiss Lake.
Historic Sallie Howard Memorial Chapel - 101-233 County Road 617, Mentone, AL
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