



Travel with Someone you Trust®

The open road can be a fun and exciting place, and who better to help you plan your next adventure than the AAA travel experts.

Learn more about AAA Road Trips inside.



READY TO HIT THE OPEN ROAD?

Choice Hotels® and AAA are working together to enhance the road trip experience for all types of travelers. With over 2,000 properties throughout the United States and 7,500+ worldwide, Choice Hotels has a stay for anyone.

BOOK NOW



WHY CHOICE HOTELS?

- Save 10% or more on stays
- Get fast-tracked to Gold Elite status after your first stay
- Join Choice Privileges® and earn reward points on your stays
- Variety of hotels conveniently located just minutes from highways
- · Many pet-friendly locations





AAA MEMBERS SAVE 10% OR MORE WITH CHOICE HOTELS*

PLUS, GET FAST-TRACKED TO GOLD ELITE STATUS AFTER YOUR FIRST STAY





















Less pause, more peace

Allianz Travel Insurance can give you more confidence when planning your AAA vacation. With more covered reasons for up to 100% cancellation reimbursement, plus emergency medical benefits and 24/7 assistance for travel mishaps, you can spend less time putting off your dreams and more time living them.



Terms, conditions, and exclusions apply. Plan(s) underwritten by BCS Insurance Company or Jefferson Insurance Company. AGA Service Company is the licensed producer and administrator of these plans. Plans include insurance benefits and assistance services. Contact AGA Service Company at 800-284-8300 or 9950 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA 23233 or customerservice@allianzassistance.com.

Alabama & Florida Panhandle

Get more travel information:



AAA.com/tripcanvas AAA.com/roadservice AAA.com/autorepair AAA.com/office AAA TripTik® Travel Planner

Published by AAA Travel Services 1000 AAA Drive, Heathrow, FL 32746-5063 Copyright AAA 2024, All rights reserved Stock # 4662 (v1 112024) Cover Photo Credit: Rosemary Beach, FL / © iStockphoto / DenisTangneyJr

Alabama City Listings

Good Facts To Know	14
Orientation Map	15
Albertville	22
Alexander City	22
Andalusia	23
Anniston	23
Athens	24
Atmore	25
Auburn	25
Bessemer	29
Birmingham	30
Attractions	
Hotolo	20

 Restaurants
 42

 Calera
 44

 Clanton
 45

 Conecuh National Forest
 45

Cullman 46	Moundville 102
Daphne47	Mountain Brook102
Dauphin Island49	Muscle Shoals Area 103
Decatur49	Natural Bridge103
Demopolis51	Northport 103
Dothan 52	Opelika 103
Enterprise54	Opp105
Eufaula54	Orange Beach105
Fairhope55	Oxford 107
Florence 55	Ozark109
Foley 57	Pelham 109
Fort Payne58	Pell City 110
Fultondale59	Phenix City111
Gadsden 59	Pickensville111
Gardendale61	Point Clear112
Greenville 61	Prattville112
Gulf Shores62	Priceville114
Hanceville63	Russell Cave National
Homewood64	Monument114
Hoover66	Russellville114
Hope Hull69	Saraland115
Horseshoe Bend National	Scottsboro116
Military Park70	Selma116
Huntsville70	Spanish Fort117
Irondale78	Talladega117
Jackson 79	Talladega National Forest 118
Jasper79	Theodore 118
Lanett80	Troy 118
Leeds0	Trussville119
Madison 80	Tuscaloosa120
Millbrook82	Tuscumbia123
Mobile82	Tuskegee 124
Monroeville92	Tuskegee National Forest . 125
Montevallo93	Vance 125
Montgomery93	Wetumpka 126



William B. Bankhead National	Destin 136	Panama City 15
Forest 126	Eglin Air Force Base 139	Panama City Beach 15
Winfield 126	Fort Walton Beach 140	Pensacola16
Florida Panhandle	Gulf Breeze 143	Pensacola Beach16
City Listings	Gulf Islands National	Perry 16
Good Facts To Know 130	Seashore 144	Quincy 16
Orientation Map131	Madison 145	Rosemary Beach 16
Apalachicola134		St. Marks 16
	Mary Esther 146	
Forest 134	Milton 146	Santa Rosa Beach 17
Crawfordville 135	Miramar Beach147	Shalimar 17
Crestview 135	Navarre 149	Tallahassee17
De Funiak Springs 136	Niceville 152	Wakulla Springs17



100% OF AAA
DIAMOND-DESIGNATED
HOTELS ARE NOW

INSPECTED CLEAN







ANNUALLY
INSPECTED
ACROSS NORTH
AMERICA,
MEXICO & THE
CARIBBEAN



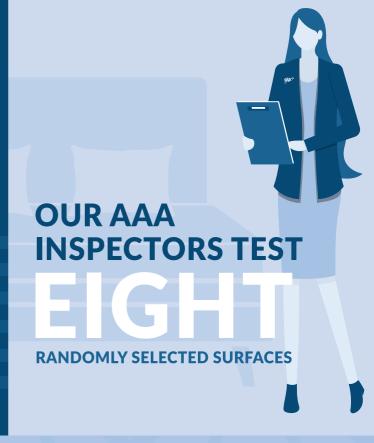






TESTED SURFACES

GUEST ROOM DOOR HANDLES, LIGHT SWITCHES, TV REMOTE, THERMOSTAT CONTROL, DESK SURFACE, BATHROOM VANITIES, FAUCET HANDLES AND TOILET FLUSH.





DIAMOND PROGRAM





ROAD S.E. Gulf Coast TRIPS

The Lookout Mountain Parkway Scenic Byway is a delightful drive year round, but especially beautiful during the fall, color season. From Gadsden, AL to the Georgia border, takes you through heavily wooded farmland and quaint towns and villages. Also, witness breathtaking views of canyons, scenic vistas through the parks and preserves at the north end of the route.

















01 LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN PARKWAY SCENIC BYWAY, AL/TN/GA

Stretches of this country road feature farmland with the sight of the occasional old barn, charming hamlets and wooded areas like DeSoto State Park.

02 TALLADEGA SCENIC DRIVE, AL 16 miles: 0 hours, 22 minutes

Trees line curvy SR 281 through Talladega National Forest, and as you head south, forested mountains start popping into view in the distance.

03 COASTAL CONNECTION NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY, AL

A portion of the byway runs along the coast of Pelican, Mobile and Bon Secour bays—with their white sandy beaches and fishing villages.

04 **BIRMINGHAM** TO MONTGOMERY, AL

151.2 miles: 2 hours, 49 minutes

On this Civil Rights Trail, Birmingham and Montgomery set the course. Poignant markers of the era can be found within Birmingham's six-block Civil Rights District.

05 **BIG BEND NATIONAL** SCENIC BYWAY, FL

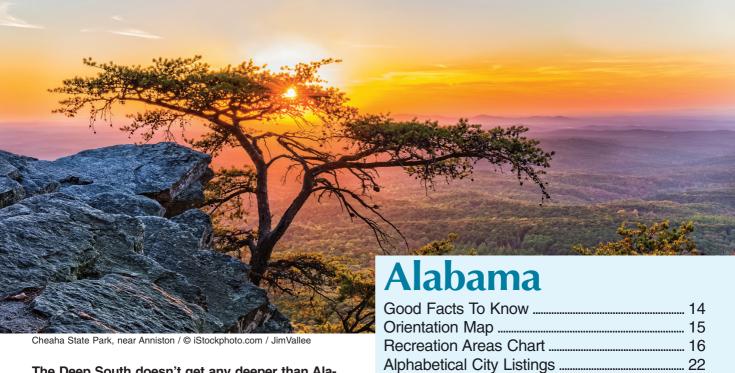
The Forest Trail features rolling hills, grasslands, hardwood hammocks, pine forests and wetlands, while the Coastal Trail scenery includes bays, beaches, salt marshes and sand dunes.

06 **BLACK BEAR SCENIC ROUTE 40, FL**

81.1 miles: 1 hours, 29 minutes

You might spot a Florida black bear along the western half of this route where the highest population thrives among palmettos, longleaf and sand pines.

For a complete list of itineraries and details



The Deep South doesn't get any deeper than Alabama. This is where cotton was king and where Jefferson Davis' birthday is still a holiday.

But the state is more than just a cotton-belt cliché. In addition to antebellum homes, moss-draped oaks and monuments, Alabama showcases unexpected treasures, like charming covered bridges, sugar-sand beaches and a venerable Mardi Gras celebration older than the one in New Orleans.

In Montgomery you'll encounter the nation's first memorial to the persevering souls who struggled and perished during the Civil Rights Movement. And in Huntsville you'll find NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center—where scientists developed the gee-whiz technology for sending men to the moon.

If you're like most visitors who become space cadets for a day, you'll soon realize something you might not have suspected about this state: Alabama can really take you places. Chart a course from the sleepy South to the scenic splendor of the state's many forests to the lively pulse of modern-day Birmingham.

The Final Frontier

Alabama in the north is a terminus of both the Cumberland Plateau and the Blue Ridge Mountains, and what plate tectonics wrought is now a perfect place to wander. Largely wooded and riddled with rivers, the region ranges from rocky mesas to rolling hills. The resulting waterfalls, rapids, canyons and caverns are

generally modest enough to be accessible to even the marginally fit, pristine enough to be paradise to all who love nature.

Birmingham 30

Boldly go east, where Cheaha Mountain's chalkwhite cliffs offer sweeping views of a carpet of green and gold treetops.

Or set your coordinates to the southwest, where waves wash pure white sands and gulls scream and frolic. Just off the coast, Dauphin Island's dunes are a touchdown point for thousands of migrating birds intent on journeys of their own.

Canvass the state's mid-section and you'll surely find cotton, along with peanuts, soybeans, corn and such. But all is not flat farmland. Alien forms cover the land-scape in places, courtesy of the shape-morphing effects of kudzu—the Asian import often called "the vine that ate the South" grows up to a foot a day.

These are the Voyages

MAJOR DESTINATION:

Kudzu's hardly the first wanderer to become attached to Alabama. At Russell Cave National Monument, near Bridgeport, evidence suggests prehistoric man made this his first home in the region—some 10,000 years

Native Americans left their legacy in place names from Tuskegee to Tuscaloosa. And fierce struggles for territorial control among Spanish, French and British settlers shaped the state's history, culture, architecture and people.

A zest for friendlier competition lives on. While allegiance to church and family may nourish an Alabamian's soul, it is college football that warms the heart of the state. Visit in the fall and you just might find yourself transported to a modern-day battlefield where flags and first downs have replaced muskets and mortar.

Hospitality is another tradition residents proudly perpetuate, serving up a sampling of "the Deep South" with a smile. To see some traditional Southern imagery, tour Mobile's Oakleigh neighborhood of varied historic homes.

More than anything, you'll find Alabama is proud of its progress. For proof, visit the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, where you can step into settings that unflinchingly re-create past conflicts, then access archives and educational programs dedicated to protecting future human rights. After dark, trek to Birmingham's Five Points South district, which draws an eclectic mix of the pierced and the professional with its restaurants, nightclubs and modern boutiques.

Recreation

From Conecuh's soggy bottomlands in the south to William B. Bankhead's unspoiled Sipsey Wilderness in the northwest, Alabama's national forests alone offer enough preserved habitats to soothe any hiker's soul.

Walk in the footsteps of the Native Americans who for centuries worshipped, played, hunted and fought here. Along Indian House Trail, at Buck's Pocket State Park north of Grove Oak, you'll find jagged rock overhangs that once sheltered Cherokees. At Cheaha State Park, near Anniston, Bald Rock Nature Trail delivers you to an awesome overlook with views of foothills once claimed by the Creek Indians. And about 15 miles outside of Tuscaloosa, 320-acre Moundville Archaeological Park formerly was the center of the formidable Moundville Indian civilization.

Golfers will want to follow footsteps of a different kind on the state's renowned Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. which counts Auburn/Opelika's Grand National—a PGA championship course—among its 26 stops at 11 locations.

Prefer fishing to fairways? Off the coast of Orange

Beach, ships and tanks left over from World War II, Korea and Vietnam have become artificial reefs and now shelter plentiful populations of red snapper, grouper, amberjack and triggerfish.

To get out to where they're biting, look for saltwater fishing charters at Orange Beach. Or head to Dauphin Island where a deep-water fishing pier extends more than 800 feet into the Gulf.

If you're after freshwater fishing, keep this in mind: They don't call Weiss Lake in Cherokee County "Crappie Capital of the World" for nothing. The 30,200-acre lake also offers plenty of bass and catfish as well as opportunities for boating, water skiing and swimming.

Still more adventure can be found underground. Caves formed in the limestone and sandstone landscape of northeastern Alabama are a mecca for spelunking enthusiasts—in fact, Huntsville is home to the National Speleological Society.

Alabama State Capitol, Montgomery / © iStockphoto.com / traveler1116



GOOD FACTS TO KNOW

ABOUT THE STATE

POPULATION: 5.024.279.

AREA: 52,420 square miles; ranks 30th.

CAPITAL: Montgomery.

HIGHEST POINT: 2,407 ft., Cheaha Mountain. **LOWEST POINT:** Sea level, Gulf of Mexico.

TIME ZONE(S): Central. DST.

GAMBLING

MINIMUM AGE FOR GAMBLING: 19 for bingo (permitted for charitable purposes in certain counties) and for pari-mutuel betting on horse and dog races; 21 at tribal casinos.

REGULATIONS

TEEN DRIVING LAWS: No more than one passenger (not including the parents, legal guardians of the licensee, accompanying family members, or a licensed driver who is at least 21 years of age) is permitted. Driving is not permitted midnight-6 a.m (unless accompanied by family members or licensed driver 21 or over). The minimum age for an unrestricted driver's license is 17. Phone (334) 242-9000 for more information about Alabama driver's license regulations.

SEAT BELT/CHILD RESTRAINT LAWS: Seat belts are required for driver and front-seat passengers ages 15 and over. Infants under age 1 or less than 20 pounds must be in a child restraint in the rear-facing position. Children ages 1-5 or less than 40 pounds must be in a child restraint in a forward-facing position. Children age 6 must be in a booster seat. Children ages 6-14 are required to use a seat belt. AAA recommends the use of seat belts and appropriate child restraints for the driver and all passengers.

CELLPHONE RESTRICTIONS: Texting while driving is prohibited for all drivers. The use of a handheld cellphone while driving is prohibited.

HELMETS FOR MOTORCYCLISTS: Required for all riders and passengers.

RADAR DETECTORS: Permitted for non-commercial vehicles.

MOVE OVER LAW: Driver is required to slow down and vacate the lane nearest stopped police, fire and rescue vehicles using audible or flashing signals. The law also requires drivers to move over for tow truck drivers assisting motorists, municipal vehicles, sanitation vehicles, utility vehicles and Department of Transportation vehicles displaying flashing lights.

FIREARMS LAWS: Vary by state and/or county. Contact Alabama Office of the Attorney General, 501 Washington Ave., Montgomery, AL 36104; phone (334) 242-7300.

HOLIDAYS

HOLIDAYS: New Year's Day, Jan. 1 ● Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Robert E. Lee's Birthday, Jan. (3rd Mon.) ● Washington's Birthday/Presidents Day, Feb. (3rd Mon.) ● Confederate Memorial Day, Apr. (4th Mon.) ● Memorial Day, May (last Mon.) ● Jefferson Davis' Birthday, June (1st Mon.) ● July 4 ● Labor Day, Sept. (1st Mon.) ● Columbus Day, Oct. (2nd Mon.) ● Veterans Day, Nov. 11 ● Thanksgiving, Nov. (4th Thurs.) ● Christmas, Dec. 25.

MONEY

TAXES: Alabama's statewide sales tax is 4 percent with local options to impose additional increments. There also is an occupancy tax on lodgings.

VISITOR INFORMATION

INFORMATION CENTERS: State welcome centers are on I-65 southbound, about 3 mi. s. of the Tennessee border south of Ardmore ● I-10 westbound, 1 mi. w. of the Florida border north of Seminole ● I-10 eastbound, 1 mi. e. of the Mississippi border west of Grand Bay ● I-85 southbound, 1 mi. w. of the Georgia border near Lanett ● I-59 southbound, at the Georgia border northeast of Hammondville ● I-59 northbound and I-20 eastbound, at the Mississippi border near Cuba ● US 231 northbound, 1 mi. n. of the Florida border south of Madrid ● and I-20 westbound, near the Georgia border east of Heflin. Restrooms are open 24 hours. Travel and routing information is dispensed 8-5.

FURTHER INFORMATION FOR VISITORS:

Bureau of Tourism and Travel 401 Adams Ave., Suite 126 Montgomery, AL 36104 (334) 242-4169; (800) 252-2262

NATIONAL FOREST INFORMATION:

National Forest Service 2946 Chestnut St.

Montgomery, AL 36107; (334) 832-4470

FISHING AND HUNTING REGULATIONS:

Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Department of Conservation and Natural Resources 64 N. Union St., Suite 567

Montgomery, AL 36130

(334) 242-3465; (888) 848-6887 (licenses)

RECREATION INFORMATION:

Division of State Parks
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
64 N. Union St., Suite 538
Montgomery, AL 36130
(800) 252-7275 (reservations and information)





Shaded columns below indicate available services and activities.



Find thousands of places to camp at AAA.com/campgrounds

CAMPING
PICNICKING
HIKING TRAILS
BOATING
BOAT RAMP
BOAT RENTAL
FISHING
SWIMMING
PET FRIENDLY
BICYCLE TRAILS
NATURE PROGRAMS
VISITOR CENTER
LODGE/CABINS
FOOD SERVICE

NATIONAL FORESTS (See place listings.)													
Conecuh 84,000 acres on the Alabama-Florida border.													
Talladega 389,000 acres. Central Alabama.													
Tuskegee 11,054 acres n.e. of Tuskegee.													
William B. Bankhead 180,000 acres. Northwestern Alabama.													
NATIONAL MILITARY PARKS (See place listings.)													
Horseshoe Bend 2,040 acres 12 mi. n. of Dadeville on SR 49.													
ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS													
Claiborne Lake 5,930 acres 20 mi. n.w. of Monroeville via SR 41 to Claiborne Lock and Dam on the Alabama River.													
Isaac Creek 713 acres 20 mi. n.w. of Monroeville off SR 41 and CR 17 at Claiborne Lock and Dam.													
Cochrane Recreation Area 327 acres 10 mi. s. of Aliceville via SR 17 on the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.													
Coffeeville Lake 8,300 acres 3.5 mi. w. of Coffeeville on US 84.													
Deerlick Creek Recreation Area 300 acres 12 mi. n.e. of Tuscaloosa on US 82 and Rice Mine Rd.													
Demopolis 10,000 acres 6 mi. w. of Demopolis on US 80 to Lock and Dam Rd.													
Holt Lake 2,300 acres 10 mi. n. of Tuscaloosa on SR 216 to Lock and Dam Rd.													



Recreation Areas Chart Shaded columns below indicate available services and activities. Find thousands of places to camp at AAA.com/campgrounds	CAMPING	PICNICKING	HIKING TRAILS	BOATING	BOAT RAMP	BOAT RENTAL	FISHING	SWIMMING	PET FRIENDLY	BICYCLE TRAILS	NATURE PROGRAMS	VISITOR CENTER	LODGE/CABINS	FOOD SERVICE
Pickensville Recreation Area 325 acres in Pickensville, 1 mi. w. of jct. SRs 14 and 86.														
R.E. "Bob" Woodruff Lake 12,510 acres 25 mi. w. of Montgomery via US 80 to Robert F. Henry Lock and Dam on the Alabama River.														
Gunter Hill 422 acres 9 mi. w. of Montgomery on Booth Rd.														
Warrior Lake 9,200 acres 3 mi. e. of Eutaw on SR 14 to Lock and Dam Rd.														
William "Bill" Dannelly Reservoir 17,000 acres 45 mi. s.w. of Selma on the Alabama River via SR 28.														
Chilatchee Creek 552 acres 9 mi. e. of Alberta off CR 29.														
Millers Ferry Campground 60 acres 12 mi. n.w. of Camden on SR 28.														
Six Mile Creek 95 acres 6 mi. s. of Selma via SR 41 and CR 152.														
STAT	Έ													
Blue Springs 103 acres 6 mi. e. of Clio off SR 10. Tennis, volleyball; playground.														
Buck's Pocket 2,000 acres 2 mi. n. of Grove Oak off SR 227. Playground.														
Cheaha 2,799 acres 29 mi. s. of Oxford off Hwy. 431. Museum, playground. No pets permitted in swimming area or lodging facilities.														
Chewacla 696 acres 4 mi. s. off US 29. Playground.														
Desoto 3.502 acres. Scenic, Playground, pool.														

Desoto 3,502 acres. Scenic. Playground, pool.



horse rental, playground.

Recreation Areas Chart Shaded columns below indicate available services and activities. Find thousands of places to camp at AAA.com/campgrounds	CAMPING	PICNICKING	HIKING TRAILS	BOATING	BOAT RAMP	BOAT RENTAL	FISHING	SWIMMING	PET FRIENDLY	BICYCLE TRAILS	NATURE PROGRAMS	VISITOR CENTER	LODGE/CABINS	FOOD SERVICE
Frank Jackson 2,050 acres 3 mi. n. of Opp off US 331. Boardwalk, playground.														
Gulf 6,150 acres 10 mi. s. of Foley off SR 59 in Gulf Shores. Golf (18 holes), parasailing, tennis; beach, kayak rental, pier.														
Historic Blakeley 2,000 acres just w. of SR 225 in Spanish Fort. Historic. Horseback riding; nature trails.														
Joe Wheeler 2,550 acres 2 mi. w. of Rogersville off US 72. Golf (18 holes); marina, multiuse trails.														
First Creek 1,800 acres 2 mi. w. of Rogersville via US 72. Golf (18 holes), tennis; playground.														
Lake Guntersville 6,000 acres 6 mi. n.e. of Guntersville off SR 227. Golf (18 holes), tennis; horse trails, playground.														
Lake Lurleen 1,625 acres 12 mi. n.w. of Tuscaloosa off US 82. Beach, fishing piers, playgrounds.														
Lakepoint Resort 1,220 acres 7 mi. n. of Eufaula off SR 431. Playground.														
Little River 2,100 acres 11 mi. n. of Atmore on SR 21. Playground. Pets are not permitted in rental units.														
Meaher 1,327 acres 2 mi. w. of Spanish Fort on US 90.														
Monte Sano 2,140 acres 4 mi. e. of Huntsville. Playground.														
Oak Mountain 9,940 acres 3 mi. e. of US 31 from Pelham off I-65 exit 246. Scenic. Golf, tennis; beach, borse rental playground														

Recreation Areas Chart Shaded columns below indicate available services and activities. Find thousands of places to camp at AAA.com/campgrounds	CAMPING	PICNICKING	HIKING TRAILS	BOATING	BOAT RAMP	BOAT RENTAL	FISHING	SWIMMING	PET FRIENDLY	BICYCLE TRAILS	NATURE PROGRAMS	VISITOR CENTER	LODGE/CABINS	FOOD SERVICE
Paul M. Grist 1,080 acres 15 mi. n. of Selma off SR 22. Bird-watching, geocaching, horseback riding, wildlife viewing; playground.														
Rickwood Caverns 380 acres off I-65 exit 284 (north-bound) or exit 289 (southbound) in Warrior. Playground.														
Roland Cooper 236 acres 6 mi. n.e. of Camden off SR 41. Golf (nine holes); playground.														
Wind Creek 1,445 acres 7 mi. s.e. of Alexander City off SR 63. Playground.														
ОТНІ	OTHER													
Bear Creek 670 acres 30 mi. s.w. of Russellville via US 43 and SR 172.														
Blue Lake 11 acres 13 mi. s.w. of Andalusia on SR 137.														
Brushy Lake 150 acres 12 mi. s. of Moulton on FR 245.														
Cedar Creek 4,300 acres 10 mi. w. of Russellville via SR 24 and CR 41.														
Chambers County Lake 183 acres 5 mi. s.e. of Lafayette on CR 83.														
Chattahoochee Park 596 acres 11 mi. s.e. of Gordon via SR 95.														
Clear Creek 600 acres 5 mi. n. of Jasper via SR 195 to Manchester, then n. on CR 27.														
Coleman Lake 250 acres 10 mi. n. of Heflin via US 78, CR 61 and FRs 553 and 500.														

ATURE PROGRAMS **Recreation Areas Chart /ISITOR CENTER SICYCLE TRAILS** ODGE/CABINS **=00D SERVICE HIKING TRAILS ET FRIENDLY BOAT RENTAL** Shaded columns below indicate available **30AT RAMP** PICNICKING SWIMMING services and activities. CAMPING FISHING SOATING Find thousands of places to camp at AAA.com/campgrounds Corinth 500 acres 7 mi. e. of Double Springs via US 278, CR 33 and FR 113. Dekalb County Lake 120 acres off SR 75 at Sylvania. Ditto's Landing 214 acres 12 mi. s. of Huntsville via US 231 on Hobbs Island Rd. Softball field. Florala 40 acres off US 331 in Florala. Playground. Gantt Lake 2,747 acres 11 mi. n. of Andalusia on US 29. Water skiing. Goose Pond Colony 365 acres 6 mi. s. of Scottsboro via SR 79. Golf (36 holes); amphitheater. Houston 1,000 acres 6 mi. s.e. of Double Springs via US 278, CRs 33 and 63 and FR 118. Jackson County Park 63 acres 2 mi. s. of Scottsboro on County Park Rd. Playground. Lake Chinnabee 250 acres 13 mi. n.e. of Talladega on SR 42. Lewis Smith Lake 21.200 acres 7 mi. s.w. of Cullman on CR 22. Little Bear 1,680 acres 12 mi. w. of Russellville via SR 24. Logan Martin Lake 17,000 acres w. of Talladega on the Coosa River. McFarland 325 acres in Florence on SR 20 below O'Neal Bridge. Open Pond 150 acres 15 mi. s.w. of Andalusia via US 29 and SR 137.



along the Coosa River.

Recreation Areas Chart Shaded columns below indicate available services and activities. Find thousands of places to camp at AAA.com/campgrounds	CAMPING	PICNICKING	HIKING TRAILS	BOATING	BOAT RAMP	BOAT RENTAL	FISHING	SWIMMING	PET FRIENDLY	BICYCLE TRAILS	NATURE PROGRAMS	VISITOR CENTER	LODGE/CABINS	FOOD SERVICE
Payne Lake 800 acres 16 mi. n.e. of Greensboro on SR 25.														
Pine Glen 5 acres 6 mi. n. of Heflin via US 78 and FR 500.														
Point A Lake 700 acres 5 mi. n.w. of Andalusia off US 29.														
Point Mallard Park 780 acres at the e. end of 8th St. S.E. in Decatur. Archery, golf (18 holes and driving range), ice-skating, tennis; baseball and soccer fields, batting cages, beach.														
Sharon Johnston 250 acres 12 mi. n.e. of Huntsville on Coleman Rd. Horse arena, pool, shooting range.														
Smith Lake Park 172 acres s.w. of Cullman via SR 69 and CR 222. Miniature golf, playground.														
Sportsman Lake Park 160 acres 1 mi. s. on US 31 in Cullman. Miniature golf, paddleboat rental, playground. No motor boats.														
Upper Bear 1,860 acres 16 mi. s. of Russellville via US 43, near Bear Creek.														
Walker County Lake 163 acres 3 mi. s.e. of Jasper off Old US 78.														
Washington County Lake 84 acres 2 mi. w. of Millry off CR 34.														
Weiss Lake 30,200 acres just n.e. of Centre on SR 9														

ALBERTVILLE — ALEXANDER CITY, AL

ALBERTVILLE

Hotels p. 22

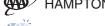


FAIRFIELD INN BY MARRIOTT BOOK NOW 256/660-2396



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 328 George Wallace Dr 35951.



THREE DIAMOND

INSPECTED @ CLEAN®

HAMPTON INN ALBERTVILLE BOOK NOW 256/857-3001

AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking

AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 210 Alabama Hwy 75 N 35950.

MICROTEL INN & SUITES BY WYNDHAM ALBERTVILLE BOOK NOW 256/894-4000



Hotel. Address: 220 Hwy 75 N 35951. Location: Located in a busy commercial area. Facility: 57 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Guest Services: coin laundry.





















ALEXANDER CITY

INSPECTED @ CLEAN

Hotels p. 22



HAMPTON INN BY HILTON

BOOK NOW 256/234-2244



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 1551 Elkahatchee Rd 35010.



Love the great outdoors? Find places to camp at AAA.com/campgrounds

ANDALUSIA Hotels p. 23



BEST WESTERN ANDALUSIA INN BOOK NOW 334/222-9999



Motel. Address: 305 W Bypass 36420. Facility: 40 units. 2 stories (no elevator), exterior corridors. Pool: outdoor. SAVE TI+ CALL & BIZ RIZ RIZ

















HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES BOOK NOW 334/427-2740

THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED 🔗 CLEAN Hotel. Address: 16727 US Hwy 84 36421.

ANNISTON

Hotels p. 23

Samuel Noble and Daniel Tyler established textile mills and blast furnaces in Anniston to help launch the South into the mainstream of the Industrial Revolution after the devastating effects of the Civil War. In 1879 the owners hired several Eastern architects to build a modern company town, which opened to the public in 1883. Many historic structures from this model city remain.

West of town is Anniston Army Depot, one of the nation's largest ordnance and reclamation depots. The highest point in the state, 2,407-foot Cheaha Mountain, is south of town in Cheaha State Park (see Recreation Areas Chart).

Calhoun County Convention and Visitors Bureau: 1330 Quintard Ave., Anniston, AL 36201. Phone: (256) 237-3536.

ANNISTON MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY is at 800 Museum Dr., at jct. SR 21 and US 431 in Lagarde Park. The Birds of the Americas Exhibit Hall features more than 400 specimens of North American birds, including extinct and endangered species collected by 19th-century naturalist William Werner.

Other highlights are the Environments of Africa Hall, containing more than 100 African animals displayed in simulated natural settings; a walk-through re-creation of an Alabama cave; Egyptian mummies; and a temporary exhibit gallery. The Dynamic Earth depicts the planet's formation and includes minerals, fossils, gemstones and dinosaurs. Nature Space offers a large learning area with hands-on activities. Nature trails and gardens are on the grounds.

Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (256) 237-6766. -|

HOTEL FINIAL, BW PREMIER COLLECTION BOOK NOW 256/236-0503



SAVE Historic Hotel. Address: 1600 Quintard Ave 36202.

24 ATHENS, AL

ATHENS

Hotels p. 24

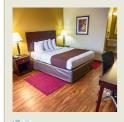
event features performances in various music categories as well as country cooking and arts and crafts vendors.

Athens State University hosts Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention in early October. The 2-day



BEST WESTERN ATHENS INN BOOK NOW

256/233-4030



Hotel. Address: 1329 US Hwy 72 E 35611. Facility: 83 units. 2 stories (no elevator), exterior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry. **CAVE** (Some (Single Single Si























DAYS INN

BOOK NOW

256/233-7500



Motel. Address: 1322 US Hwy 72 E 35611.



FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT ATHENS I-65 BOOK NOW

256/233-4530



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 21282 Athens-Limestone Ln 35613.



HAMPTON INN & SUITES

BOOK NOW 256/232-2377



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 1222 Kelli Dr 35613.



HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS BOOK NOW

256/232-7931

THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN Hotel. Address: 16074 Athens-Limestone Blvd 35613.

ATMORE

Hotels p. 25 • Restaurants p. 25



FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT ATMORE ALABAMA BOOK NOW 251/368-1188



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 112 Lakeview Cir 36502.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS BOOK NOW

251/368-1585

THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN Hotel. Address: 111 Lakeview Cir 36502.

WIND CREEK CASINO & HOTEL ATMORE

BOOK NOW 866/946-3360



Contemporary Hotel. Address: 303 Poarch Rd 36502. Facility: The impressive building can be seen from quite a distance, and guest rooms are convenient for those staying overnight. The hotel features an array of activities for guests' of all ages. 237 units. 17 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site and valet. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Dining: 2 restaurants, also, FIRE Steakhouse, see separate listing. Pool: outdoor. Activities: hot tub, exercise room, spa. Guest Services: valet laundry. (See ad p. 26.)

























WHERE TO EAT



FIRE STEAKHOUSE 866/946-3360



Steak Seafood Fine Dining. Address: 303 Poarch Rd 36502.

AUBURN

Hotels p. 27 • Restaurants p. 28

Auburn is the home of Auburn University, which was established in 1856 and is now the largest university in Alabama; its enrollment exceeds 25,000. During football season nearly 90,000 people pack Jordan-Hare Stadium to watch the Auburn Tigers. The Old Main, Church Street and Auburn University historic districts encompass many buildings dating from 1847 to 1927. Of interest is the Auburn University Chapel, an 1850 Gothic Revival structure at Thach Avenue and S. College Street.

Four miles south of town off US 29 is Chewacla State Park, comprising 696 acres that include a 26-acre fishing and swimming lake, walking trails and waterfalls. Other amenities include vacation cabins, campsites, hiking and bicycle trails, picnic areas and a playground; phone (334) 887-5621 or (800) 252-7275. See Recreation Areas Chart.

Auburn-Opelika Tourism Bureau: 714 E. Glenn Ave., Auburn, AL 36830. Phone: (334) 887-8747 or (866) 880-8747.

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, 100 S. College St., was founded in 1856 by the Methodist Church and envisioned as a religious, educational and cultural center for men. The institution is now a state-supported, land-grant university. A walking tour of campus can be arranged through the Office of Admissions; maps are available in the student center. Phone: (334) 844-4244. GT

Please refer to pages 8-9 for Inspected Clean details.



303 Poarch Rd. Atmore, AL 36502 (866)-946-3360

Book Now









Make the Connection

AAA guidebooks are just the beginning. Get extra travel insight, more information and click on any BOOK NOW icon to book your hotel stay on AAA.com and save money.

Find this symbol for further information or relevant contact.







Jonathan B. Lovelace Hall of Honor is at 250 Beard-Eaves Ct. in Auburn Arena on the Auburn University campus. The museum honors Auburn University's athletic programs, players and coaches with film clips, photos, jerseys and equipment. Seventeen interactive displays showcase each sport at the university. The school's athletic championship trophies along with Bo Jackson's Heisman trophy are on display. The Auburn Spirit Theater shows 25 brief film clips highlighting memorable moments from the university's long sports history.

Time: Allow 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (334) 844-4750.

Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Arts is off I-85 exit 51, then 2 mi. n. on US 29/SR 147 to 901 S. College St., on the Auburn University campus. American and European art from the 19th- and 20th centuries is displayed in eight galleries. The permanent collection includes works by Marc Chagall, Salvador Dalí, Henri Matisse, Joan Miró, Pablo Picasso and Pierre-Auguste Renoir. Traveling exhibits also are featured. The modernistic building is on manicured grounds.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (334) 844-1484. GT (II)



COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT AUBURN BOOK NOW 334/502-0111



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Contemporary Hotel. Address: 2420 W Pace Blvd 36830.



THE CRENSHAW GUEST HOUSE BOOK NOW 334/821-1131



Historic Bed & Breakfast. Address: 371 N College St 36830.



HILTON GARDEN INN AUBURN/OPELIKA BOOK NOW 334/502-3500



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors Garden Inn points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 2555 Hilton Garden Dr 36830. Facility: 101 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.

























THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN

BOOK NOW 334/502-1090 HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL & SUITES AUBURN

Hotel. Address: 2013 S College St 36832.

THE HOTEL AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY & DIXON CONFERENCE

BOOK NOW 334/821-8200



Hotel. Address: 241 S College St 36830. Facility: This beautiful hotel is a gem of luxury, charm and school spirit. University visitors and hotel guests enjoy the unique blend of modern style and Southern hospitality. 235 units. 6 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site (fee) and valet. Amenities: safes. Dining: 2 restaurants, also, Ariccia Italian Trattoria & Bar, see separate listing. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest **Services:** valet laundry.



















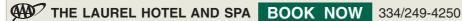










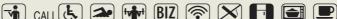




Hotel. Address: 130 E Thach Ave 36830. Facility: This boutique hotel offers luxury, personalized attention and unique culinary experiences. Located downtown and at Auburn University, it is surrounded by a hive of arts, culture and learning. 26 units. 6 stories, interior corridors. Parking: valet only. Amenities: safes. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet laundry.

























TOWNEPLACE SUITES BY MARRIOTT AUBURN BOOK NOW 334/466-8390



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

[SAVE] Extended Stay Contemporary Hotel. Address: 1117 S College St 36832.



TRU BY HILTON AUBURN

BOOK NOW 334/521-0400



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 2411 W Pace Blvd 36830.

WHERE TO EAT



ARICCIA ITALIAN TRATTORIA & BAR 334/844-5140

THREE DIAMOND

Italian Fine Dining. Address: 241 S College St 36830.

BESSEMER

- Hotels p. 29
- Part of Birmingham area— see map p. 31

BESSEMER HALL OF HISTORY MUSEUM, 1905 Alabama Ave., is in the restored 1916 Southern Railroad Depot. Native American artifacts, pioneer items, Civil War

memorabilia and a collection of old telephones and business machines-including a typewriter from Adolf Hitler's hideaway. The Eagle's Nest-are among the items displayed. Changing exhibits include pieces pertinent to the industrial history of Jefferson County. Also on display is the one-millionth Pullman Standard boxcar built in Bessemer. Time: Allow 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (205) 426-1633.



BAYMONT BY WYNDHAM BESSEMER BOOK NOW

205/424-2600

INSPECTED @ CLEAN

Hotel. Address: 5001 Academy Ln 35022.



FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT BIRMINGHAM

BESSEMER

BOOK NOW 205/277-1700



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 4980 Academy Ln 35022.

STAY CONNECTED

to all the things membership can do for you

- · Member discounts around you
- Cheapest gas nearby
- Diamond hotels and restaurants
- Travel information and reservations
- Roadside assistance





Download today. Connect every day. AAA.com/mobile | CAA.ca/services



Please refer to pages 8-9 for Inspected Clean details.

Birmingham

Destination Area Map31
Fast Facts
Must Do: AAA Editor's Picks
1-day Itinerary34
Arriving
Getting Around35
Shopping 36
Big Events36
Sports & Rec
Performing Arts
Attractions 37
Sightseeing 39
Hotels39
Restaurants42
More ways to look, book and save:



Alabama's largest city also is one of its youngest. Since its founding in 1871, Birmingham has transformed itself from empty farmland in the Appalachian Mountain foothills to steel boomtown to major commercial and service center. Despite the bustle found in any metropolitan center, traditional Southern hospitality is still characteristic of the city's residents.

AAA.com/tripcanvas

The Jones Valley's rare abundance of the essential ingredients for steel production—iron ore, coal and limestone—was known as early as the 1850s, contributing to the settlement's early growth. Small furnaces were erected during the Civil War to produce munitions for the Confederate Army. However, the lack of rail lines to move iron and steel products thwarted any major industrial effort. In 1871, when two railroad lines converged, plans for a larger settlement were drawn and capitalists rushed in to exploit the new city's resources. The fledgling city was named, fittingly enough, after England's major industrial hub, Birmingham. Within decades Birmingham was established as a major manufacturing center. The speed with which it grew and prospered earned it the nickname "Magic City."

This initial vigor paled after World War II. Cheaper and higher quality iron ore imported from abroad as well as diminished steel orders combined to close several factories, resulting in widespread unemployment. The smog and smoke accumulated from years of heavy industry further dimmed prospects for the "Pittsburgh of the South."

In the 1960s an even darker cloud formed over the city when the racial unrest that had been building across the South erupted in violence. In 1963 Civil Rights Movement leaders sponsored sit-ins, marches and pickets to protest segregation and force local businesses to employ more African Americans. Kelly Ingram Park (formerly West Park), occupying a square block, was the assembly point for participants in the Christian Leadership Conference's sit-ins, boycotts and marches.

The police response to the civil unrest during this period was swift and often brutal, including the use of police dogs and high-pressure hoses. Thousands were arrested, including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It was during his incarceration that he wrote his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" essay. In June 1963 business and civil rights leaders

Sixteenth Street Baptist Church / © iStockphoto.com / philfoster440

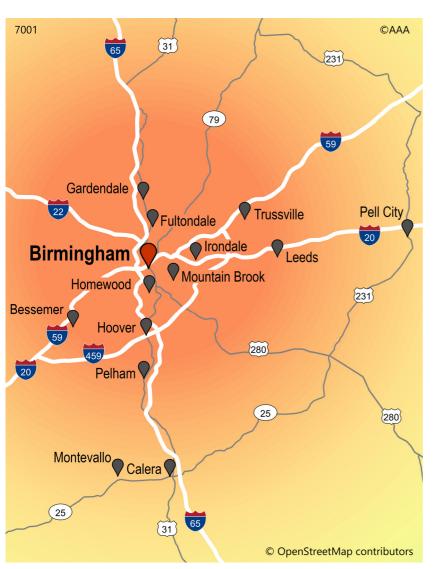




Destination Birmingham

This map shows cities in the Birmingham vicinity where you will find attractions, hotels and restaurants.

Cities are listed alphabetically in this book on the following pages.



Bessemer	29
Calera	44
Fultondale	59
Gardendale	61
Homewood	64
Hoover	66
Irondale	78
Leeds	0
Montevallo	93
Mountain Brook	102
Pelham	109
Pell City	110
Trussville	

FAST FACTS

ABOUT THE CITY

POP: 212,237 • **ELEV:** 1,200 ft.

MONEY

SALES TAX: State, county and city sales taxes total 10 percent in Birmingham. Lodging taxes of 17.5 percent and \$3 per night also are levied.

WHOM TO CALL

EMERGENCY: 911

POLICE (non-emergency): (205) 328-9311

HOSPITALS: Princeton Baptist Medical Center. (205) 783-3000 • St. Vincent's Birmingham, (205) 939-7000 • St. Vincent's East, (205) 838-3000 ● Trinity Medical Center, (205) 592-1000 • UAB (University of Alabama at Birmingham) Hospital, (205) 934-4011 • UAB Hospital-Highlands, (205) 934-3411.

VISITOR INFORMATION

Greater Birmingham Convention & Visitors Bureau: 2200 Ninth Ave. N., Birmingham, AL 35203. Phone: (205) 458-8000 or (800) 458-8085.

Birmingham Business Alliance: 505 N. 20th St., Suite 200, Birmingham, AL 35203. Phone: (205) 324-2100.

TRANSPORTATION

AIR TRAVEL: Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport (BHM) is served by major domestic carriers and regional commuter lines. Most major hotels provide shuttle

reached an agreement, and Birmingham residents soon rallied around the common goal of peaceful resolution.

The work of reconciliation is ongoing. Across from Kelly Ingram Park is the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. The facility, which has given the city a platform to tell its own story, has not only assisted in addressing historical wrongs but also worked toward improving human relations in Birmingham and throughout the United States.

The Birmingham of the 21st century also looks strikingly different from the city of the past generation. Gone are the pollution-spewing smokestacks of manufacturers; the city's renovated central business district boasts a smogfree skyline.

Having experienced the pitfalls of a single-industry economy, Birmingham has diversified to include medical, service, usually free, to and from the airport. Taxi fare from the airport to downtown is about \$20 one way.

RENTAL CARS: One of the largest car rental agencies in the city, Hertz, (205) 591-6090 or (800) 654-3080, offers discounts to AAA members.



Visit AAA.com/roadtrips

RAIL SERVICE: Amtrak trains destined for New York and New Orleans depart from the station at 1801 Morris Ave.; phone (205) 324-3033.

BUSES: Greyhound Lines Inc., at 618 19th St. N., provides commercial bus service to and from the city; phone (205) 252-7190 or (800) 231-2222.

TAXIS: Taxis are on the meter system. The typical charge is \$4.50 initially and \$2 for each additional mile. Two companies are Silver Cab. (205) 701-2222 • and Yellow. (205) 222-2222.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority provides bus service around town and into the outlying suburbs. Basic bus fare is \$1.50. The authority also manages Magic City Connector, a system of buses serving the downtown area; the fare is 30c. Exact change is required for both bus services. Phone (205) 521-0101 for schedule and route information.

engineering, educational, financial and technological industries among its top resources. Medicine and medical research figure prominently in its future; the city has 21 hospitals.

While the largest single employer is the University of Alabama at Birmingham, one out of every 10 people in the workforce is involved in health care. The university's medical center specializes in open-heart surgery and diabetes treatment. The Kirklin Clinic at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2000 6th Ave. S., is a 430,000square-foot health-care clinic designed by I.M. Pei.

Samford University is Alabama's largest private college and includes the Howard College of Arts and Sciences, the Cumberland School of Law and professional schools of pharmacy, nursing, business, music, education and divinity.



Birmingham's extensive public park system provides many recreation opportunities. Art lovers will find the murals and map collection at the Linn-Henley Research Library, 2100 Park Pl., worthwhile. The city's arts groups and cultural offerings add to the enjoyment this modern metropolis provides residents and visitors.

Must Do: AAA Editor's Picks

Revisit Birmingham's age of heavy industry at Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark (20 32nd St. N.), one of the last places with a blast furnace in America. The factories and materials available for iron production made the city the South's industrial center for nearly 90 years. Its economy eventually diversified, but the city's moniker—named after the United Kingdom's industrial center—is a fitting tribute. It's also been called "The Pittsburgh of the South"



John's City Diner / © iStockphoto.com / LauriPatterson

- and "The Magic City."
- Ponder the history at Arlington Antebellum Home and Gardens (331 Cotton Ave. S.W.), which was built and run by enslaved labor and was once occupied by Union troops during the Civil War. Birmingham's lone plantation includes beautifully manicured grounds and a 19th-century decorative arts collection inside the Greek Revival home.
- The Ruffner Mountain Nature Preserve (1214 81st St. S.) is a nature-lover's retreat. The grounds, once containing mines and quarries, now feature a boardwalk and trails traversing the Red Mountain ridge. The LEED-certified nature center will answer all your environmental questions, and you can learn about turtles, owls and other native wildlife on-site.
- Brake for Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum (6030 Barber Motorsports Pkwy.) to admire early to modern motorcycles, Lotus race cars and everything involved in motorsports entertainment. The world-renowned collection is housed in a 740-acre park with a 2.38-mile racetrack.
- Take in the views of the city with Vulcan, the god of fire and smithery, who continues to watch over Birmingham. Located on Red Mountain, the Vulcan Park and Museum (1701 Valley View Dr.) showcases the prominent statue first unveiled at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair.
- March in the footsteps of legends in the six-block Civil Rights District. Powerful landmarks such as Sixteenth Street Baptist Church (1530 6th Ave. N.), Birmingham Civil Rights Institute (520 16th St. N.) and Kelly Ingram Park (bordered by 16th and 17th sts. N. and 5th and 6th aves. N.) bear witness to the city's problems and progress.
- Stop by Pepper Place in the Lakeview Design District to experience how a once-industrial part of town transitioned to a shopper's paradise. Trendy stores put Birmingham's style on the map with attention-grabbing architectural details, antiques and colorful displays. But the farmers market (2829 2nd Ave. S.) is the main draw on Saturdays early April to mid-December; it boasts a variety of products grown within 100 miles.
- Birmingham is increasingly called a must-visit foodie destination due to its fresh and flavorful cuisine. In the recent past the James Beard Foundation—aka the Oscars of the food world—has hailed Hot and Hot Fish Club's (2180 11th Ct. S.) chef as the best in the South.
- Try at least one down-home dish during your visit.
 Despite the availability of creative and cosmopolitan fare, don't skip the biscuits, grits and typical



34 BIRMINGHAM, AL

"Southern" fare. A good place to start would be **John's City Diner** (112 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. N.), open since 1944 and home to one-of-a-kind coleslaw.

- See a concert or go to a free fitness class at the 19-acre Railroad Park (1600 1st Ave. S.), which connects the downtown with Southside and the campus of University of Alabama at Birmingham. The site mixes industrial touches—recycled bricks and cobblestone—with water features, open lawns and more than 600 trees.
- Spend hours at the Birmingham Museum of Art (2000 Rev. Abraham Woods Jr. Blvd.) with its numerous themed rooms. Reputedly one of the best regional museums in the nation, there are more than 24,000 paintings, sculptures, prints, drawings and pre-Columbian artifacts that visitors can see for free. The museum even has hands-on exhibits for children.

Birmingham 1-day Itinerary

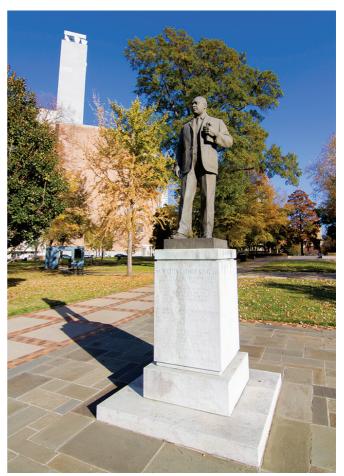
AAA editors suggest these activities for a great short vacation experience.

Morning

- To prepare for a busy day in Birmingham, eat a hearty breakfast to keep you well-fueled during a walking tour of the nearby Civil Rights District.
- Designated in 1992, the six-block area commemorates the African American struggle for equality. A turning point occurred at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church (1530 6th Ave. N.) Sept. 15, 1963, when four African American girls died in a racially motivated bombing that eventually swayed public support toward the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- A short distance away is the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute (520 16th St. N.), which provides a sobering yet hopeful reflection on race relations within the city and elsewhere. Highlights include the jail cell where the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote his "Letter from Birmingham Jail," and statues of civil rights leaders that stand in the adjacent Kelly Ingram Park.
- Make an upbeat stop at the Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame (1631 4th Ave. N.) in Carver Theatre, which opened in 1935 as a segregated spot for African Americans to watch first-run movies. The hall traces the music style's origins and showcases priceless memorabilia. Personal effects of jazz and blues greats like Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald and W.C. Handy remind visitors of those bygone days. Call ahead for the performance schedule so you can round off your jazz education with a live performance or two.

Afternoon

- A couple blocks away at 200 19th St. N. you'll encounter kid-friendly McWane Science Center and John W. Woods IMAX Dome Theater. Test hands-on exhibits, enjoy one of the many IMAX film offerings available or buy a combination ticket to experience the best of both.
- Did you build up an appetite in the meantime? Head downtown where Southern hospitality is on the menu at the atmospheric Café Dupont (113 20th St. N.). Housed in a renovated storefront, this restaurant uses local ingredients in its fusion of soul food and contemporary flavors.
- A few blocks northwest is the renowned
 Birmingham Museum of Art (2000 Rev. Abraham Woods Jr. Blvd.). Regional to international artists display their objets d'art in this free museum. Only have an hour



Kelly Ingram Park / © flickr / CC BY ND / Rain0975



- to spare? Download a best-of list from the museum's website, and make the most of your time.
- Next up is the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame Museum (2150 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. N.). If you're a sports enthusiast, this stop is a home run with more than 5,000 items, including Heisman trophies, dioramas, equipment and uniforms. Inductees such as Hank Aaron, Willie Mays, Carl Lewis and Paul "Bear" Bryant make up the more than 200 honorees.

Evening

- If your dinner budget can accommodate fine dining, make your way to Five Points South (near the University of Alabama at Birmingham and centered around 20th St. S.) to Hot and Hot Fish Club (2180 11th Ct. S.) one of the city's most acclaimed spots.
- After dinner, party people should stay in Five Points South or head to the Lakeview Design District (multiple bars and clubs are at 29th Street and 7th Avenue) to sample Birmingham nightlife. You'll find live music venues, dive bars, dance floors and everything in between.
- Fans of peace and quiet should drive south toward Red Mountain to forge a picture-perfect ending to their evening. There, nature lovers can take a relaxing stroll, or they can head somewhere with an even better view.
- Vulcan Park and Museum (1701 Valley View Dr.) tops Red Mountain—and indeed Birmingham—with a 124-foot-tall Vulcan. Created for the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, the world's largest cast-iron statue of the god remains the main draw, but you can learn area history as well as explore the vast park complex if you arrive early enough. Come later to view the twinkling lights below, and you'll see why some call Birmingham "The Magic City."

Arriving

By Car

Several major highways intersect in Birmingham, providing easy access from all directions. North-south I-65 cuts straight through the city, affording direct routes from Montgomery and Nashville, Tenn. From Chattanooga, Tenn., and other points northeast, I-59 runs through the Appalachian foothills before merging with I-20, intersecting I-65 near the city center and continuing southwest into Mississippi.

I-459 branches off from I-59 just east of the city limits and loops southward to bypass downtown traffic, rejoining I-20/59 near McCalla. Approaching from due east, I-20 meets the I-459 bypass before merging with I-59 downtown.

Getting Around

Street System

Laid out in an orderly grid pattern, Birmingham is fairly easy to navigate. The downtown area is bounded by I-20/59 to the north, I-65 to the west and US 31, the Red Mountain Expressway, to the east. North-south thoroughfares are designated as streets, while east-west routes are avenues. Both streets and avenues are numbered, although some also have names, such as University Boulevard (Eighth Avenue South).

Unless otherwise posted, a right turn on red is permitted after a complete stop.

Parking

With numerous public and private lots, parking is not a problem in Birmingham. Garages generally charge from



ONB Magic City Art Connection / @ iStockphoto.com / keiichihiki



\$5 to \$10 per day; on-street metered parking is available downtown.

Shopping

Downtown warehouses that once produced America's oldest soft drink, Dr Pepper, now comprise the upscale Pepper Place, which is one of the region's better-known interior design centers. Other retail centers include Brookwood Village, US 280E and Lakeshore Drive, with anchor stores Belk and Macy's; and The Summit, at US 280E and I-459, which has Belk and Saks Fifth Avenue as well as many upscale specialty shops. Window-shoppers and novelty hunters will want to visit the antique shops and trendy boutiques of Five Points South, off 20th Street S. and Highland Avenue.

Twelve miles south in Hoover, at I-459 and US 31S, is **Riverchase Galleria**; it is *the* place to shop while you're in the Birmingham area. Topped by one of the largest glass skylights in the Western Hemisphere, the Galleria includes Belk, JCPenney, Macy's, Sears, more than 200 specialty stores, an office tower and a sizable hotel.

Big Events

Birmingham heralds spring in late April or early May with the ONB Magic City Art Connection, an outdoor art show and festival held in Linn Park. Food, wine, music and workshops accompany the art exhibits.

Barber Motorsports Park holds various automotive events. In late April the Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama, an IZOD IndyCar Series event, takes place. In mid-September there is the 3-day MotoAmerica AMA/FIM North American Road Race Championship Round 10. The Barber Vintage Festival is a 3-day event held in early October and offers vintage motorcycles, a parts swap meet and stunt performances.

Other city events include the 3-day Greek Food Festival in October. The Southern Women's Show at Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex in early October is a 4-day event focused on women's issues from topics as important as health and fitness to lighter subjects like fashion and makeovers.

Throughout December you can experience Zoolight Safari, a train ride showcasing the zoo's 500,000 lights that twinkle to holiday music, at **Birmingham Zoo**.

Start out the year with the **Birmingham Bowl**. Held in early January at **Legion Field**, the football event is a match-up between teams from the American Athletic and Southeastern conferences.

Sports & Rec

Alabama's unofficial status as "Football Capital of the South" is largely the legacy of University of Alabama coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, who led his Crimson Tide **football** team to more than 300 victories. For Crimson Tide sports tickets phone (205) 348-2262.

The University of Alabama at Birmingham, (205) 975-8221; Samford University, (205) 726-2966; Miles College, (205) 929-1615; and Birmingham-Southern College, (205) 226-4935, also have competitive sports teams. The Birmingham Barons, AA baseball affiliates of the Chicago White Sox, play their home games at **Re**gions Field; phone (205) 988-3200.

Free self-guiding tours of the restored 1910 Rickwood Field, 1137 2nd Ave. W., are offered when the park is open (typically Mon.-Fri. 8-4:30 and some weekends). Baseball greats Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Satchel Paige and Willie Mays played here. Visitors can pick up a brochure leading them on a route to see the highlights; a walk on the field is sure to be a thrill for dedicated baseball fans. Guided tours with additional access to the locker room and press box are available by appointment; phone (205) 458-8161.

Auto racing attracts legions of fans to the Talladega Superspeedway. The raceway holds two NASCAR Cup events as well as the NASCAR XFINITY Series and ARCA events. The Birmingham Race Course, 1000 John Rogers Dr., offers simulcast greyhound dog racing; phone (205) 838-7500.

Note: Policies concerning admittance of children to parimutuel betting facilities vary. Phone for information.

Tennis courts can be found at most city parks, along with facilities for **hiking** and **bicycling**. City **golf** courses include Highland Park, 3300 Highland Ave. S., and Roebuck, 8920 Roebuck Blvd. For information about other public golf courses and tennis courts, phone the convention and visitors bureau, (205) 458-8000 or (800) 458-8085.

Performing Arts

The University of Alabama at Birmingham Department of Theatre presents dramatic productions, special concerts, big-name entertainment and shows in the Alys Robinson Stephens Performing Arts Center late September through May; phone (205) 975-2787 or (877) 278-8457. **The Terrific New Theatre**, open year-round, features off-Broadway shows; phone (205) 328-0868. The Birmingham Children's Theatre, one of the largest professional children's theaters in the country, presents nine different shows throughout the year; phone (205) 458-8181. Contemporary and experimental dramas are hallmarks of the **Birmingham Festival Theatre**, which features new playwrights and local talent; phone (205) 933-2383.

The Virginia Samford Theatre, 1116 26th St. S., features two performance spaces in its late-1920s building; phone (205) 251-1206. **Alabama Theatre**, 1817 3rd Ave. N., is also a late-1920s venue. It's been restored and is an



Alabama Theatre / © Wikimedia Commons / CC BY SA / DXR

impressive place to see a movie or a live performance; phone (205) 252-2262. The Lyric Theatre, 1800 3rd Ave. N., goes back even earlier. It was built in 1914 as a Vaudeville venue, and it's still a destination for live events: phone (205) 216-3118.

The **Alabama Ballet** stages most of its performances at the Samford University Wright Center; phone (205) 322-4300. Opera Birmingham sponsors performances throughout the year; phone (205) 322-6737.



Explore Things To Do, visit AAA.com/tripcanvas

ALABAMA JAZZ HALL OF FAME is at 1631 4th Ave. N. at ict. 17th St. The museum, in the 1935 Carver Theatre for the Performing Arts, spotlights jazz greats who have links to Alabama. Photographs, instruments, costumes and other artifacts belonging to such legends as Nat King Cole, Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald and Lionel Hampton are exhibited. Jazz performances and theatrical productions are presented.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (205) 327-9424. (GT)

ALABAMA SPORTS HALL OF FAME MUSEUM is at 2150 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. N., next to the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex. In addition to various sports-related displays, films highlight memorable sports moments and the athletic achievements of Alabama sports champions. Phone: (205) 323-6665.

ARLINGTON ANTEBELLUM HOME AND GARDENS, 331 Cotton Ave. S.W. in Old Elyton, dates from the 1840s and is Birmingham's only remaining Greek Revival structure. The wonderfully preserved two-story house—with spacious porches and balconies in the front and back—was built by Judge William S. Mudd, one of the 10 founders of the city. It sits on a 6-acre estate with beautifully landscaped gardens and large magnolia trees. Brochures provide details of the house and describe structural changes that have been made to the property over the years.

The wide entry hall once served as a formal reception area for guests. The rest of the downstairs includes a sitting room, formal dining room and a parlor. Upstairs are four bedrooms. The rooms are furnished with 19thcentury furniture, artwork and crafts. While the decor is not original to the house, it reveals how the wealthy lived in this era.

Time: Allow 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (205) 780-5656. **GT**

BARBER VINTAGE MOTORSPORTS MUSEUM is off I-20E exit 140, e. on US 78, s. on Rex Lake Rd., then w. to 6030 Barber Motorsports Pkwy. Possessing what is considered to be the world's largest collection of motorcycles, the museum presents about 750 of its more than 1.600 machines: the earliest example dates to 1902. More than 60 Lotus race cars also are showcased. Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (205) 699-7275.

BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS, 2612 Lane Park Rd., comprises nearly 68 acres of flowers, trees and shrubs. More than 230 species of birds can be observed. The grounds also contain a conservatory and a Japanese garden as well as 27 landscaped gardens and plant collections. A horticultural lending library contains gardening books, magazines, CDs and DVDs.

Picnicking is permitted in designated locations. Pets are not permitted. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (205) 414-3900.

BIRMINGHAM CIVIL RIGHTS INSTITUTE, 520 16th St. N., is a museum and a research and education facility that contains permanent exhibits describing Birmingham's Civil Rights Movement and worldwide human rights struggles. An 8-minute introductory movie details class struggles and violent labor strikes occurring in the early 20th century between wealthy Birmingham steel industrialists and coal miners. Touch-screen monitors in the Arrington Resource Gallery offer access to an audiovisual history library.

Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (205) 328-9696 or (866) 328-9696.

Kelly Ingram Park, part of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, is bordered by 16th and 17th sts. N. and 5th and 6th aves. N. Statues depict the struggles encountered by demonstrators at this 4-acre site where major civil rights demonstrations occurred in the 1960s. Statues include "Four Spirits," "The Children's March" and "Praying Ministers." A self-guiding cellphone tour is available.

Guided walking tours are available by appointment. **Time:** Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (205) 328-9696, (205) 328-1850 for walking tour appointments, (205) 307-5455 for cellphone tour, or (866) 328-9696, ext. 204 for information. **GT**

BIRMINGHAM MUSEUM OF ART, 2000 Rev. Abraham Woods Jr. Blvd., features a permanent collection of more than 27,000 paintings, sculptures, drawings and decorative arts representing a rich panorama of cultures dating from ancient to modern times, including African, American, Asian, European, Native American and Pre-Columbian art. Highlights include Renaissance paintings, 18th-century French furniture and English ceramics, featuring one of the largest Wedgwood collections in the world. The museum is home to one of the finest Asian art collections in the Southeast.

The facility includes a large sculpture garden as well as a library containing more than 30,000 items, including rare books, art reference books and exhibition catalogues. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (205) 254-2565, or (205) 254-2982 for the library.

BIRMINGHAM ZOO, 2630 Cahaba Rd. in Lane Park, is one of the South's largest zoos. Birds, reptiles and mammals from around the world dwell in simulated natural settings. Visitors can feed giraffes at the Kiwanis Giraffe Encounter or watch the African bull elephant herd roam the Trails of Africa. A children's zoo and a predator display

are featured along with daily interactive programs. A train and carousel also are available.

Phone: (205) 879-0409.

MCWANE SCIENCE CENTER, downtown at 200 19th St. N. at jct. 2nd Ave. N., offers four levels of science adventures and interactive exhibits. ScienceQuest has hands-on exhibits about motion, energy, light and sound, while World of Water takes a look at aquatic life from around the globe. A dinosaur exhibit features fossils and interactive games. Children under age 5 can visit Itty Bitty Magic City, which includes an extensive Main Street area to explore as well as water exhibits and a climbing structure.

The John W. Woods IMAX Dome Theater is also part of the center. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (205) 714-8300 or (877) 462-9263.

John W. Woods IMAX Dome Theater is downtown in McWane Science Center at 200 19th St. N. at jct. 2nd Ave. N. The theater is five stories high and presents large-format science and nature films as well as feature-length Hollywood movies.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (205) 714-8300 or (877) 462-9263.

RUFFNER MOUNTAIN NATURE PRESERVE is at 1214 81st St. S. The nature center of this 1,038-acre forest and wildlife sanctuary focuses on Ruffner Mountain's biology, geology and history and features the Tree Top Visitor Center with animal exhibits and the Mountainside Pavilion, used for picnics and events. There are 12 miles of hiking trails; one trail ends at an overlook with a panoramic view of the city. A wetland with a boardwalk also is on the grounds.

Street parking is available for visitors wanting trail access when visitor center gate is closed. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (205) 833-8264.

SLOSS FURNACES NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK is at 20 32nd St. N. Built in 1882 to produce pig iron, these blast furnaces were the backbone of the city's industrial economy until the 1970s. Now converted into a museum of history and industry, it is the only such preservation project in the nation. A 32-acre park surrounds the site. A self-guiding tour brochure interprets history and describes the furnaces' operations.

Time: Allow 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (205) 254-2025. GT

VULCAN PARK AND MUSEUM is at the top of Red Mountain at 1701 Valley View Dr. The show-piece of this 10-acre urban park is the 60-ton, 56-foot-high

Vulcan Statue, depicting the mythological Roman god for which the park is named. It is seated on a 124-foot-high pedestal. Giuseppe Moretti designed the statue, which is one of the world's largest cast-iron figures. It was cast in Birmingham for the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis, Mo. Vulcan, the Roman god of fire and the inventor of metalwork, pays tribute to the city's iron industry. The open-air balcony of the observation tower allows for an up-close look.

Inside the interpretive Vulcan Center, Birmingham's past, present and future come to life through static and interactive exhibits about the region's geology, history and

industrial growth. A visitor information center also is available. The park grounds and the observation tower offer spectacular views of the city. Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (205) 933-1409. **GT**

Sightseeing

Walking Tours

Brochures detailing self-guiding tours of the Birmingham Downtown Historic District are available from the Greater Birmingham Convention and Visitors Bureau, 2200 Ninth Ave. N.; phone (205) 458-8000 or (800) 458-8085.

DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM

Hotels p. 39 • Restaurants p. 42



COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT BIRMINGHAM DOWNTOWN AT

BOOK NOW 205/254-0004



COURTYARD AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 1820 5th Ave S 35233. Location: Next to UAB Medical Center. Facility: 122 units. 6 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site (fee). Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry, boarding pass kiosk.































AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE) Historic Boutique Hotel. Address: 1928 1st Ave N 35203.

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT BIRMINGHAM

BOOK NOW 205/263-9157 DOWNTOWN



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 1918 1st Ave 35203.



HAMPTON INN & SUITES - THE TUTWILER BOOK NOW 205/322-2100



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Historic Hotel. Address: 2021 Park Pl 35203.



HILTON BIRMINGHAM DOWNTOWN AT UAB

BOOK NOW

205/933-9000





AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 808 20th St S 35205. Facility: 295 units. 14 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site (fee). Amenities: safes. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet laundry, area

































HILTON GARDEN INN DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM

BOOK NOW 205/322-7937





AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors Garden Inn points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel, Address: 250 18th St S 35233. Facility: 104 units. 5 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site (fee). Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room.

































HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON BIRMINGHAM DOWNTOWN

BOOK NOW

205/322-7933





AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 250 18th St S 35233. Facility: 106 kitchen units. 5 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site (fee). Terms: check-in 4 pm. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin

























HOMEWOOD SUITES BY HILTON BIRMINGHAM DOWNTOWN BOOK NOW

HREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN® AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 1016 20th St S 35205.

HOTEL INDIGO BIRMINGHAM FIVE POINTS S-UAB BOOK NOW

205/933-9555

HREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN Historic Hotel. Address: 1023 20th St S 35205.

THE REDMONT HOTEL BIRMINGHAM, CURIO COLLECTION BY

BOOK NOW 205/957-6828 HILTON



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Historic Hotel. Address: 2101 5th Ave N 35203. Facility: Historic architecture meets modern decor in this beautiful downtown hotel. Spacious rooms and bathrooms are highlights of this hotel as are the generous social spaces. The rooftop bar is a must see! 120 units. 12 stories, interior corridors. Parking: valet only. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry. SAVE CALL

RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT BIRMINGHAM DOWNTOWN AT UAB

BOOK NOW

205/731-9595

 $[\mathbf{fyi}]$ Extended Stay Hotel. Under major renovation, call for details. Last Designation: Three Diamond, Address: 821 20th St S 35205.

SHERATON BIRMINGHAM HOTEL BOOK NOW 205/324-5000



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvov™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 2101 Richard Arrington Jr Blvd N 35203.

SPRINGHILL SUITES BY MARRIOTT BIRMINGHAM DOWNTOWN AT UAB 205/322-8600 **BOOK NOW**

fyi Hotel. Under major renovation, call for details. Last Designation: Three Diamond. Address: 2024 4th Ave S 35233.

THE WESTIN BIRMINGHAM BOOK NOW 205/307-3600



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 2221 Richard Arrington Jr Blvd N 35203.



WHERE TO EAT

BOTTEGA RESTAURANT 205/939-1000

Italian Fine Dining. Address: 2240 Highland Ave S 35205.

CAFE DUPONT 205/322-1282

FOUR DIAMOND

Regional American Fine Dining. **Address:** 113 20th St N 35203.

HOT AND HOT FISH CLUB 205/933-5474

New World Fine Dining. **Address:** 2180 11th Ct S 35205.

OCEAN 205/933-0999

FOUR DIAMOND

THREE DIAMOND

INSPECTED

CLEAN

INSPECTED @ CLEAN

THREE DIAMOND

INSPECTED @ CLEAN

Seafood Fine Dining. Address: 1218 20th St S 35205.

BIRMINGHAM

• Hotels p. 42

DRURY INN & SUITES-BIRMINGHAM SOUTHEAST BOOK NOW 205/967-2450

Hotel. Address: 3510 Grandview Pkwy 35243.

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT BIRMINGHAM

COLONNADE/GRANDVIEW BOOK NOW 205/969-7630

AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 3930 Colonnade Pkwy 35243.

HAMPTON INN & SUITES BIRMINGHAM 280E-EAGLE POINT BOOK NOW 205/981-0024 **fyi** Hotel. Under major renovation, call for details. **Last Designation:** Three Diamond.

Address: 6220 Farley Ct 35242.

HAMPTON INN BY HILTON-COLONNADE 280 BOOK NOW 205/967-0002

AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 3400 Colonnade Pkwy 35243.



HILTON GARDEN INN BIRMINGHAM SE/LIBERTY PARK BOOK NOW 205/503-5220



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 2090 Urban Center Pkwy 35242.



HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON BIRMINGHAM COLONNADE BOOK NOW 205/969-7631



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 3920 Colonnade Pkwy 35243.

THE KELLY BIRMINGHAM, TAPESTRY COLLECTION BY

BOOK NOW 205/250-7000 HILTON



TAPESTRY AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates! COLLECTION

BY HILTON" Hotel. Address: 2027 1st Ave N 35203. Facility: 96 units. 14 stories, interior corridors. Bath: shower only. Parking: valet and street only. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Activities: exercise room.























MARRIOTT BIRMINGHAM

BOOK NOW

205/968-3775





AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 3590 Grandview Pkwy 35243. Location: Located in MARRIOTT Grandview Business Park. Facility: 302 units. 8 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Pool: heated indoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: complimentary and valet laundry.































BOOK NOW

205/967-4466



Hotel. Address: 4300 Colonnade Pkwy 35243.



SPRINGHILL SUITES BY MARRIOTT BIRMINGHAM COLONNADE BOOK NOW 205/969-8099



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE) Hotel. Address: 3950 Colonnade Pkwy 35243.

BREWTON

Hotels p. 44



BEST WESTERN BREWTON INN BOOK NOW 251/727-5050



Hotel. Address: 1115 Douglas Ave 36426. Facility: 83 units. 2 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.



















INSPECTED CLEAN

CALERA

- Hotels p. 44
- Part of Birmingham area— see map p. 31



HAMPTON INN BY HILTON CALERA BOOK NOW 205/668-6565



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 93 Metro Dr 35040.



Discover thousands of pet-friendly places to stay, play and dine. Get insight to guide your decisions.





Visit AAA.com/PetTravel

CLANTON • Hotels p. 45



BEST WESTERN INN BOOK NOW 205/280-1006



Hotel. Address: 801 Bradberry Ln 35046. Facility: 53 units. 2 stories (no elevator), exterior corridors. Pool: outdoor.



















APPROVED

INSPECTED @ CLEAN

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS CLANTON BOOK NOW 205/280-1880



INSPECTED @ CLEAN

Hotel. Address: 815 Bradberry Ln 35046. Facility: 63 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Amenities: safes. Pool: indoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.





















CONECUH NATIONAL FOREST

Elevations in the forest range from 200 ft. in the swamp areas to 320 ft. at Open Pond Tower. Refer to AAA maps for additional elevation information.

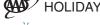
On the Alabama-Florida border, Conecuh National Forest covers almost 84,000 acres. Backpacking is permitted along the 20-mile Conecuh Trail, which offers 5and 13.5-mile loops through the forest and a 1.5-mile loop around Open Pond. Deer, squirrels, rabbits and quails are commonly sighted; alligators and wild turkeys also can be seen. The trail offers five different starting points, including Open Pond Recreation Area, which has yearround facilities for camping, fishing, boating, hiking and picnicking.

Bicycling is permitted on the north loop of the Conecuh Trail and the 1.5-mile loop around Open Pond. Blue Lake Recreation Area, 13 miles southwest of Andalusia via US 29 and SR 137, offers hiking, picnicking, swimming, fishing and boating Apr.-Oct. Trail maps can be purchased from the district ranger's office in Andalusia. Open Pond Recreation Area open daily 7 a.m.-10 p.m., year-round. Blue Lake Recreation Area open daily 6 a.m.-10 p.m., Apr.-Oct. Day-use fee \$3. The office in Andalusia is open Mon.-Fri. 8-4:30; closed federal holidays. For more information contact the District Rangers Office, 24481 SR 55. Andalusia, AL 36420; phone (334) 222-2555. See Recreation Areas Chart.

COTTONDALE — CULLMAN, AL

COTTONDALE

Hotels p. 46



HOLIDAY INN & SUITES TUSCALOOSA EAST BOOK NOW 205/632-1888



Hotel. Address: 6350 Interstate Dr 35453.

CULLMAN

• Hotels p. 46

Cullman was the vision of John G. Cullmann, a German immigrant who bought a tract of land in 1872, upon which he hoped to establish a self-sustaining colony of his countrymen. Beginning with only five German families, the project was so successful that 6 years later the Alabama legislature designated Cullman the seat of the newly created county, also named for its founder.

Clarkson Covered Bridge—7 miles west of I-65 on US 278, then 2 miles north following signs—is one of Alabama's largest. The surrounding wooded area is home to Clarkson Bridge Park, which contains picnic facilities, hiking paths and a non-operating gristmill.

Arts and crafts are the focus of the 2-day Bloomin' Festival, a juried arts event that takes place in late April on the St. Bernard Abbey and Prep School campus at 1600 St. Bernard Dr. S.E. In addition to more than 140 artists' booths, festivalgoers enjoy live music and children's activities.

Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center: 301 2nd Ave. S.W., Cullman, AL 35055, Phone: (256) 734-0454 or (800) 313-5114.

AVE MARIA GROTTO is off I-65 exit 308, then 4 mi. e. on US 278 to 1600 St. Bernard Dr. S.E., on the grounds of St. Bernard Abbey and its preparatory school. Over a 50year period, Benedictine monk Brother Joseph Zoettl used pictures as his guide to create a beautifully landscaped 4-acre park with 125 miniatures of famous churches, buildings and shrines from many parts of the world. Construction materials range from bits of discarded glass and jewelry to native stone and marble.

Brother Joseph was 80 years old when he created his final miniature in 1958. The grotto is in an old quarry, its landscape accentuated by gently sloping paths. Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (256) 734-4110.

CULLMAN COUNTY MUSEUM, 211 2nd Ave. N.E., is in a replica of the home of town founder John Cullmann. Displays representative of the town's rural past and its German heritage include antique clothing and a street scene with various historical items showcased in storefront windows. Also presented are Native American artifacts, a Civil War exhibit and a life-size bronze statue of Cullmann. Phone: (256) 739-1258 or (800) 533-1258.



BEST WESTERN FAIRWINDS INN BOOK NOW 256/737-5009







Motel. Address: 1917 Commerce Ave NW 35055. Facility: 49 units. 2 stories (no



COMFORT SUITES

BOOK NOW 256/255-5999





AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 2048 St Joseph Dr NW 35058. Facility: 68 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.























HAMPTON INN BY HILTON

BOOK NOW

256/739-4444



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

[SAVE] Hotel. **Address:** 6100 Alabama Hwy 157 35058.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL & SUITES

BOOK NOW

256/736-1906

THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN Hotel. Address: 2052 Haves Dr NW 35058.



HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON CULLMAN

BOOK NOW 256/615-8350



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 5720 SR 157 35058.



QUALITY INN

BOOK NOW

256/734-1240



Hotel. Address: 5917 SR 157 NW 35058.



SLEEP INN & SUITES BOOK NOW

256/734-6166



Hotel. Address: 2050 Old Hwy 157 35057.

DAPHNE

• Hotels p. 48

Daphne had its beginnings in the early 18th century when it served as a gathering spot for European fur traders. A popular legend claims that Gen. Andrew Jackson directed his troops during the War of 1812 from a fork in one of Daphne's live oaks.

Owing to a prime location on the Eastern Shore, Daphne is sometimes called "Jubilee City." The name refers to the harvesting and celebrating in which the residents indulge when a natural convergence of summer tidal and weather conditions forces multitudes of fish and crustaceans into shallow shoreline waters, where they easily become the catch-of-the-day. The city also is home to the United States Sports Academy, 1 mile east on US



DAPHNE, AL

98, an undergraduate and graduate school devoted to sports education.

Bayfront Park, on Bayfront Drive, and May Day Park, on the west side of College Street, are pleasant places to picnic and enjoy views of the water. A boat launch is available at May Day Park.

Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center: 29750 Larry Dee Cawyer Dr., P.O. Drawer 310, Daphne, AL 36526-0310. Phone: (251) 621-8222.

MALBIS MEMORIAL CHURCH (Greek Orthodox), 29300 SR 181, is a copy of a Byzantine church in Athens, Greece. The mosaic-adorned church contains several striking murals and a hand-carved, white marble wall. The freestanding wall serves as a backdrop for the altar, marble pulpit and bishop's throne, all of which were imported from Greece. **Phone:** (251) 626-3050.

BEST WESTERN PLUS DAPHNE INN & SUITES BOOK NOW 251/625-6260



Hotel. Address: 8931 Sawwood St 36526. Facility: 65 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.























251/626-1113



INSPECTED @ CLEAN



AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 29450 N Main St 36526. Facility: 77 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: limited exercise equipment. Guest

Services: coin laundry.





















HILTON GARDEN INN BOOK NOW 251/625-0020



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 29546 N Main St 36526.

BOOK NOW 251/621-0100



INSPECTED @ CLEAN

Hotel. Address: 29725 Woodrow Ln 36526.



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates! INSPECTED @ CLEAN®

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 29474 N Main St 36526.

DAUPHIN ISLAND

Early in the 1700s the French established the first European settlement in the Louisiana Territory on Dauphin (DOFF-in) Island, which they originally named Massacre because of the many human skeletons they found. When the group realized the island's potential as a defense post, the name was changed to Dauphin, the title of the eldest son of Louis XIV, and the settlement was moved to the mainland. For 2 centuries the island served military purposes only.

Today much of the island is a bird sanctuary. The Dauphin Island Park and Beach Board, in partnership with the National Audubon Society and the Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuary Inc., maintains 160 acres with interpretive walking trails that are free and open to the public.

A bridge that forms part of SR 193 provides an especially scenic entrance to the island, which also is accessible by ferry from the Fort Morgan Peninsula, near Orange Beach and Gulf Shores; phone (251) 861-3000 for ferry rates and schedule. The Gulf Shores and a large freshwater lake provide many opportunities for recreation. Chartered fishing trips may be arranged at Dauphin Isle Marina. A nearby fishing pier and a boat ramp also are available.

Dauphin Island Chamber of Commerce: 1101 Bienville Blvd., P.O. Box 5, Dauphin Island, AL 36528. Phone: (251) 861-5524 or (877) 532-8744.

FORT GAINES HISTORIC SITE, 51 Bienville Blvd., was one of two fortifications guarding Mobile Bay during the Civil War. Directly opposite on Mobile Point, Fort Morgan (see Gulf Shores p. 62) guarded the eastern entrance to the bay. The two forts overlook the site of the Battle of Mobile Bay.

Fort Gaines, completed by the Confederacy in 1861, is a five-sided brick rampart with bastions. The site includes cannons, kitchens and blacksmith shops as well as a museum displaying Civil War artifacts. Time: Allow 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (251) 861-6992.

DECATUR

• Hotels p. 50

Reduced to four buildings by the end of the Civil War and blighted by a yellow fever epidemic in 1888, Decatur survived and then prospered when chemical companies were established in the 1950s. Wheeler Lake, one of the Tennessee Valley Authority reservoirs spread across northern Alabama, is just northwest. The city's waterfront supports both industry and recreation.

One of the best-preserved Victorian-era neighborhoods in Alabama, the Old Decatur District between the Tennessee River and Lee Street is most easily explored on a walking tour. This historic district occupies the original townsite settled in 1820. The tree-lined neighborhood contains late 19th-century houses, shops and the restored 1833 Old State Bank, which survived the Civil War.

Equally interesting is the Albany Heritage District north of Delano Park on US 31. Once known as the new Chicago of the South because of its development by Northern industrialists, this Victorian neighborhood enjoyed a boom period prior to the yellow fever epidemic. Fine examples of Queen Anne, Shingle and Eastlake architectural styles are concentrated along Gordon Drive and Sherman and Jackson streets. Several of the houses in both historic districts are open during the Christmas Tour of Homes in early December.

Decatur-Morgan County Convention and Visitors Bureau: 719 6th Ave. S.E., P.O. Box 2349, Decatur, AL 35602. **Phone:** (256) 350-2028 or (800) 232-5449.

Self-guiding tours: Maps outlining walking tours through the Old Decatur District and the Albany Heritage District



DECATUR, AL

are distributed by the convention and visitors bureau. Also available is a brochure for a 13-block Civil War walking tour through the Old Decatur district, which includes important sites from the 1864 battle for Decatur.

COOK MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE, 133 4th Ave. N.E., will showcase an array of science topics with geological collections (coral, fossils, minerals, rocks and shells), live animals and aquariums, educational programs, interactive exhibits, mounted North American wildlife and a theater as well as traveling exhibits. Phone: (256) 351-4505.

POINT MALLARD PARK, 2901 Point Mallard Dr. S.E., is a 780-acre recreation park on the Tennessee River featuring an aquatic center with a wave pool, an Olympicsize pool, a lazy river, waterslides, a splash pad, a children's duck pond and a beach. Other facilities include a campground, lighted tennis complex with an indoor bubble dome, prayer/wedding chapel, a recreation center, soccer and baseball fields, nature and bicycle trails, an

archery park, an 18-hole championship golf course, a driving range, batting cages and a year-round ice-skating complex. See Recreation Areas Chart.

Phone: (256) 341-4900.

WHEELER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE occupies approximately 35,000 acres surrounding the middle third of Wheeler Reservoir, between the cities of Decatur and Huntsville: the visitor center is at 3121 Visitors Center Rd. The refuge, one of Alabama's largest and oldest, attracts a variety of migratory waterfowl. Thousands of sandhill cranes and dozens of endangered whooping cranes spend the winter here. Habitats include pine uplands, mud flats, tupelo swamps, bottomland hardwoods and agricultural fields. The visitor center offers displays about conservation and the Tennessee River. Nature trails are available.

Boating, fishing and hunting are permitted. Hunting permits are available at the visitor center. Phone: (256) 350-6639.





APPROVED INSPECTED @ CLEAN Hotel. Address: 1305 Front Ave SW 35603. Facility: 60 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Guest Services: coin laundry.

















COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT DECATUR BOOK NOW 256/355-4446



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 1209 Courtyard Cir 35603.





AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 1101 6th Ave NE 35601.





AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 2041 Beltline Rd SW (SR 67) 35601.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES **BOOK NOW** 256/822-2800

Hotel. Address: 2407 Beltline Rd SW 35601.

THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN

HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON DECATUR INGALLS HARBOR BOOK NOW 256/822-1030



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 807 Island Way NW 35601.



RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT DECATUR

BOOK NOW 256/280-2666



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SWE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 1213 Courtyard Cir 35603.

DEMOPOLIS

• Hotels p. 52

A small band of Napoleonic exiles founded Demopolis (dem-AH-po-lis), "city of the people," in 1817. They optimistically attempted to establish vineyards and olive groves, but being unaccustomed to farming, the French Emigrants for the Cultivation of the Vine and Olive soon deserted the four townships Congress had granted them.

In the 1820s American planters settled on the banks of the Tombigbee River and launched the era of the Black Belt's cotton prosperity. Although cotton continues its reign, the products of cattle ranches, dairy farms and sovbean fields also contribute to the area's economy.

Christmas on the River, a 4-day event in early December, features candlelight antebellum home tours, an arts and crafts show, a championship barbecue cook-off, and a nighttime nautical parade with fireworks and festively lit boats.

Demopolis Area Chamber of Commerce: 102 E. Washington St., P.O. Box 667, Demopolis, AL 36732. Phone: (334) 289-0270.

BLUFF HALL, overlooking the Tombigbee River at 405 N. Commissioners Ave., exemplifies two major architectural trends in the antebellum South. Built in 1832 as a Federal townhouse, the brick structure was later remodeled in Greek Revival style when a colonnaded portico, a large rear wing and a louvered gallery were added.

The restored house contains period clothing, Empire and Victorian furniture, and local history displays. Phone: (334) 289-9644. **GT**

GAINESWOOD, at 805 S. Cedar Ave., is a historic mansion featuring original furnishings, domed ceilings and fluted columns. Expanded from a 1821 "dogtrot" cabin, the house grew— through the use of enslaved labor— to more than 6,200 square feet as Gaineswood became the center of a cotton plantation in the mid-1800s. Altered and modified in the century following the Civil War, the property has been restored to its 1860s appearance by the Alabama Historical Commission

Time: Allow 45 minutes minimum. Phone: (334) 289-4846.

BEST WESTERN PLUS TWO RIVERS HOTEL & SUITES BOOK NOW 334/289-2611



Hotel. Address: 662 US Hwy 80 W 36732. Facility: 43 units. 2 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.





























COMFORT INN BOOK NOW

334/289-9595





AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 943 US Hwy 80 W 36732. Facility: 51 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.





















QUALITY INN & SUITES DEMOPOLIS BOOK NOW 334/287-0300



Hotel. Address: 1035 Hwy 80 W 36732.

DOTHAN

• Hotels p. 53

When the railroad came to Dothan (DO-thin) in 1889, the rustic settlement was populated only by rowdy lumberjacks and turpentine workers. By 1910 mechanized farming brought new economic vigor to the rolling terrain of Wiregrass country.

Almost equidistant from Atlanta, Birmingham, Mobile and Tallahassee, Fla., modern Dothan is a natural marketing center involved in the cultivation of peanuts. Billed the "Peanut Capital of the World," the city features dozens of amusing, creative peanut sculptures. There's also a gold sculpture of a peanut on the grounds of the Dothan Area Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Noteworthy historic attractions in town include the Dothan Opera House, built as a city auditorium in 1915. A series of 17 murals painted on buildings in the city's historic downtown spotlights people, places and events prominent in Dothan's history.

Part of Alabama's Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, Highland Oaks Golf Course, 800 Royal Pkwy., offers a choice of four nine-hole courses.

Dothan Area Convention & Visitors Bureau: 3311 Ross Clark Cir., P.O. Box 8765, Dothan, AL 36304. Phone: (334) 794-6622 or (888) 449-0212.

Shopping: Wiregrass Commons Mall, with Belk, Dillard's, and JCPenney, is a major mall in the Ross Clark Circle area off US 231.

LANDMARK PARK is at 430 Landmark Dr. This 135-acre living-history park includes a restored 1895 house and a late 19th-century farm complete with farm animals, a sugar cane mill and a smokehouse. Also featured are a 1908 church, a schoolhouse, a general store, a drugstore, nature trails, a boardwalk and a marsh containing native wildlife. An interpretive center offers planetarium shows, nature displays and art exhibits.

Special events are held throughout the year. Pets are not permitted. **Phone:** (334) 794-3452.



WIREGRASS MUSEUM OF ART is just n. off US 84 Bus. Rte. at 126 Museum Ave., just e. of the civic center. The museum features five galleries dedicated to contemporary and regional art as well as a fountain garden area. Housed in a century-old historical building that once

served as the city's water and power plant, the museum also offers an interactive children's learning lounge, art programs and changing exhibitions. Information outlining the Wiregrass Murals Walking Tour can be obtained here. Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (334) 794-3871.



HAMPTON INN & SUITES BY HILTON DOTHAN BOOK NOW 334/671-7672



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 4684 Montgomery Hwy 36303.



RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT DOTHAN BOOK NOW 334/793-1030



Residence INI AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 186 Hospitality Ln 36303. Facility: 84 units, some two bedrooms, efficiencies and kitchens. 3 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.

























SPRINGHILL SUITES BY MARRIOTT

BOOK NOW 334/579-3030



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 4978 Montgomery Hwy 36303.

TOWNEPLACE SUITES BY MARRIOTT DOTHAN AL BOOK NOW



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 201 Retail Dr 36303.

AAA.com/IDTheft—Because identity thieves don't take vacations

ENTERPRISE — EUFAULA, AL

ENTERPRISE

• Hotels p. 54

Enterprise's economy was at a standstill in 1915 after the voracious, snouted boll weevil arrived in Coffee County from Mexico. The half-inch beetle systematically began destroying the area's cotton crop, the sole base of Coffee County's economy. Though farmers bombarded the insect with chemicals and poisons, it succeeded in reducing the crop to one-tenth its usual size.

Out of necessity farmers planted a number of cash crops. Included among them were peanuts, which flourished. The transition to diversified farming was so successful that the town is credited with playing a significant role in the agricultural revolution of the South. Enterprise today is a blend of agriculture and industry.

Enterprise Chamber of Commerce: 553 Glover Ave., P.O. Box 310577, Enterprise, AL 36331. **Phone:** (334) 347-0581 or (800) 235-4730.

Self-guiding tours: The chamber of commerce offers information about a walking tour of Enterprise; the route features historical buildings and a variety of architectural styles.

BOLL WEEVIL MONUMENT, in the center of town at jct. Main and College sts., may well be the country's only tribute to an insect. Erected in 1919, it memorializes the destructive beetle that crippled cotton farming throughout the South. The resulting economic shift from agriculture to industry ushered in a new era. An inscription on the statue reads, "In profound appreciation of the Boll Weevil and what it has done as the herald of prosperity." Phone: (334) 347-0581 for the chamber of commerce.





Hotel. Address: 715 Boll Weevil Cir 36330. Facility: 50 units. 2 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: limited exercise equipment. Guest Services: coin laundry.















INSPECTED @ CLEAN

APPROVED

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT ENTERPRISE

BOOK NOW 334/348-1580



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 100 Brabham Dr 36330.

EUFAULA

• Hotels p. 55

Antebellum houses are the hallmark of Eufaula, named after a tribe of the Creek Confederacy that lived in the region. The Seth Lore Historic District contains 19th-century structures embodying Greek Revival, Italianate and Victorian styles. Many can be seen during the Pilgrimage of Homes held every spring.

Fishing, boating and water skiing are enjoyed on Lake Eufaula, formed by the Walter F. George Lock and Dam on the Chattahoochee River.

Eufaula-Barbour County Chamber of Commerce: 333 E. Broad St., Eufaula, AL 36027. Phone: (334) 687-6664 or (800) 524-7529.

Self-guiding tours: Driving-tour maps that highlight Eufaula's outstanding antebellum houses as well as information about the Pilgrimage of Homes are available at the Shorter Mansion (see attraction listing) and the chamber of commerce.

EUFAULA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, 7 mi. n. on US 431, then 2 mi. e. to 367 SR 165, is an 11,184-acre refuge on the Chattahoochee River that provides a



feeding and resting habitat for migratory waterfowl. It houses more than 280 species of birds, including ducks, geese, egrets and herons, as well as such woodland mammals as beavers, foxes, deer and bobcats. The refuge has nature displays in the administrative office, a nature trail and two observation towers. **Phone:** (334) 687-4065.

SHORTER MANSION, on US 431 at 340 N. Eufaula Ave., is an outstanding example of neoclassic architecture. Built in 1884 by wealthy cotton planter Eli Sims Shorter II, the mansion was enlarged and completed in 1906. The restored house is furnished with antiques. Phone: (334) 687-3793 or (888) 383-2852.



HAMPTON INN BY HILTON BOOK NOW

334/687-0777



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 29 Veterans Blvd 36027.

FAIRHOPE

• Hotels p. 55

Founded upon utopian ideals, Fairhope was established in 1894 by Henry George and several families who funded the colony with a Single Tax System. Under the plan, residents hold a renewable 99-year lease on their land and own all improvements. The single tax colony pays all taxes. Civic pride and idealism still prevail as evidenced by the city's attractively landscaped streets and profusion of flowering gardens. An artistic migration accounts for the resort's many unusual downtown shops, galleries and restaurants. Every year in March, the artistic theme is carried over into the Arts and Crafts Festival of Fairhope that is held downtown and spans 3 days.

On a bluff above Mobile Bay, Fairhope's 2 miles of beach are the setting for local yachting competitions in the

summer. Flounder, crab and shrimp can be caught easily during Jubilee, Mobile Bay's natural late-summer phenomenon in which bottom-dwelling marine life, delirious because of a sudden lack of oxygen in the water, head toward the shore. When alarms sound, every available bucket, cooking pot and washbasin is enlisted to harvest this seafood bonanza.

At the marina, the Fairhope Pier extends a guarter of a mile into the bay, providing good fishing and panoramic views of the surrounding area.

Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center: 327 Fairhope Ave., Fairhope, AL 36532. Phone: (251) 928-6387 or (251) 621-8222.

Shopping: Downtown Fairhope features art galleries and numerous antique, book, craft, clothing and gift shops.

HAMPTON INN BY HILTON FAIRHOPE-MOBILE BAY BOOK NOW 251/928-0956



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 23 N Section St 36532.

FLORENCE

• Hotels p. 56 • Restaurants p. 57

Florence is the largest of the four cities in the Muscle Shoals Area (see place listing p. 103). Incorporated in 1818—a year before Alabama became a state—Florence began as a trading post on a westbound stagecoach route.

Ferdinand Sannoner, an Italian engineer commissioned to design the new city, named it after his birthplace in Italy. Florence's parks and plazas express Sannoner's vision while accommodating an expanding industrial base. Major electrometallurgical and aluminum-, rubber- and steelfabricating plants are in the area.

Wilson Dam, east of Florence on SR 133, possesses one of the world's highest single-lift navigation locks, which lift commercial and pleasure boats up to 100 feet in a single operation. Under Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) control since 1933, the dam, 4,541 feet long and 137 feet high, also boasts the largest hydroelectric generating capacity of all the TVA dams.

Oscar DePriest, the first African American man to serve in Congress, and William Christopher "W.C." Handy,



FLORENCE, AL

famed blues composer, were born in Florence. Handy earned the title "Father of the Blues" through such compositions as "St. Louis Blues" and "Memphis Blues." Handy is honored by jazz and blues artists during the 10-day long W.C. Handy Festival, held in late July. In Florence, the Fourth of July is synonymous with the Shoals Spirit of Freedom Celebration, when thousands gather in McFarland Park along the Tennessee River to enjoy food, music, fireworks and family activities. The Alabama Renaissance Faire is a 2-day event featuring magicians, knights on horseback, sword fighting, arts and crafts, and food. The fair takes place in Wilson Park in late October.

Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Visitor Center: 200 Jim Spain Dr., Florence, AL 35630. Phone: (256) 740-4141 or (888) 356-8687.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF THE SHOALS is at 2810 Darby Dr. at the entrance to Diebert Park. The hands-on exhibits, mainly about the local area, encourage young visitors to learn using their imaginations and creativity. In the adjacent park are a playground and walking trails. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (256) 765-0500. (-/---)

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT ROSENBAUM HOUSE MUSEUM is at 601 Riverview Dr., off Dr. Hicks Blvd. Houses in Frank Lloyd Wright's Usonian genre were designed to provide low-cost yet elegant suburban homes for individual middle income families, homes that would grow and evolve as the family grew and evolved. The flat, multilevel roof and overhanging eaves, the board-andbatten walls, the expanses of glass, the flowing space and the hot-water heating system embedded in the concrete floor are Usonian hallmarks.

Originally 1,540 square feet, the cypress, glass and brick Rosenbaum residence was completed in 1940; two Wright-designed wings, totaling 1,080 square feet, were added in 1948. The Rosenbaums lived in the house until 1999, when the city purchased the home and its Wrightdesigned furniture and began a meticulous restoration.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (256) 718-5050. GT



COMFORT SUITES FLORENCE BOOK NOW 256/246-2300







AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 140 Matthew Paul Ct 35630. Facility: 68 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Pool: heated indoor. Activities: hot tub, exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.























HAMPTON INN & SUITES - DOWNTOWN FLORENCE

BOOK NOW I

256/767-8282



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 505 S Court St 35630.



HAMPTON INN BY HILTON FLORENCE MIDTOWN BOOK NOW 256/764-8888



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 2281 Florence Blvd 35630.



MARRIOTT SHOALS HOTEL & SPA BOOK NOW 256/246-3600





AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 800 Cox Creek Pkwy S 35630. Location: Waterfront. MARRIOTT Facility: Overlooking the Tennessee River, this upscale hotel has the finest accommodations in North Alabama. Relax in the spa or resort-style pools,

or enjoy the evening on the guest room's private balcony. 196 units. 6 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site and valet, winter plug-ins. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. **Dining:** 2 restaurants, also, 360 Grille, see separate listing, entertainment. **Pool:** heated outdoor, heated indoor. Activities: sauna, hot tub, steamroom, playground, game room, trails, exercise room, spa. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.

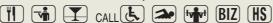


































RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT FLORENCE BOOK NOW 256/764-9966



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 1000 Sweetwater Ave 35630.

WHERE TO EAT



360 GRILLE 256/246-3660



Regional American Fine Dining. Address: 10 Hightower PI 35630.

FOLEY

Hotels p. 57

Ralph Lauren, Seiko and Tommy Hilfiger, comprise Tanger Outlet Stores, 2601 S. McKenzie St. (SR 59).

Shopping: More than 120 factory outlet stores, including Banana Republic, Brooks Brothers, Gap Outlet, Polo



COMFORT SUITES

BOOK NOW

251/923-2610





AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 150 W Riviera Blvd 36535. Facility: 62 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Pool: heated indoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.





























HAMPTON INN BY HILTON FOLEY BOOK NOW 251/923-4600



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE) Hotel. Address: 3152 Abbey Ln 36535.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES FOLEY BOOK NOW 251/971-1700

THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN Hotel. Address: 3155 Abbey Ln 36535.

HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON FOLEY BOOK NOW 251/923-4100



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 2750 S McKenzie St 36535.

TOWNEPLACE SUITES BY MARRIOTT AT OWA

BOOK NOW 251/581-9222



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE) Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 1070 N OWA Blvd 36535.

FORT PAYNE

• Hotels p. 59

Fort Payne is associated with interesting geological formations and Native American history, the latter embodied in the nearby Cherokee town of Wills Town, established in 1779. The town of Fort Payne was established in the late 19th century around the stockade that held the Cherokees prior to their forced westward migration on the Trail of Tears.

Fort Payne's Opera House, in the center of town, was built in 1889 and is the oldest active theater in Alabama. Restored as a cultural arts center, the opera house can be toured by appointment; phone (256) 845-6888.

South of town, Little River Canyon National Preserve's 14,000 acres offer recreational opportunities to suit most any taste. Kayaking, picnicking, rock climbing, birdwatching, mountain biking, hiking, swimming and canoeing are among the outdoor pursuits to be enjoyed. The Little River, which flows atop Lookout Mountain, has created waterfalls, canyons and sandstone cliffs, all of which can be appreciated from numerous overlooks along a scenic rim drive. DeSoto State Park (see attraction listing and Recreation Areas Chart) is within the preserve. For additional information contact the preserve's headquarters at 4322 Little River Trail N.E., Suite 100; phone (256) 845-9605.

DeKalb Tourism: 1503 Glenn Blvd. S.W., P.O. Box 681165, Fort Payne, AL 35968. **Phone:** (256) 845-3957 or (888) 805-4740.

DEPOT MUSEUM, just s.e. off US 11 at 105 5th St. N.E., is in an 1891 Richardsonian Romanesque-style railroad depot. Exhibits include Native American artifacts, 19thcentury farm and office equipment, photographs and household items from the late 1800s and early 1900s, a caboose, and more than 90 dioramas depicting nursery rhymes and historic events. Time: Allow 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (256) 845-5714.

DESOTO STATE PARK is at 7104 DeSoto Pkwy. N.E. The range known as Lookout Mountain runs through the park, which is situated along the west fork of the Little River. The river flows into Little Canyon National Preserve. Also within the park is DeSoto Falls, which drops 100 feet.

Hiking and biking trails extend throughout the park. A swimming pool operates Memorial Day through Labor Day. Lookout Mountain Parkway, a scenic road, passes



through the park. See Recreation Areas Chart. Phone: (256) 845-5380 or (800) 568-8840. 🖍 🚻 🔀

HAMPTON INN BY HILTON FORT PAYNE BOOK NOW 256/304-2600



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 1201 Jordan Rd SW 35968.

THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES BOOK NOW 256/997-1020

Hotel. Address: 112 Airport Rd W 35968.

FULTONDALE

- Hotels p. 59
- Part of Birmingham area— see map p. 31

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT BIRMINGHAM

FULTONDALE/I-65

BOOK NOW 205/849-8484



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 1795 Morris Ave 35068.

HAMPTON INN & SUITES BY HILTON FULTONDALE BOOK NOW 205/439-6700



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 1717 Fulton Rd 35068.

GADSDEN

• Hotels p. 60

This town in the foothills of Lookout Mountain is one of Alabama's largest industrial centers. Industry began to flourish in Gadsden as early as 1895, not long after William P. Lay built an electrical plant in hopes of enticing investors into the area. Today local industries produce steel, rubber, fabricated metal, electrical equipment and electronic devices.

But the town is not all work and no play: Gadsden Riverfest provides 2 days of arts and crafts, shopping, music, food and children's activities in mid-June. The festival is held in Moragne Park on SR 411. Gadsden also is along the corridor of the World's Longest Yard Sale. Beginning on the first Thursday in August, the annual event runs for 4 days and spans five states including Georgia, Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee. The Christmas at the Falls is an annual event held late November through late December in Noccalula Falls Park. The event features millions of twinkling lights, the Children's Fantasy Land, a tour through the Pioneer Village and a train ride.

Gadsden Chamber of Commerce: One Commerce Sq., P.O. Box 185, Gadsden, AL 35901. Phone: (256) 543-3472.

Shopping: Gadsden Mall, on US 411, contains Belk, Sears and many smaller stores. Nineteen miles north of town on US 431 is the Boaz Outlet complex, a factory outlet mall with stores selling Gap, Polo Ralph Lauren, Tommy Hilfiger, Vanity Fair and other name-brand products at discounted prices.

60 GADSDEN, AL

EMMA SANSOM MONUMENT, 90 Broad St. at jct. First St., is a memorial to the 15-year-old Alabama girl who quided Confederate Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest as he pursued 2,000 Federal troops. The statue depicts Emma pointing to a shortcut across Black Creek, which enabled Forrest to capture the Union forces. The night of his victory Forrest sent his "highest regards to Emma Sansom for her gallant conduct" and asked for a lock of her hair as a keepsake. Phone: (256) 543-3472 (for Gadsden Chamber of Commerce).

GADSDEN MUSEUM OF ART, 515 Broad St., displays a permanent collection of paintings, sculpture, decorative arts and historical artifacts as well as changing exhibits. Time: Allow 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (256) 546-7365.

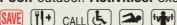
MARY G. HARDIN CENTER FOR CULTURAL ARTS, 501 Broad St., features exhibits by local and national artists. The Imagination Place Children's Museum has hands-on exhibits as well as a child-size city complete with a grocery store, a bank and a doctor's office. The center has a working 72-foot model railroad depicting 1940s Gadsden. Concerts are presented summer weekends.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (256) 543-2787.

BEST WESTERN PLUS GADSDEN HOTEL & SUITES BOOK NOW 256/570-0569



Hotel. Address: 205 Enterprise Dr 35904. Facility: 65 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.













FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT GADSDEN BOOK NOW 256/538-2100



INSPECTED @ CLEAN

AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 116 Walker St 35904.

HAMPTON INN BY HILTON GADSDEN BOOK NOW 256/546-2337



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 129 River Rd 35901.

BOOK NOW 256/538-5222 HAMPTON INN BY HILTON GADSDEN/ATTALLA I-59



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 206 Walker St 35904.

GARDENDALE

- Hotels p. 61
- Part of Birmingham area— see map p. 31



BEST WESTERN GARDENDALE BOOK NOW 205/631-1181

Hotel. Address: 842 Thompson St 35071. Facility: 59 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.

SAVE (YI) CALL (L) 🗻 🙌 (BIZ) (HS) 🤝 🔀 🗐 🖃



















MICROTEL INN & SUITES BY WYNDHAM GARDENDALE

BOOK NOW

205/631-6320



Hotel. Address: 850 Odum Rd 35071.

GREENVILLE

Hotels p. 61





Motel. Address: 56 Cahaba Rd 36037. Facility: 45 units. 2 stories (no elevator), exterior corridors. Pool: outdoor.















INSPECTED @ CLEAN

Where do you want to go today? AAA.com/roadtrips



COMFORT INN BOOK NOW

334/383-9595





AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 1029 Fort Dale Rd 36037. Facility: 54 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room.

























HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES

BOOK NOW 334/382-2444



Hotel. Address: 100 Paul Stabler Dr 36037.

GULF SHORES

• Hotels p. 63

Gulf Shores has attracted vacationers with its Gulf of Mexico beaches, excellent fishing and scenic golf courses since the 1930s. It boasts resort facilities as well as sailing, parasailing, swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving and fishing opportunities in Gulf waters. Charter boat fishing can be arranged at Orange Beach. Among the offerings at the National Shrimp Festival, a 4-day event held in October, are arts and crafts, children's activities, music and a sandcastle contest.

Gulf Shores Welcome Center: 3459 Gulf Shores Pkwy., Gulf Shores, AL 36542. **Phone:** (251) 968-7511 or (800) 745-7263.

ALABAMA GULF COAST ZOO, 20499 Oak Rd. E., is the residence of some 300 animals, including lions, Bengal tigers, primates, leopards, red kangaroos and American black bears. A petting zoo, reptile house and aviary are on the grounds. Seasonal animal encounters are offered as well as educational animal shows. The zoo was the subject of the Animal Planet show, "The Little Zoo that Could," which focused on its struggle to rebuild after it was struck by numerous hurricanes in 2004.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (251) 256-7008.

BON SECOUR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, 12295 SR 180, consists of 7,000 acres of coastal land with geographic features ranging from sand dunes to woodlands. Many types of wildlife, including some endangered species, can be seen. Nature and hiking trails are on-site. Pets are not permitted. Phone: (251) 540-7720.

FORT MORGAN STATE HISTORIC SITE is 21 mi, w. to 110 SR 180W, at the entrance to Mobile Bay; the fort shared strategic importance with Fort Gaines (see Dauphin Island p. 49) during the Civil War. After a 14-day siege in 1864, this Confederate stronghold surrendered following the Battle of Mobile Bay. The fort was reactivated during the Spanish-American War and World Wars I and II. A museum and artillery pieces also are featured.

Ferry service links Fort Morgan to Dauphin Island. Brochures for walking tours are available. Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (251) 540-7127.

WATERVILLE USA is at 906 Gulf Shores Pkwy. The water park includes ten body and tube slides (including a six-lane mat racer slide), a wave pool, lazy river, a separate area for children, and a water playground known as Shrimp Boat Village. Flowrider is a boogie board/surf machine that creates an endless wave. Other park attractions include go-karts, a roller coaster, miniature golf, children's rides, a trampoline and the House of Bounce.

Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (251) 948-2106.

(TI)

BEST WESTERN ON THE BEACH BOOK NOW 250/948-2711



Hotel. Address: 337 E Beach Blvd 36542. Location: Oceanfront. Facility: 101 units, some efficiencies and kitchens. 3-6 stories, interior/exterior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Pool: outdoor, heated indoor. Activities: hot tub, beach on-site.



















COMFORT INN & SUITES GULF SHORES EAST BEACH NEAR GULF STATE

BOOK NOW 251/207-4009





AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 536 E Beach Blvd 36542. Facility: 100 units. 6 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin





















THE LODGE AT GULF STATE PARK, A HILTON HOTEL BOOK NOW 251/540-4000





AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 21196 E Beach Blvd 36542. Location: Oceanfront. Located in Gulf State Park. Facility: 350 units. 5 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site (fee) and valet. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes.

Dining: 5 restaurants, entertainment. Pool: outdoor. Activities: beach on-site, bicycles, game room, trails, exercise room.

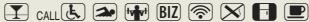


























HANCEVILLE

SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRA-MENT, 3224 CR 548, sits on nearly 400 acres of beautiful, tranquil countryside. Mother Angelica, founder of EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network), was inspired to build the temple during a trip to Bogotá, Colombia, in 1995. The architecture of the Main Church, which was completed in 1999, is representative of 13th-century Italian Romanesque-Gothic Franciscan churches and

monasteries in Assisi and Umbria. The structure is truly an international work of art thanks to materials, craftspeople and artisans from Alabama and around the world. For instance, marble came from Brazil, Finland, Italy, South Africa and Spain; red jasper came from Turkey; stainedglass windows were made in Germany; exterior limestone composite bricks were made in Canada; and the clay roof tiles were produced in Colombia.

The Lower Crypt Church houses images of the Shroud of Turin. A crèche with a life-size Nativity scene is carved



64 HANCEVILLE — HOMEWOOD, AL

out of a hillside and is meant to be a year-round reminder of the wonder of Christmas. Nearby is the Medieval-style Castle San Miguel, similar to the temple in architectural style. It is intended to inspire visitors to model the honorable and courageous behavior of historic saints and knights. Suits of armor, tapestries, medieval manuscripts, and statues of Saint Joan of Arc and Saint Michael are displayed. Also on the grounds are Stations of the Cross. a 110-foot campanile with a 14-bell carillon, Stations of the Most Holy Eucharist, the John Paul II Eucharistic Center and a replica of the Lourdes Grotto.

Note: Modest attire is requested; sleeveless shirts, tank tops, shorts and skirts/dresses above the knees are not permitted in the Main Church and Lower Church. Temporary apparel is available at the reception desk. Photography is not permitted inside the Main Church and Lower Church, and silence is required. Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (256) 352-6267.

HOMEWOOD

- Hotels p. 64
- Part of Birmingham area— see map p. 31

Homewood is a suburb of Birmingham located just south of Red Mountain. At just over 8 square miles, it encompasses six city parks that include picnic pavilions, walking paths, playgrounds, tennis courts and green space. Nearby attractions include the Birmingham Zoo, Birmingham Botanical Gardens and the Vulcan Park and Museum, all within 3 miles of Homewood.

Shopping: Downtown Homewood (the 18th Street vicinity) has a nice selection of specialty stores.



ALOFT BIRMINGHAM SOHO SQUARE

BOOK NOW 205/874-8055



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 1903 29th Ave S 35209.



BEST WESTERN CARLTON SUITES

BOOK NOW 205/940-9990













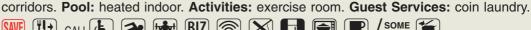


Hotel. Address: 140 State Farm Pkwy 35209. Facility: 100 units. 4 stories, interior











Make the Connection



Find this symbol for places to look, book and save on AAA.com.











AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 226 Summit Pkwy 35209. Location: Located at the top of a hill. Facility: 115 units. 5 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.





























COUNTRY INN & SUITES BY RADISSON BOOK NOW 205/451-4000





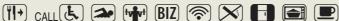
AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 485 Wildwood N Cir 35209. Facility: 70 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: hot tub, exercise room.

Guest Services: coin laundry.

























COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT BIRMINGHAM HOMEWOOD BOOK NOW

205/879-0400



COURTYARD AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 500 Shades Creek Pkwy 35209. Facility: 140 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.































DRURY INN & SUITES-BIRMINGHAM SOUTHWEST BOOK NOW

205/940-9500

THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN

Hotel. Address: 160 State Farm Pkwy 35209.

FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON BIRMINGHAM HOMEWOOD BOOK NOW 205/942-6070





AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 492 Wildwood Cir N 35209. Facility: 108 units. 5 stories. interior corridors. Amenities: safes. Pool: heated indoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.



























HAMPTON INN BY HILTON-LAKESHORE BOOK NOW 205/313-2060



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 30 State Farm Pkwy 35209.



HILTON GARDEN INN BIRMINGHAM-LAKESHORE BOOK NOW 205/314-0274



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 520 Wildwood Cir N 35209.



TOWNEPLACE SUITES BY MARRIOTT BIRMINGHAM SOUTH BOOK NOW

205/769-9777



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 400 Commons Dr 35209.

HOOVER

- Hotels p. 67
- Part of Birmingham area— see map p. 31

A suburb of Birmingham, Hoover is a group of planned communities along the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. One of the largest shopping centers in the Southeast, the 2.4-million-square-foot Riverchase Galleria, is located in Hoover, Hoover Metropolitan Stadium, formerly the home of the Birmingham Barons, now is the site of the SEC Baseball Tournament.

AAA DIAMONDS ARF NOW INSPECTED CLEAN









BEST WESTERN PLUS BIRMINGHAM INN SUITES BOOK NOW



Hotel. Address: 800 Corporate Ridge Dr 35242. Facility: 82 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry. SAVE (1) CALL (L) (2) (BIZ) (HS) (S) (X) (1) (E) (E)

THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN

CANDLEWOOD SUITES BIRMINGHAM INVERNESS

BOOK NOW

205/995-9242

[fyi] Hotel. Under major renovation, call for details. Last Designation: Three Diamond.

Address: 4686 US Hwy 280 E 35242.

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT BIRMINGHAM HOOVER

BOOK NOW

205/988-5000

[fyi] Hotel. Under major renovation, call for details. Last Designation: Three Diamond.

Address: 1824 Montgomery Hwy S 35244.

DAYS INN AT THE GALLERIA BOOK NOW 205/985-7500



Motel. Address: 1800 Riverchase Dr 35244. Location: Across from Galleria Mall. Facility: 65 units. 2 stories (no elevator), exterior corridors. Activities: limited exercise equipment. Guest Services: coin laundry.

















EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON BIRMINGHAM/HOOVER BOOK NOW 205/985-9994



INSPECTED @ CLEAN

AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 2960 John Hawkins Pkwy 35244.



HAMPTON INN & SUITES HOOVER BOOK NOW 205/380-3300



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 4520 Galleria Blvd 35244.



HOOVER, AL

HOLIDAY INN HOOVER BOOK NOW 205/682-2901

 $[\mathbf{f}\mathbf{y}\mathbf{i}]$ Hotel. Under major renovation, call for details. Last Designation: Three Diamond.

Address: 2901 John Hawkins Pkwy 35244.



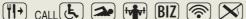


HOMEWOOD AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points SUITES when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 215 Inverness Center Dr 35242.

Facility: 95 efficiencies, some two bedrooms. 4 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: picnic facilities, exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.



























HOMEWOOD SUITES BY HILTON BIRMINGHAM-SW/RIVERCHASE

GALLERIA

BOOK NOW 205/637-2900



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE) Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 121 Riverchase Pkwy E 35244.



HYATT PLACE BIRMINGHAM/HOOVER BOOK NOW

205/988-8444



HYATT PLACE AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn World of Hyatt points when booking AAA/CAA rates! Members also receive free breakfast at Hyatt Place/Hyatt House with their World of Hyatt membership!

Hotel. Address: 2980 John Hawkins Pkwy 35244. Location: Located in a busy commercial area. Facility: 126 units. 6 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.



























HYATT REGENCY BIRMINGHAM-THE WYNFREY HOTEL BOOK NOW 205/705-1234 YATT REGENCY



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn World of REGENCY Hyatt points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 1000 Riverchase Galleria 35244. Location: Adjacent to Riverchase Galleria. Facility: 329 units. 15 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site (fee) and valet. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Pool: outdoor. Activities: hot tub, exercise room. Guest Services: valet laundry, area transportation.





























LA QUINTA INN & SUITES BY WYNDHAM BIRMINGHAM HOOVER BOOK NOW 205/403-0096 $[\mathbf{fyi}]$ Hotel. Under major renovation, call for details. Last Designation: Three Diamond. Address: 120 Riverchase Pkwy E 35244.

RENAISSANCE BIRMINGHAM ROSS BRIDGE GOLF RESORT &

BOOK NOW

205/916-7677



FOUR DIAMOND

INSPECTED @ CLEAN



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Resort Hotel. Address: 4000 Grand Ave 35226. Facility: Escape the hustle of the city and retreat to luxury in the hills of Alabama at this unique Scottish castle setting. The newly renovated rooms and public

spaces are stylish, modern and relaxing, 259 units, 6 stories, interior corridors, Parking: on-site and valet. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Dining: 2 restaurants, entertainment. Pool: heated outdoor, heated indoor. Activities: hot tub, steamroom, regulation golf, tennis, recreation programs, bicycles, lawn sports, trails, exercise room, spa. Guest Services: valet laundry, area transportation.



























FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT MONTGOMERY

AIRPORT

BOOK NOW

334/281-6882



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 7560 Mobile Hwy 36105.



HORSESHOE BEND NATIONAL MILITARY PARK

Twelve miles north of Dadeville on SR 49, the 2,040-acre Horseshoe Bend National Military Park preserves the site of Andrew Jackson's decisive victory over the Red Stick Creeks, a faction of the Creek Nation. The battle was the last military action of the Creek War of 1813-14 and resulted in the Treaty of Fort Jackson, which ceded 23 million acres of land to the United States.

In August 1813 hostilities between the Red Sticks and frontiersmen erupted with a massacre at Fort Mims in which 250 men, women and children died. On March 27, 1814, Jackson's force of Tennessee Militia, Regular U.S. Infantry and Lower Creek and Cherokee allies destroyed Chief Menawa's Red Stick warriors gathered in the "horseshoe bend" of the Tallapoosa River. The victory opened much of central Alabama and southern Georgia to settlement and gave Jackson national fame.

The park visitor center contains a museum featuring exhibits of Creek and military history as well as a 20-minute film presentation about the battle. Six stops along a 3-mile road through the battlefield interpret the encounter. A 2.8-mile nature trail also offers views of the battlefield. Museum daily 9-4:30. Battlefield road daily 8-5. Closed Jan. 1, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Free. Phone (256) 234-7111. See Recreation Areas Chart.

HUNTSVILLE

• Hotels p. 72 • Restaurants p. 78

Huntsville was the site of the first English-speaking settlement in Alabama. In 1819 the first constitutional convention and state legislature met in Huntsville, and Alabama became the 22nd state of the Union.

The nation's space program began in Huntsville in 1950. Spearheaded by the development of the *Saturn V* moon rocket by Dr. Wernher von Braun and his team of German scientists, space technology and exploration have gained increasing momentum through the advances made at the NASA George C. Marshall Space Flight Center, established in 1960.

Originally created to design NASA's rocket propulsion systems, the Marshall Center later became involved in all aspects of the space program, including research in microgravity as well as spacecraft and experimental research and development. The Marshall Center developed the engines and rockets used to launch the space shuttle.

The Tennessee River and its many adjoining lakes provide a variety of recreational opportunities, including water skiing and fishing. A number of parks beautify downtown and the environs.

Big Spring International Park, west of Courthouse Square at 200 Church St., is on the site where John Hunt founded the city in 1805. It also is the location of the Fearn Canal, which was used in the 19th century to transport cotton to the river. Throughout the park are gifts from foreign countries; of special interest is a sculptured bridge from Japan. Various festivals are held in the park throughout the year. From late November to early January the park offers an ice rink that is open daily; for Skating in the Park details phone (256) 535-4350.

The Madison County Nature Trail, 12 miles from downtown on Green Mountain, includes a 16-acre lake, a covered bridge and a wildlife sanctuary.

The Twickenham Historic District, downtown and south and east of Courthouse Square, is one of Alabama's largest antebellum residential districts. Descendants of the original owners live in many of the houses. Free guided walking tours of the historic district, a living museum of 19th-century architecture, are provided by the convention and visitors bureau select Saturdays during spring.

The Old Town Historic District, east and north of Courthouse Square, contains 19th- and early 20th-century houses, some still in the process of restoration. Restored bungalows dominate the Five Points Historic District.

Galaxy of Lights Drive-Through Nights is held late November to early January at Huntsville Botanical Garden. The event is a light extravaganza featuring large animated displays.

Huntsville/Madison County Convention and Visitors Bureau: 500 Church St., N.W., Suite One, Huntsville, AL 35801. Phone: (256) 551-2370 or (800) 772-2348.

Self-guiding tours: Maps outlining tours of three of Huntsville's historic areas as well as brochures and CDs detailing points of interest in the city and county are available from the convention and visitors bureau.

Shopping: Parkway Place, at Bob Wallace and Drake avenues, includes Belk and Dillard's. Bridge Street Town Centre, at Research Park Boulevard and Old Madison Pike, offers outdoor specialty shopping and restaurants.

In high-tech Huntsville the Historic Huntsville Foundation operates Harrison Brothers Hardware at 124 South Side Sq. Established in 1879 and moved to this site in 1897, clerks at this old-fashioned hardware store ring sales of vintage tools, housewares and other items on a hand-cranked cash register.

Lowe Mill ARTS & Entertainment, located in an old textile mill at 2211 Seminole Dr., supports a diverse community of local artisans. The arts center, open Wednesday through Saturday, houses locally owned shops promoting

artists. Across town, the Five Points Historic District offers an eclectic mix of distinctive boutiques.

EARLYWORKS CHILDREN'S MUSEUM is downtown at 404 Madison St. A film, narrated by native Alabamian Bo Jackson, serves as an introduction to this interactive museum. Visitors learn about the people, agriculture, mining, politics and history of the South. Children can hear stories from a talking tree, try on 19th-century clothing, explore a 46-foot keel boat and turn the handle on a cotton gin to separate seeds from the bolls.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (256) 564-8100.

HISTORIC HUNTSVILLE DEPOT is at 320 Church St. Highlights include an extensive collection of locomotives and railway cars, a multimedia presentation about railroad history, a vintage fire truck exhibit and an HO model train exhibit. After Union forces captured the building in 1862, it served as a military prison. Graffiti scratched into the building's walls by Confederate and Union soldiers is still visible. Life-size robotic figures talk about 1912 railroad operations.

Phone: (256) 564-8100.

HUNTSVILLE BOTANICAL GARDEN, off I-565 exit 15 then .5 mi. e. to 4747 Bob Wallace Ave., exit 15 then .5 mi. e. to 4747 Bob Wallace Ave., comprises 112 acres of gardens featuring day lilies, ferns, trilliums, herbs, vegetables and aquatic plants. In the Garden Railway, a miniature train chugs through a landscaped European village. The Garden of Hope is a peaceful respite planted by and benefiting those with cancer.

Native northern Alabama wildflowers embellish a nature trail. Also on the grounds is the 9,000-square-foot open-air Butterfly House, open May through September. In addition there are eight children's gardens, including a storybook garden, a bamboo garden and a space garden. Seasonal festivals are held throughout the year.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (256) 830-4447. **II** A

HUNTSVILLE MUSEUM OF ART, downtown at 300 Church St. S.W. in Big Spring Park, offers major traveling exhibitions and works by nationally and regionally acclaimed artists and a gallery of works by local children. American artists featured in the permanent collection include Robert Rauschenberg, Andy Warhol and James McNeill Whistler, to name a few. Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (256) 535-4350.

STATE BLACK ARCHIVES, RESEARCH CENTER AND MUSEUM is at 4900 Meridian St. N., in the James Hembray Wilson Building on the campus of Alabama A&M University. Along with African American research materials, the center houses a museum with exhibits relating to African American history and culture. Permanent exhibits focus on Buffalo soldiers. African American women and an art collection featuring prominent artists such as Romare Bearden and Jacob Lawrence.

Phone: (256) 372-5846. GT

U.S. SPACE AND ROCKET CENTER, One Tranquility Base just off I-565, is an exposition center featuring one of the world's largest collections of space and rocket hardware. Interactive exhibits simulate the experience of space flight, including travel aboard the International Space Station.

Attractions include the restored Saturn V moon rocket, Mission to Mars climbing wall, Space Shot, Kids' Cosmos, National Geographic Theater, G-Force accelerator and Spacedome IMAX Theater. The Rocket Park and Shuttle Park display NASA rockets and Army defense missiles, including a full-scale shuttle exhibit. On display in Shuttle Park is the orbiter Pathfinder, which includes two solid rocket boosters, main engine nozzles and an external tank as well as a T-30 supersonic jet. The Space Camp and Aviation Challenge program facilities adjoin the museum property.

Phone: (256) 837-3400 or (800) 637-7223.

Spacedome IMAX Theater is at One Tranquility Base just off I-565 in the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. The theater presents space and science films projected on a 67-foot dome screen that surrounds viewers.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (256) 837-3400 or (800) 637-7223.

U.S. VETERANS MEMORIAL MUSEUM is at 2060A Airport Rd. Visitors may see some 30 military vehicles from 20th-century wars as well as modern vehicles, including one of the oldest surviving military jeeps. Other highlights include Alabama's Merci Boxcar, one of 49 boxcars presented by France in 1950, along with an M42 Duster, a World War II M36 Tank Destroyer and Harley and Indian motorcycles. Artifacts from as far back as the Revolutionary War are on display.

A reference library also is available. Phone: (256) 883-3737.

WHEELER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE—see Decatur p. 50.



106 JEFFERSON HUNTSVILLE, CURIO COLLECTION BY

HILTON

BOOK NOW 256/288-0128





AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 106 Jefferson St S 35801. Facility: This centrally located property offers a rooftop lounge with excellent views as well as outdoor workout space. The rooms have a variety of layouts with enhanced technology and custom furnishings. 115 units. 7 stories, interior corridors. Parking: valet and street only. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet laundry. SAVE CALL (L) (WAV) (BIZ)



AC HOTEL HUNTSVILLE DOWNTOWN BOOK NOW

256/836-7776



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 435 Williams Ave SW 35801.



COMFORT INN HUNTSVILLE BOOK NOW 256/562-2525





AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 4725 University Dr NW 35816. Facility: 70 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Pool: heated indoor. Activities: hot tub, exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.

























BOOK NOW

256/562-2400





AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 6224 Torok Cir 35806. Facility: 70 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Amenities: safes. Pool: heated indoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.



























COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT-HUNTSVILLE

BOOK NOW 256/837-1400



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 4804 University Dr 35816.





DRURY INN & SUITES HUNTSVILLE AT THE SPACE AND ROCKET

CENTER



256/430-9888



Hotel. Address: 93 Wynn Dr NW 35805.



ELEMENT HUNTSVILLE, A MARRIOTT HOTEL

BOOK NOW

256/327-9000





AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvov[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 6810 Governors West NW 35806. Facility: 150 units, some two bedrooms, efficiencies and kitchens. 11 stories, interior corridors.

Parking: on-site and valet. Amenities: safes. Pool: heated outdoor, heated indoor. Activities: bicycles, exercise room. Guest Services: complimentary

and valet laundry.































EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON HUNTSVILLE HOTEL & SPA

BOOK NOW



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 800 Monroe St SW 35801.



EXTENDED STAY AMERICA HUNTSVILLE-U.S. SPACE AND ROCKET

CENTER

BOOK NOW 256/830-9110



Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 4751 Governors House Dr 35805.



FAIRFIELD INN BY MARRIOTT HUNTSVILLE BOOK NOW 256/971-0921



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 1385 Enterprise Way 35806.



Save on travel, shopping and more: AAA.com/discounts



FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON HUNTSVILLE AIRPORT BOOK NOW 256/772-9661





AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 1000 Glenn Hearn Blvd 35824. Facility: 148 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Amenities: safes. Activities: exercise room. **Guest Services:** boarding pass kiosk, rental car service.





























HAMPTON INN & SUITES HUNTSVILLE DOWNTOWN BOOK NOW 256/270-9120



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 313 Clinton Ave W 35801.



HAMPTON INN & SUITES HUNTSVILLE/RESEARCH PARK

256/971-1850

AREA BOOK NOW



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points

when booking AAA/CAA rates! Hotel. Address: 7010 Cabela Dr 35806. Facility: 98 units. 4 stories,

interior corridors. Amenities: Some: safes. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.

























HAMPTON INN & SUITES HUNTSVILLE-SOUTHEAST/HAMPTON

COVE BOOK NOW





AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 6205 Hwy 431 S 35763.

HAMPTON INN BY HILTON-ARSENAL/SOUTH PARKWAY

BOOK NOW

256/882-2228



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel, Address: 501 Boulevard South SW 35802.



Please refer to pages 8-9 for Inspected Clean details.

HAMPTON INN BY HILTON HUNTSVILLE/VILLAGE OF

PROVIDENCE **BOOK NOW** 256/722-2882



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 328 Providence Main St 35806.

HILTON GARDEN INN HUNTSVILLE SOUTH/REDSTONE

ARSENAL BOOK NOW 256/881-4170



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 301 Boulevard South SW 35802.

HILTON GARDEN INN HUNTSVILLE/SPACE CENTER BOOK NOW 256/430-1778



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors Garden Inn points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel, Address: 4801 Governors House Dr 35805, Facility: 101 units, 4 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Pool: outdoor. Activities: picnic facilities, exercise room. Guest Services: boarding pass kiosk.























THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN

HOLIDAY INN RESEARCH PARK BOOK NOW 256/830-0600

Hotel. Address: 5903 University Dr 35806.



DESIGNED FOR AAA MEMBERS

EXCITING Itineraries **ENGAGING** Experiences **EXCLUSIVE Values**

AAA Vacations® delivers value with every itinerary.

Call your AAA Travel Agent or visit AAA.com/AAAVacations



HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON HUNTSVILLE/RESEARCH PARK AREA,

BOOK NOW

256/971-1667





AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 7010 Cabela Dr 35806. Facility: 77 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Amenities: Some: safes. Pool:

outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.

























PROVIDENCE

BOOK NOW

256/895-9511





HOMEWOOD AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points SUITES when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 15 Town Center Dr 35806. Facility: 107 efficiencies, some two bedrooms. 4 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.































BOOK NOW HUNTSVILLE MARRIOTT AT THE SPACE & ROCKET CENTER 256/830-2222



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 5 Tranquility Base 35805.



BOOK NOW 256/895-0444 RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT HUNTSVILLE



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvov™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 6305 Residence Inn Rd 35806.



SLEEP INN & SUITES



256/382-2583

THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN Hotel. Address: 4727 University Dr NW 35816.

SONESTA SIMPLY SUITES HUNTSVILLE

BOOK NOW 256/830-8222



Hotel. Address: 201 Exchange Pl 35806. Facility: 123 efficiencies. 3 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: complimentary laundry.

SAVE CALL (BIZ (HS) (SOME)











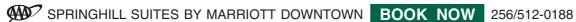














AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel, Address: 745 Constellation Place Dr 35801.



SPRINGHILL SUITES BY MARRIOTT HUNTSVILLE WEST/RESEARCH

PARK





AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 320 Providence Main St 35806.



TOWNEPLACE SUITES BY MARRIOTT HUNTSVILLE BOOK NOW 256/971-5277



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 1125 McMurtrie Dr 35806.

TOWNEPLACE SUITES BY MARRIOTT HUNTSVILLE WEST/REDSTONE

GATEWAY **BOOK NOW** 256/895-3300



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 6500 Redstone Gateway SW 35808.

Refresh your driving skills and stay alert on the road: AAA.com/safety

THE WESTIN HUNTSVILLE BOOK NOW 256/428-2000



FOUR DIAMOND

INSPECTED @ CLEAN

AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 6800 Governors West NW 35806. Facility: This full-service property is the keystone of the Bridge Street Town Centre, an outdoor shopping plaza with restaurants, shops and entertainment. The upscale rooms offer spacious bathrooms. 232 units, some two bedrooms. 11 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site and valet. Amenities: safes. Dining: Sage Grille, see separate listing. Pool: heated outdoor, heated indoor, Activities: exercise room, Guest Services: valet laundry.

































WHERE TO EAT



COTTON ROW RESTAURANT 256/382-9500



American Fine Dining. Address: 100 Southside Square 35801.



SAGE GRILLE 256/428-5424



Mediterranean Fine Dining. Address: 6800 Governors West NW 35806.

IRONDALE

- Hotels p. 78
- Part of Birmingham area— see map p. 31



HAMPTON INN & SUITES BIRMINGHAM EAST/IRONDALE BOOK NOW 205/933-0444



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking **AAA/CAA** rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 950 Old Grants Mill Rd 35210.

AAA.com/IDTheft—Because identity thieves don't take vacations

JACKSON





BEST WESTERN SUITES BOOK NOW 251/246-6030



Motel. Address: 3218 N College Ave 36545. Facility: 24 units. 1 story, exterior corridors. Activities: exercise room.



















APPROVED

HAMPTON INN BY HILTON JACKSON AL BOOK NOW 251/246-7300



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 4150 N College Ave 36545.

JASPER

Hotels p. 79



COMFORT INN & SUITES BOOK NOW

205/302-6400





AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 202 Oakhill Rd 35504. Facility: 63 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Parking: winter plug-ins. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.





























ECONO LODGE BOOK NOW 205/221-7800



Motel. Address: 101 6th Ave NW 35504.

HAMPTON INN BY HILTON JASPER BOOK NOW 205/221-3334

THREE DIAMOND
INSPECTED & CLEAN

INSPECTED @ CLEAN

THREE DIAMOND

INSPECTED

CLEAN

AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 100 Industrial Pkwy 35501.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS JASPER BOOK NOW 205/387-8383

Hotel. **Address:** 110 Industrial Pkwy 35501.

SLEEP INN & SUITES BOOK NOW 205/387-2001

Hotel. Address: 90 Carl Cannon Blvd 35501.

LANETT

• Hotels p. 80

HAMPTON INN & SUITES-LANETT/WEST POINT BOOK NOW 334/576-5400

THREE DIAMOND
INSPECTED & CLEAN**

AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 4210 Phillips Rd 36863.

MADISON

• Hotels p. 80

THREE DIAMOND

INSPECTED
CLEAN





COUNTRY INN & SUITES BY RADISSON/HUNTSVILLE AIRPORT BOOK NOW



256/325-0007





AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 101 Westchester Dr 35758. Facility: 64 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Pool: heated indoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest

Services: coin laundry.



























HAMPTON INN BY HILTON-HUNTSVILLE/MADISON

BOOK NOW

256/464-8999



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 9225 Madison Blvd 35758.



HILTON GARDEN INN MADISON HUNTSVILLE AIRPORT

BOOK NOW

256/325-1130



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 145 Graphics Dr 35758.



HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HUNTSVILLE AIRPORT **BOOK NOW** 256/258-3000

Hotel. Address: 8956 Madison Blvd 35758.



HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON MADISON HUNTSVILLE AIRPORT BOOK NOW 256/325-1948



THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN

> AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE) Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 135 Graphics Dr 35758.

FOR ANY OCCASION











AAA/CAA MEMBERS SAVE ON HOTELS

Over 1,100 AAA/CAA Offices | 1-866-222-7283 | AAA.com/greatrates



Please refer to pages 8-9 for Inspected Clean details.

MILLBROOK

Hotels p. 82



COMFORT INN & SUITES MILLBROOK/PRATTVILLE BOOK NOW 334/495-3000





AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 1925 Cobbs Ford Rd 36054. Facility: 63 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin



















SPRINGHILL SUITES BY MARRIOTT MONTGOMERY

PRATTVILLE/MILLBROOK BOOK NOW 334/285-9549



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 100 Hospitality Ln 36054.

MOBILE

• Hotels p. 87 • Restaurants p. 92

Mobile was founded in 1702 by Jean Bienville le Moyne and was named after the Mauvilla Indians, who had a settlement on the site. A much-coveted port throughout its history. Mobile was particularly important to the Confederacy.

In 1864 the Union captured the CSS Tennessee in the Battle of Mobile Bay but lost the monitor Tecumseh. The subsequent surrender of Fort Gaines (see Dauphin Island p. 49) and Fort Morgan (see Gulf Shores p. 62) on Mobile Point, coupled with the siege of Fort Blakely and Spanish Fort on the east side of the bay 6 months later, wore down the Confederates' resistance. Federal forces occupied Mobile on April 12, 1865. Relics of the battles are still evident.

Alabama's only seaport, Mobile is on the west side of the Mobile River near the mouth of Mobile Bay. The city's river channel, only 10 feet deep in 1826, has been dredged over the years to accommodate oceangoing vessels of 40-foot draft. The discovery of large natural gas deposits also has brought drilling rigs to the bay.

Meetings, conventions and cultural activities take place in the Mobile Civic Center, a huge waterfront facility and entertainment complex.

The monthlong Mobile Mardi Gras, though smaller in size than the celebration in New Orleans, is said to be the original American pre-Lenten carnival. First observed in 1703 and suspended during the Civil War, the festivities have been held continually since 1866. On the Sunday before Mardi Gras day, several thousand revelers turn out to celebrate Joe Cain Day, named for the man who revived Mardi Gras in Mobile after the Civil War.

A premier flower and garden event, Festival of Flowers showcases and celebrates the beauty of nature. The festival spans 4 days in late March and is held on the Providence Hospital campus. Mobile also is the site of the Dollar General Bowl, held in late December at the Ladd-Peebles Stadium with teams from the Sun Belt and Mid-American conferences, and the Senior Bowl football game in January, played by the nation's best senior collegiate football players. Teenage girls from throughout the nation compete for scholarships and awards at the Distinguished Young Women Scholarship Program in June.

A moderate climate allows for year-round golfing at an array of championship golf courses with scenic views. Part of Alabama's Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, Magnolia Grove Golf Course, 7001 Magnolia Grove Pkwy., offers 54 holes on contoured greens.

Mobile Greyhound Park is 10 miles west off I-10 at the Dawes Theodore Road exit; racing season runs from January to mid-December; phone (251) 653-5000.

Note: Policies concerning admittance of children to parimutuel betting facilities vary. Phone for information.

Mobile Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau: 150 S. Royal St., Mobile, AL 36602. Phone: (251) 208-2000 or (800) 566-2453.



With four great brands, affordable rates, free Wi-Fi, RediRewards® member benefits, and pet-friendly stays, guests enjoy enhanced amenities and value so they can Sleep Easy. Spend Less.® Whether business or leisure, short trips or extended stays, in the hearts of cities or on the road, Red Roof has a property for every traveler.

10% off best available rates for AAA members

BOOK NOW

AAA DIAMONDS ARE NOW INSPECTED CLEAN

AAA Inspectors visit hotels and lodgings throughout the year. The Inspected Clean designation will be added to the Diamond badge as properties pass their ATP inspection.

Check back to find more Inspected Clean properties!





84 MOBILE, AL

Self-guiding tours: Mobile is most beautiful during azalea season, mid-March through early April. The Site of Historic Fort Condé Welcome Center and most downtown hotels provide maps that show where visitors can best see azaleas in bloom as well as brochures for self-guiding walking and driving tours of most of Mobile's historic districts (see attraction listing p. 85). One brochure they offer is of the African American Heritage Trail, which features 40 historical sites, including churches, schools, houses, businesses and the former slave market.

Shopping: The Shoppes at Bel Air at Airport Boulevard and I-65 (3299 Bel Air Mall) has Belk, Dillard's and JC-Penney among its stores.

INSIDER INFO:

Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail

Alabama's Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail features a network of 468 holes at 11 facilities stretching from north Alabama to the Gulf of Mexico. All the courses along the golf trail were designed by golf course architect Robert Trent Jones Sr., and each was intended to give golfers a challenging experience in country-club elegance at public course prices.

Most facilities include two 18-hole championship courses or three nine-hole championship courses, in addition to an 18- or nine-hole (respectively) short course. The course at Capitol Hill has three championship 18-hole courses, while the Ross Bridge in Hoover has one 18-hole course covering 330 acres, making it the third longest course in the world.

Sites include Oxmoor Valley in Birmingham, (205) 942-1177; Ross Bridge in Hoover, (205) 949-3085; Hampton Cove in Huntsville, (256) 551-1818; Magnolia Grove in Mobile, (251) 645-0075; The Shoals in Muscle Shoals, (256) 446-5111; Grand National in Auburn/Opelika, (334) 749-9042; Lakewood in Point Clear, (251) 990-6312; Highland Oaks in Dothan, (334) 712-2820; Cambrian Ridge in Greenville, (334) 382-9787; Capitol Hill in Prattville, (334) 285-1114; and Silver Lakes in Calhoun County, (256) 892-3268.

Fees at each course range \$65-\$136 for 18 holes (\$18 for the 18-hole short course). Cart rentals are \$20 per person for regular courses and \$11 per person for short courses.

For additional information, to verify rates or to reserve a tee time phone (800) 949-4444.

ARCHAEOLOGY MUSEUM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA, off University Blvd. on USA South Dr. in Delchamps Archaeology Building, relates 12,000 years

of local history through archeological artifacts and life-size displays featuring realistic mannequins. A botanical garden with native plants is on the grounds. Museum visitors should park in the P2 lot and obtain a parking pass from the museum on weekdays.

Time: Allow 45 minutes minimum. Phone: (251) 460-6106. GT

GULF COAST EXPLOREUM SCIENCE CENTER, 65 Government St. at jct. Water St., features more than 150 interactive activities in three permanent exhibit halls. Internationally recognized traveling exhibits, updated several times each year, explore scientific themes. Science-based films are shown at the J.L. Bedsole IMAX Dome Theater.

Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (251) 208-6873 or (877) 625-4386.

J.L. Bedsole IMAX Dome Theater, 65 Government St. at Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center, presents largeformat science films. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (251) 208-6873 or (877) 625-4386.

GULFQUEST: NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM OF THE GULF OF MEXICO, 155 S. Water St., showcases the Gulf of Mexico's maritime history, culture and economic significance. The building, which resembles a ship, offers beautiful views of the Port of Mobile. Dozens of exhibits, many of which are interactive, explore a variety of maritime topics like commerce, navigation, hurricanes and shipwrecks.

An 80-seat theater shows a 16-minute orientation film. Simulators and temporary exhibits also are offered. **Phone:** (251) 436-8901.

HANK AARON CHILDHOOD HOME & MUSEUM is at 755 Bolling Brothers Blvd. at Hank Aaron Stadium. Baseball great Hank Aaron's Mobile childhood home has been moved to the site where the minor league Mobile Bay-Bears play. The house includes family items and baseball memorabilia, including items on loan from the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

Admission tickets are available in the administrative office. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (251) 479-2327.

HISTORIC OAKLEIGH HOUSE MUSEUM, 350 Oakleigh Pl., is housed in the Historic Oakleigh House, an 1833 Greek Revival mansion furnished with antiques of the Empire, Regency and early Victorian periods. The collection, numbering more than 1,000 pieces, showcases local culture 1830-1930. The mansion also displays china, silver and fine art—which includes work by Thomas Sully.

Time: Allow 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (251) 432-1281. GT



HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE is in the historic district at 111 S. Royal St. at jct. Church St. Housed in the 1857 Southern Market/Old City Hall, this museum presents more than 300 years of local history and culture. Exhibits chronologically detail Mobile's development from early French settlement to modern times. Areas are dedicated to showcasing the lives of native inhabitants, enslaved people and Civil War soldiers.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (251) 208-7569. GT

MOBILE CARNIVAL MUSEUM is at 355 Government St. This museum presents the history of Mobile's Mardi Gras celebration through memorabilia and interactive exhibits, including a children's area and a float. The showpiece is the extensive collection of elaborate gowns, trains, crowns and scepters of carnival royalty dating from 1921. Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (251) 432-3324. GT

MOBILE MEDICAL MUSEUM is at 1664 Springhill Ave. The museum houses a large collection of medical artifacts dating from the late 1700s to the present. Exhibits include an iron lung, quackery devices, Civil War-era surgical instruments and bloodletting implements. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (251) 415-1109.

MOBILE MUSEUM OF ART is off Springhill Ave. in Langan Park at 4850 Museum Dr. This fine-art museum, one of the Gulf Coast's largest, has a permanent collection of more than 10,000 works spanning more than 2,000 years of cultural history. Exhibitions include 19th-century American landscape paintings; mid-20th-century American Scene paintings; Southern decorative arts and furniture; African, Asian and European art; and contemporary crafts, particularly ceramics and wood art. Touring exhibitions from other museums and collections also are presented.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (251) 208-5200.

MOBILE'S HISTORIC DISTRICTS extend throughout the city's older neighborhoods and are a cross section of the city's architectural heritage. Several districts can be explored on self-guiding walking or driving tours designed by the Mobile Historic Development Commission. Brochures showcasing most of the districts are available at most downtown hotels and the Site of Historic Fort Condé Welcome Center, 150 S. Royal St. at Church Street. Phone: (251) 208-7281.

Ashland Place Historic District, roughly within the area between Old Shell Rd. and Spring Hill, Ryan and LeVert aves., only includes about 100 structures. The houses were built in the early and middle parts of the 1900s

mostly for upper-class citizens. Homes on large lots reflect Craftsman, ranch and various revival styles.

Church Street East Historic District, extending from Water St. to Broad St., is the city's most diverse historic district. The original structures built during Mobile's Colonial French, Spanish and English eras were destroyed by fires in 1827 and 1839. Present buildings, dating from the early 19th century, represent Federal, Greek Revival, Gulf Coast Cottage, Italianate, Neoclassical and Victorian architectural styles. The district contains several museums and the city's welcome center at the Site of Historic Fort Condé.

De Tonti Square Historic District, 5 blks. n. of the central business area, is characterized by dignified brick townhouses, iron-lace fences, antique gaslights and flagstone sidewalks. Many of these residences, built in the 1850s and '60s, reflect the city's prosperity as a cotton-shipping port. Federal, Greek Revival, Gulf Coast Cottage, Italianate, Neoclassical and Victorian architectural styles are featured. The Richards DAR House is located here at 256 N. Joachim St.

Leinkauf Historic District, bounded by Government, Ann, Virginia and Houston sts., encompasses several hundred buildings that were constructed between the mid-19th- and mid-20th centuries. The district's name is due to the presence of Leinkauf Elementary School, originally built in 1903 but rebuilt in recent years after damage from two separate fires. It is the state's oldest elementary school still in operation.

Lower Dauphin Street Commercial Historic District, Dauphin St. between Water and Broad sts., is the only predominantly 19th-century commercial district in Mobile. It is characterized by a high concentration of closely spaced, two- and three-story brick structures built in the Art Deco, Classical Revival, Federal and Italianate styles. The district's eastern end features early skyscrapers and buildings dating from the 1920s and '30s. It serves as the entertainment, legal and financial center of Mobile.

Midtown Historic District, roughly between Spring Hill Ave. and Houston, Government and Florida sts., features a mix of Creole and Gulf Coast cottages and more extravagant Neo-Classical, Tudor Revival and Colonial Revival houses. Memorial Park, which is home to a World War I memorial and includes picnic tables, is in this district.

Oakleigh Garden Historic District, surrounding Oakleigh House Museum and Washington Sq., contains some of the city's finest late 19th-century residences. The district is characterized by architectural details that followed



With four great brands, affordable rates, free Wi-Fi, RediRewards® member benefits, and pet-friendly stays, guests enjoy enhanced amenities and value so they can Sleep Easy. Spend Less.® Whether business or leisure, short trips or extended stays, in the hearts of cities or on the road, Red Roof has a property for every traveler.

10% off best available rates for AAA members

BOOK NOW



Discover thousands of pet-friendly places to stay, play and dine. Get insight to guide your decisions.

Visit AAA.com/PetTravel





individual tastes rather than an adherence to strict stylistic designs. The result is a mix of early 20th-century mansions set amid modest cottages and simple houses. The district is known for its flowers and canopy of oaks.

Old Dauphin Way Historic District, which lies w. of downtown, roughly between Broad St., Houston St., US 98 (Springhill Ave.) and Government St., includes nearly 3,000 buildings ranging from early cottages to 19th- and 20th-century mansions. Many of the Gulf Coast cottages and Victorian-style structures housed middle-class merchants and clerks. The smaller cottages were the homes of servants who worked in the grand houses along Government Street or on the docks. There are numerous bungalows of various sizes and a variety of revival styles scattered through the neighborhood.

Spring Hill Historic District, off I-65 exit 5A to Springhill Avenue, about 6.5 miles w. of the waterfront, was founded in the 1820s as a wooded summer retreat far from the inner city, which was ravaged by yellow fever. Greek Revival houses dating from the 1850s can be seen. Also in this area is Spring Hill College, established in 1830 and said to be the first institution of higher learning in Alabama.

USS ALABAMA BATTLESHIP MEMORIAL PARK, 2703 Battleship Pkwy., is a 175-acre park PARK, 2703 Battleship Pkwy., is a 175-acre park dedicated to the Alabamians who served in the armed forces during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Afghanistan. On-site are World War II heroes the USS Alabama, a battleship that earned its nine battle stars while part of a strike force in the Pacific, and the submarine USS Drum, which earned 12 battle stars undertaking 13 missions in the Pacific theater.

The USS Alabama's decks, turrets, mess, berth compartments, bridge, wardroom and captain's cabin are open for self-quiding tours, as are the USS Drum's torpedo rooms and the crew's quarters. The park also displays 28 historic aircraft.

The battleship's military service was highlighted by its dominant role in the occupation of the Yokosuka-Tokyo area at the close of World War II. Decommissioned in 1947, the ship was towed 5,600 miles from Bremerton, Wash., and was established as a floating shrine in 1965.

Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. Phone: (251) 433-2703 or (251) 432-5951.

BEST WESTERN PLUS MOBILE INN & SUITES BOOK NOW 251/551-6565



Hotel. Address: 600 W I-65 Service Rd S 36608. Facility: 82 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room.



















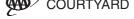


CANDLEWOOD SUITES DOWNTOWN BOOK NOW 251/690-7818



INSPECTED CLEAN

Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 121 N Royal St 36602.



COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT MOBILE

BOOK NOW 251/344-5200



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 1000 W I-65 Service Rd S 36609.









Hotel. Address: 824 W I-65 Service Rd S 36609.

INSPECTED @ CLEAN

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT MOBILE BOOK NOW 251/316-0029



Fairfield AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott BonvoyTM points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 950A W I-65 Service Rd S 36609. Facility: 80 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin

















APPROVED INSPECTED @ CLEAN

FORT CONDE INN BOOK NOW 251/405-5040

FOUR DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN Historic Bed & Breakfast, Address: 165 St Emanuel St 36602.



HAMPTON INN & SUITES MOBILE/DOWNTOWN HISTORIC

DISTRICT

BOOK NOW 251/436-8787



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 62 S Royal St 36602.

DISCOUNTS » REWARDS

Save the cost of your **MEMBERSHIP**

discounts.aaa.com



Please refer to pages 8-9 for Inspected Clean details.



HAMPTON INN & SUITES-MOBILE I-65 AT AIRPORT BLVD BOOK NOW



251/343-4007





AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 1028 W I-65 Service Rd S 36609. Facility: 101 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Pool: outdoor. Activities:

exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.



























BOOK NOW 251/345-4505 HILTON GARDEN INN MOBILE-DOWNTOWN



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 15 N Conception St 36602.



HILTON GARDEN INN MOBILE WEST BOOK NOW 251/544-6000





AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors Garden Inn points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 828 W I-65 Service Rd S 36609. Facility: 101 units. 5 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: hot tub, exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.































HOLIDAY INN MOBILE-AIRPORT BOOK NOW 251/344-7446



Hotel. Address: 3630 Springhill Memorial Dr S 36608.



HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON MOBILE I-65 GOVERNMENT BLVD BOOK NOW 251/415-5422



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE) Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 1485 Satchel Paige Dr 36606.



HOMEWOOD SUITES BY HILTON MOBILE I-65/AIRPORT BLVD BOOK NOW 251/304-1142



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 1388 W I-65 Service Rd S 36609.



MOBILE MARRIOTT BOOK NOW 251/476-6400



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 3101 Airport Blvd 36606.



RENAISSANCE MOBILE RIVERVIEW PLAZA HOTEL BOOK NOW 251/438-4000



RENAISSANCE® **HOTELS**

AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvov[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Contemporary Hotel. Address: 64 S Water St 36602. Facility: Jutting above the city skyline in the historic downtown district, the contemporary high-rise property is a focal point in the evening sky when lit. King

bedded rooms are more spacious. 373 units. 28 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site (fee) and valet. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: hot tub, exercise room, massage. Guest Services: valet laundry.

FOUR DIAMOND (See ad p. 91.) **INSPECTED** CLEAN

























RENAISSANCE-THE BATTLE HOUSE MOBILE HOTEL & SPA BOOK NOW 251/338-2000





RENAISSANCE® HOTELS

AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Historic Hotel. Address: 26 N Royal St 36602. Facility: Built in 1852, this beautifully refurbished historical hotel exudes old Southern charm alongside modern amenities. Ask how to experience the phenomenon of

the "whispering arches" on the mezzanine. 238 units. 7-8 stories, interior corridors. Parking: valet only. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Dining: The Trellis Room, see separate listing, entertainment. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: hot tub, tennis, exercise room, spa. Guest Services: valet laundry, boarding pass kiosk. (See ad p. 91.)



































HISTORIC & MODERN. READY & WAITING.

Experience the history, hospitality, and affordability of the Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel and The Battle House Hotel & Spa in the heart of the port city of Mobile, Alabama. Both hotels are just steps away from restaurants with fresh, local menus, bars with live music and a vibrant downtown entertainment district. When it's time to make your next visit to Mobile exceptional, we're ready for your arrival.

BOOK NOW

VISIT US ONLINE TO BOOK YOUR RESERVATION TODAY.

RENAISSANCE MOBILE RIVERVIEW PLAZA HOTEL

64 SOUTH WATER STREET MOBILE, AL 36602 251.438.4000

THE BATTLE HOUSE
RENAISSANCE MOBILE HOTEL & SPA

26 NORTH ROYAL STREET MOBILE, AL 36602 251.338.2000

RENAISSANCE®

RENAISSANCE®
THE BATTLE HOUSE HOTEL & SPA



SPRINGHILL SUITES BY MARRIOTT MOBILE BOOK NOW 251/378-3800



MARRIOTT

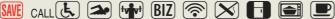
SPRINGHILL SUITES® AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 3655 Springhill Memorial Dr N 36608. Facility: 95

units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest

Services: valet and coin laundry.





















TRU BY HILTON MOBILE BOOK NOW 251/385-5660



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 1492 Satchel Paige Dr 36606.

WHERE TO EAT



THE TRELLIS ROOM 251/338-5373



Traditional Italian Fine Dining. Address: 26 N Royal St 36602.

MONROEVILLE

• Hotels p. 93

Monroeville cherishes its connection to the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel "To Kill a Mockingbird." Its author, Nelle Harper Lee, was born here in 1926, and many elements of the book are rooted in her upbringing in this small town. A mural at Lyle Salter Park on South Alabama Avenue features a scene from the book.

Fellow author Truman Capote was born in New Orleans. La., in 1924 and soon after was sent to live in Monroeville with his mother's cousins, the Faulks, who lived next to the Lee family. He attended school here until 1933, when he moved to New York City to live with his mother and stepfather, but he returned every summer and for holidays. The future literary sensations were good childhood friends, and their friendship lasted throughout Capote's life. A marker commemorating Capote stands outside the site where the Faulk house once stood on Alabama Avenue.

Monroeville has been home to other successful writers in addition to Lee and Capote, and to celebrate that fact, it was declared "The Literary Capital of Alabama" in 1997.

Monroeville/Monroe County Chamber of Commerce: 86 N. Alabama Ave., P.O. Box 214, Monroeville, AL 36461. Phone: (251) 743-2879.

Self-guiding tours: A self-guiding audio tour (with Quick Response signage for scanning) is available from the chamber of commerce and pinpoints some 24 noteworthy sites from the Historic Downtown Commercial District (Alabama Avenue, Pineville Road and South Mount Pleasant Street). Among the sites on the route are the 1903 courthouse; the courthouse square; a 1937 post office with a WPA mural; and the Monroe County Public Library, which used to be the hotel where Gregory Peck stayed on his visit to Monroeville prior to filming "To Kill a Mockingbird."





INSPECTED CLEAN

Motel. Address: 4419 S Alabama Ave 36460. Facility: 42 units. 2 stories (no elevator), exterior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.























MONTEVALLO

Part of Birmingham area— see map p. 31

THE AMERICAN VILLAGE is at 3727 SR 119. Located on 188 acres of rolling pasture 30 minutes south of Birmingham, the education institute focuses on building good citizens and instilling what George Washington called "the sacred fire of liberty." Visitors are ushered through the power and drama of America's journey for independence, liberty and self-government with immersive and engaging experiences. Costumed interpreters portray George and Martha Washington, Patrick Henry, Thomas Paine, Phillis Wheatley, Abigail Adams and other historical figures from the era.

The campus includes Washington Hall, inspired by Washington's Mount Vernon; a Colonial-style courthouse; replicas of the Oval Office and East Room of the White House; a Colonial chapel inspired by Bruton Parish Church of Williamsburg; a replica Concord Bridge; a restored barn; and the National Veterans Shrine and Register of Honor, patterned after Carpenters Hall.

The West Wing of Independence Hall, offers a multisensory experience and original film, "Choosing to be an American People." Viewers move from the Boston Massacre, the protest of the Stamp Act and the Boston Tea Party, to Paul Revere's Ride and the "Shot Heard 'Round the World," on through the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the resulting American Revolutionary War.

Educational programs, adult walking tours and seasonal events are available. Special celebrations are held on Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, July 4 and Veterans Day. Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. Phone: (205) 665-3535, 1031. **GT**

MONTGOMERY

• Hotels p. 95

Montgomery was chartered in 1817 and named after Gen. Richard Montgomery, a Revolutionary War hero who died in 1775 during the battle of Québec. Prior to the Civil War, it flourished as a cotton market and transportation center. The town's volume of commerce and its central location led to the transfer of the state government from Tuscaloosa in 1846.

In February 1861, Jefferson Davis arrived in Montgomery and was sworn in as president of the Confederate States of America. On April 11, 1861, he sent a telegraph commanding troops to remove Northern aggressors from Fort Sumter in South Carolina, culminating in the first shots of the Civil War

Montgomery's status as capital of the Confederacy was short-lived; within months the Confederate government moved to more strategically located Richmond, Va. Montgomery was spared devastation during the war, although prosperity ended abruptly when the town was surrendered to Union troops. Recovery began when railroad lines came through in the 1880s. Union Station was completed in 1898 and served as the city's rail station until the late 1970s; it is now the Montgomery Area Visitor Center.

Montgomery was the nation's first city to introduce an electric streetcar system to local travel; the Lightning Route operated 1886-1936. Today's trolleys travel through the downtown Montgomery area, providing transportation to government buildings; historical sites; the Riverfront Amphitheatre; and Riverwalk Stadium, home to baseball's Class AA Montgomery Biscuits. The trolleys run continually Mon.-Sat. 9-4 at 1-hour intervals.

Maxwell Air Force Base, where the Wright Brothers' Flight School once stood, is the site of the Air University, the Air Force's center of professional military education. The Air Force Senior NCO Academy and the Extension

94 MONTGOMERY, AL

Course Institute are at nearby Gunter Annex to Maxwell Air Force Base.

The Hank Williams Memorial honors the country singer, who is perhaps best known for his lovesick ballad, "Your Cheatin' Heart." The memorial is downtown at 1305 Upper Wetumpka Rd. in the Oakwood Cemetery Annex and is open daily dawn-dusk; phone (334) 262-3200. You can also see a statue of Williams, guitar in hand, at Lister Hill Plaza on N. Perry Street.

Weekdays the W.A. Gayle Planetarium, 1010 Forest Ave., presents sky shows and science programs; phone (334) 241-4799.

Every second Saturday of the month from April through September, a fun-filled family event takes place at Riverfront Park where live music, games and fireworks are offered.

Experience Montgomery: is at 600 S. Court St., Montgomery, AL 36104. **Phone:** (334) 262-0013 or (800) 240-9452.

Self-guiding tours: The 54-mile Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail runs from the Brown Chapel AME Church in Selma to the state capitol in Montgomery. The Montgomery Area Visitor Center in Historic Union Station offers a 31-page brochure about this trail and the state's other important civil rights sites.

Shopping: Eastdale Mall, at the intersection of US 231 and US 80 Bus. Rte., has Belk, Dillard's and JCPenney among its stores and restaurants. The Shoppes at East-Chase, off I-85 between Taylor Road and Chantilly Parkway, includes such upscale retailers as Dillard's, Banana Republic and Williams-Sonoma. The Mulberry District, off I-85N exit 2, offers boutique shopping and casual restaurants in a neighborhood setting.

CIVIL RIGHTS MEMORIAL CENTER, 400 Washington Ave., remembers the people who lost their lives fighting for equality during the Civil Rights Movement The center features historical information about the movement and its participants, exhibits about contemporary injustices and a 56-seat theater. Visitors who make a pledge to stand up for justice, equality and human rights can add their names to The Wall of Tolerance.

The Civil Rights Memorial, designed by Maya Lin, stands adjacent to the center as a monument to those who died in the struggle for racial equality. The memorial features a round black granite table covered with a thin sheet of flowing water and inscribed with dates of key events and names of people involved in the Civil Rights Movement. It is set against a 40-foot curved waterfall flowing over inscribed words from Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (334) 956-8439.

DEXTER AVENUE PARSONAGE MUSEUM is at 309 S. Jackson St. Several ministers of Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church made this 1920s parsonage their home. The house was the residence of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his family 1954-60 while Dr. King led the Montgomery Bus Boycott. An interpretive center and the King-Johns Garden of Reflection are on the property.

Tours begin at the interpretive center. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (334) 261-3270. **GT**

FIRST WHITE HOUSE OF THE CONFEDERACY, at 644 Washington Ave. across from the south side of the capitol, was the home of Jefferson Davis and his family when Montgomery was the Confederate capital. Designed in the Italianate style, the two-story wooden house, built 1832-35, was moved 10 blocks to its present site in the early 20th century.

Period furnishings, war relics and some of Davis' personal property are displayed. The restored house features reception halls, double parlors and a library. **Phone:** (334) 242-1861.

FREEDOM RIDES MUSEUM is at 210 S. Court St. at jct. Adams Ave., behind the courthouse. This museum is housed in the Greyhound bus station where 21 youths, all under age 22, arrived by bus May 20, 1961, to peacefully protest racial segregation on public transportation. Despite their nonviolent approach, they were met with violence. The museum showcases their bravery with photographs, artworks, quotes and exhibits.

Guides are available to share information, but visitors may also tour the museum on their own.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (334) 414-8647. GT

Mann Wildlife Learning Museum is at 325 Vandiver Blvd., part of the Montgomery Zoo. Conservation is the theme of this natural history museum, which features mounted native North American animals and aquatic creatures. Hands-on displays allow visitors to touch and feel the furs of some of the animals, including bears and deer. Detailed fossil exhibits include woolly mammoth bones and mastodon tusks.

Phone: (334) 240-4900.

MONTGOMERY ZOO, 2301 Coliseum Pkwy., contains approximately 900 birds, mammals and reptiles from around the world, including rare and endangered species. The animals are grouped geographically in outdoor, barrier-free settings. Visitors can feed birds, river otters

and fish as well as giraffes. The Skylift ride is an additional attraction. Zoo Weekend, held in late March or early April, features stage shows, camel and pony rides, and activities for all.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (334) 240-4900.

THE MOOSEUM is at 201 S. Bainbridge St. Geared for children, the MOOseum educates guests about the past, present and future of the beef cattle industry in Alabama. Time: Allow 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (334) 265-1867 or (888) 276-3362.

THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL FOR PEACE AND JUS-TICE is at 417 Caroline St. Also known informally as the National Lynching Memorial, the site commemorates the African American victims of lynching and racial trauma. Included on the six-acre site are sculptures, such as more than 800 steel rectangles that represent counties where there were documented lynchings. **Phone:** (334) 386-9100.

OLD ALABAMA TOWN, downtown at 301 Columbus St., is a collection of 50 restored buildings representing life in 19th- and early 20th-century central Alabama. The village depicts living and working conditions ranging from the simple existence of rural pioneers to the elegant surroundings of the urban gentry.

Included are a three-story 1850 Italianate townhouse that retains its original kitchen, slave quarters and well; a country doctor's office, with period medical equipment and implements; an 1892 corner grocery whose shelves are stocked with goods common to that time; a log cabin; a cotton gin; a blacksmith shop; a gristmill; and shotgun and dogtrot houses. Drugstore and print shop museums depict those occupations.

Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. Phone: (334) 240-4500.

TROY UNIVERSITY ROSA PARKS MUSEUM is at 252 Montgomery St., on the Troy University campus. This interactive museum honors Rosa Parks, whose 1955 arrest for refusing to give up her seat on a public bus led to the Montgomery Bus Boycott. The protest precipitated the U.S. Supreme Court decision that banned bus segregation. Exhibits tell the story of the struggle for civil rights in the 1950s. Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (334) 241-8616. **GT**

WYNTON M. BLOUNT CULTURAL PARK, 6055 Vaughn Rd., encompasses 350 acres and is home to Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts and The Shakespeare Garden. The scenic park has ponds, walking trails and a dog park. Phone: (334) 625-2300.

Alabama Shakespeare Festival, in the Carolyn Blount Theatre at 1 Festival Dr., within Wynton M. Blount Cultural Park, is a professional regional theater that presents around 10 shows each season. While Shakespeare productions are the foundation of the company, contemporary plays, Broadway musicals, children's productions and American classics also are offered. The company performs in two theaters: the 792-seat Festival Stage and the 262-seat Octagon.

Phone: (334) 271-5353 or (800) 841-4273.

Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, at 1 Museum Dr. within Wynton M. Blount Cultural Park, has a permanent collection noted for American paintings and sculpture, Old Master prints, Southern regional art, studio glass and 19th-century American decorative arts. Such artists as Robert Henri, John Singer Sargent, James McNeill Whistler, Rembrandt and Edward Hopper are represented. The hands-on ARTWORKS galleries encourage creativity while educating children of all ages about the elements of art. Special exhibitions change quarterly.

Phone: (334) 240-4333. GT TI

The Shakespeare Garden, 1 Festival Dr. within Wynton M. Blount Cultural Park, contains flowers and greenery found in Shakespeare's plays. Highlights include rosemary, honeysuckle, Asiatic lilies, narcissus and roses. Shade trees create a canopy over garden paths. The thatched-roof stone Shakespearean-style amphitheater seats 200 guests. Time: Allow 15 minutes minimum. Phone: (334) 625-2300.

CANDLEWOOD SUITES AT EASTCHASE BOOK NOW

334/277-0677

THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 9151 Boyd Cooper Pkwy 36117.



COMFORT INN & SUITES BOOK NOW



334/532-4444





AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 10015 Chantilly Pkwy 36117. Facility: 71 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Amenities: safes. Activities: limited exercise equipment. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.



















COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT MONTGOMERY

BOOK NOW 334/272-5533



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 5555 Carmichael Rd 36117.



DOUBLETREE BY HILTON MONTGOMERY DOWNTOWN

BOOK NOW

334/245-2320



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 120 Madison Ave 36104.



DRURY INN & SUITES-MONTGOMERY

BOOK NOW

334/273-1101



Hotel. Address: 1124 Eastern Blvd 36117.



EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON MONTGOMERY-HOTEL & CONFERENCE

CENTER

BOOK NOW

334/269-5055



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 300 Tallapoosa St 36104.

AND FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT MONTGOMERY-EASTCHASE

PARKWAY

BOOK NOW

334/260-8650



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Fairfield Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 8970 EastChase Pkwy 36117. Facility: 105 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.





























HAMPTON INN & SUITES DOWNTOWN

BOOK NOW 334/265-1010



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Historic Hotel. Address: 100 Commerce St 36104.

HAMPTON INN & SUITES MONTGOMERY-EASTCHASE

BOOK NOW

334/277-1818



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 7651 EastChase Pkwy 36117.

HILTON GARDEN INN MONTGOMERY EAST BOOK NOW

334/272-2225



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors Garden Inn points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 1600 Interstate Park Dr 36109. Facility: 97 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.





















HILTON GARDEN INN MONTGOMERY - EASTCHASE BOOK NOW

334/244-0101



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel, Address: 7665 EastChase Pkwv 36117.



HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS BOOK NOW

334/271-5516



Hotel. Address: 9250 Boyd-Cooper Pkwy 36117.

INSPECTED @ CLEAN

THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS MONTGOMERY - EAST I-85

BOOK NOW

334/270-9199

Hotel. Address: 5135 Carmichael Rd 36106. **APPROVED**



BOOK NOW HOLIDAY INN-MONTGOMERY AIRPORT SOUTH 334/288-3858

Hotel. Address: 96 Folmar Pkwv 36105.



Please refer to pages 8-9 for Inspected Clean details.



PARTNER WITH AAA TO SAVE LIVES.

Distracted driving kills an average of 9 people and injures over 1,000 every day in America.*
Put down your phone. Lives depend on it.



AAA.com/DontDriveDistracted
Tell us why you #DontDriveIntexticated









HOMEWOOD SUITES BY HILTON MONTGOMERY BOOK NOW 334/272-3010



BY HILTON

HOMEWOOD AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points SUITES when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 1800 Interstate Park Dr 36109. Facility: 91 efficiency kitchen units, some two bedrooms. 4 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.





















HOMEWOOD SUITES BY HILTON MONTGOMERY EASTCHASE

BOOK NOW 334/277-9383



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 7800 EastChase Pkwy 36117.



LA QUINTA INN & SUITES BY WYNDHAM MONTGOMERY

BOOK NOW

334/277-4142

Hotel. Address: 10095 Chantilly Pkwy 36117.



THREE DIAMOND

MICROTEL INN & SUITES BY WYNDHAM MONTGOMERY

BOOK NOW

334/649-4465



Hotel. **Address:** 100 Gibbons Dr 36117. **Location:** Next to an electric power substation. Facility: 58 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.



















INSPECTED 🕝 CLEAN

Dreaming of s'mores and starry nights?

AAA.com/campgrounds



RENAISSANCE MONTGOMERY HOTEL & SPA AT THE CONVENTION

BOOK NOW

334/481-5000



RENAISSANCE **HOTELS**

AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 201 Tallapoosa St 36104. Location: Located in historic downtown district. Facility: Enjoy the city's skyline while relaxing at the property's rooftop pool and spa. The well appointed rooms offer plush

bedding and bathrooms with walk-in showers and separate ergonomic bathtubs. 345 units. 12 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site (fee) and valet. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Dining: 2 restaurants, entertainment. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: hot tub, exercise room, spa. Guest Services: complimentary and valet laundry.

































SPRINGHILL SUITES BY MARRIOTT MONTGOMERY

DOWNTOWN

BOOK NOW

334/245-2088



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 152 Coosa St 36104.

STAYBRIDGE SUITES MONTGOMERY-DOWNTOWN BOOK NOW

334/532-0700

Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 275 Lee St 36104.

TRILOGY HOTEL MONTGOMERY, AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION BOOK NOW



THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN

> AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 116 Coosa St 36104.



BE VACATION READY.

Have your car checked out by a dependable AAA/CAA Approved Auto Repair facility.

AAA.com/AutoRepair



WIND CREEK CASINO & HOTEL MONTGOMERY BOOK NOW 334/277-9501



Hotel. Address: 1801 Eddie Tullis Rd 36117. Facility: On the outskirts of Montgomery, the hotel features a funky vibe inspired by Memphis Beale Street blues and the king of blues - B.B. King. All rooms have plush bedding and walk-in showers. 123 units. 5 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site and valet. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Dining: nightclub. Pool: outdoor. Activities: hot tub, exercise room.































MOUNDVILLE

One of the country's best preserved prehistoric mound groups lies on the south bank of the Black Warrior River in Moundville. The agrarian Native American culture, which built the mounds, developed from A.D. 1000 to 1500 into what is considered one of the most advanced prehistoric civilizations north of Mexico.

Possessing considerable artistic skill, the people advanced pottery making, copper working and stone carving to high levels of refinement. Moundville served as the civic and cultural center for many small villages up and down the river.

MOUNDVILLE ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK, 634 Mound State Pkwy., preserves the ceremonial center of Moundville Indian culture. Remnants of this 300-acre city, dating from A.D. 1100, consist of 28 mounds once used as platforms for lodges and temples. Steps lead to the summit of the largest, which stands 60 feet high. The Jones Archaeological Museum's impressive artifact collection as well as multimedia, special effects and re-created scenes are used to illustrate ancient Moundville culture. Models of aboriginal dwellings and earthworks also are presented.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (205) 371-2234. **★**



MOUNTAIN BROOK

- Hotels p. 102
- Part of Birmingham area— see map p. 31

GRAND BOHEMIAN HOTEL MOUNTAIN BROOK, AUTOGRAPH

COLLECTION

BOOK NOW

205/414-0505



AUTOGRAPH AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott COLLECTION[®] Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

HOTELS

Boutique Hotel. Address: 2655 Lane Park Rd 35223. Facility: This stylish hotel is impressive for the trendy furnishings, custom art

throughout the hotel and spacious rooms. The colorful theme mirrors the natural beauty of the neighboring Botanical Gardens. 99 units, some two bedrooms. 4 stories, interior corridors. Bath: shower only. Parking: valet only. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: recreation programs, exercise room. Guest Services: valet laundry, area transportation.

































HAMPTON INN BY HILTON-MOUNTAIN BROOK BOOK NOW 205/870-7822



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 2731 US Hwy 280 35223.

MUSCLE SHOALS AREA

The region known as Muscle Shoals in northwestern Alabama includes the Quad-Cities of Muscle Shoals (see place listing), Florence (see place listing p. 55), Sheffield and Tuscumbia (see place listing p. 123) as well as two dams on the Tennessee River.

A 650-mile navigation channel and the hydroelectricgenerating facilities created by a system of Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) dams ensure economic potential for the Muscle Shoals area and the Tennessee River Valley. Industries include the International Fertilizer Development Center featuring a free lobby display. Across Wheeler Dam in Rogersville is Joe Wheeler State Park (see Recreation Areas Chart).

In 1965 a local disc jockey set up a recording studio in the small community of Muscle Shoals. When local singer Percy Sledge recorded "When a Man Loves a Woman," which sold more than a million copies, the soulful Muscle Shoals sound began. Other artists followed, including Aretha Franklin, Peggy Lee, Liza Minnelli, Bob Seger and the Rolling Stones.

NATURAL BRIDGE

NATURAL BRIDGE is on US 278, 1 mi. w. of jct. SRs 5 and 13, in a scenic area. Formed some 200 million years ago, the rock arch is 148 feet long and towers 60 feet above winding pathways. The natural gardens are adorned with mountain laurel, snowball bushes and giant magnolias. Time: Allow 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (205) 486-5330.

NORTHPORT

Kentuck Festival of the Arts, a 2-day event in late October at Kentuck Park, features a wide variety of art as well as storytelling and music.

OPELIKA

• Hotels p. 104

Opelika was established in the mid-1800s and has a mixture of fine Greek Revival and Victorian houses. From late March through early April the Azalea/Dogwood Trail, a self-guiding driving tour, leads visitors past many of these houses during the peak blooming season of these perennials. A different kind of driving tour can be taken on the 54 holes of the Grand National, a course on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. Handmade figures adorn the porches and lawns of more than 40 houses in the North Opelika Historic Neighborhood during the Victorian Front Porch Tour 5-day event in early December.

Shopping: Downtown Opelika offers shops, galleries and antique stores.



Let Your Voice Be Heard

If your visit to a listed property doesn't meet your expectations, tell us about it.

AAA.com/MemberFeedback

AUBURN MARRIOTT OPELIKA RESORT & SPA AT GRAND

NATIONAL

BOOK NOW

334/741-9292





AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 3700 Robert Trent Jones Tr 36801. Facility: Tucked away MARRIOTT deep in the Alabama woods, this expansive property offers all the amenities needed for your golf getaway. The rooms have upscale bedding and large

windows with beautiful views. 221 units, some efficiencies. 4 stories, interior/exterior corridors. Parking: on-site and valet. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Dining: 3 restaurants. Pool: outdoor, heated indoor. Activities: sauna, hot tub, regulation golf, tennis, recreation programs in season, bicycles, picnic facilities, trails, exercise room.

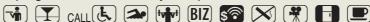


































BEST WESTERN AUBURN/OPELIKA INN

BOOK NOW 334/745-6293















Hotel. Address: 205 N 21st St 36801. Facility: 56 units. 2 stories (no elevator), interior

















FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT AUBURN OPELIKA BOOK NOW 334/742-2590



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvov™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel, Address: 2257 Interstate Dr 36801.



HAMPTON INN & SUITES

BOOK NOW 334/748-7048



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 3000 Capps Way 36804.





Hotel. Address: 1801 Capps Landing 36804.

 7 LA QUINTA INN & SUITES BY WYNDHAM OPELIKA AUBURN 1

BOOK NOW

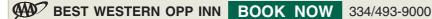
334/748-9000

Hotel. Address: 3151 Capps Way 36804.

THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN

OPP

Hotels p. 105





Hotel. Address: 7084 Veterans Memorial Pkwy 36467. Facility: 43 units. 2 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.

















ORANGE BEACH

INSPECTED @ CLEAN

• Hotels p. 106 • Restaurants p. 107

The Wharf, 23101 Canal Rd., is a shopping, dining and entertainment complex. This marina location features a Ferris wheel, boat rentals and a full events schedule as well as an ice rink that's open daily late November to early January. Sharky's Family Adventure Park has miniature golf and ropes courses. You should also check out the concert schedule at The Wharf Amphitheater, 23325 Wharf Ln., which seats 10,000. Stay into the evening to

watch SPECTRA, The Wharf's light show choreographed to music. Each show has its own theme: the first presentation at 8:30 is Agua, followed at 9 with A Night at the Movies, and the concluding 9:30 show is A Tribute to the Amphitheater. The shows are put on mid-March through October, and then the Holiday Show takes over November to early January.

Orange Beach Welcome Center: 23685 Perdido Beach Blvd., Orange Beach, AL 36561. Phone: (251) 974-1510 or (800) 982-8562.







Let Your Voice Be Heard

If your visit to a listed property doesn't meet your expectations, tell us about it.

AAA.com/MemberFeedback



Please refer to pages 8-9 for Inspected Clean details.

BEST WESTERN PREMIER THE TIDES HOTEL ORANGE

BOOK NOW 251/981-9888



Hotel. Address: 26032 Perdido Beach Blvd 36561. Location: Oceanfront. Facility: 86 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site (fee). Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: hot tub, beach on-site, bicycles, exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.

























HAMPTON INN & SUITES ORANGE BEACH BOOK NOW 251/923-4400



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 25518 Perdido Beach Blvd 36561.



HILTON GARDEN INN ORANGE BEACH BEACHFRONT BOOK NOW 251/974-1600



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 23092 Perdido Beach Blvd 36561.



HOTEL INDIGO ORANGE BEACH - GULF SHORES, AN IHG

HOTEL

BOOK NOW

251/981-1737



Hotel. Address: 22843 Perdido Beach Blvd 36561.



ISLAND HOUSE HOTEL - A DOUBLETREE BY HILTON





AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel, Address: 26650 Perdido Beach Blvd 36561.



PERDIDO BEACH RESORT



THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN Resort Hotel. Address: 27200 Perdido Beach Blvd 36561.



MARRIOTT

SPRINGHILL SUITES® AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 4673 Wharf Pkwy W 36561. Location: Waterfront. Facility: 132 units. 5 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Pool: outdoor.

Activities: hot tub, marina, exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.

















WHERE TO EAT



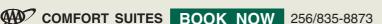
THREE DIAMOND

American Fine Dining. Address: 27200 Perdido Beach Blvd 36561.

OXFORD

• Hotels p. 107

Oxford is located on I-20, almost midway between Birmingham and Atlanta, in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The southern edge of Oxford borders the Talladega National Forest. Nearby Cheaha Mountain is the highest point in Alabama, looking down over the city and surrounding natural scenery.







AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 125 Davis Loop Rd 36203. Facility: 63 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.

























Discover thousands of pet-friendly places to stay, play and dine. Get insight to guide your decisions.





Visit AAA.com/PetTravel





COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT ANNISTON OXFORD BOOK NOW 256/831-7995



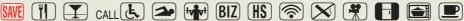
COURTYARD AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 289 Colonial Dr 36203. Facility: 92 units. 4 stories, interior corridors.

Pool: heated indoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.



























FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT ANNISTON OXFORD

BOOK NOW

256/831-1921



Fair field AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott BonvoyTM points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 143 Colonial Dr 36203. Facility: 81 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.





















HAMPTON INN & SUITES BY HILTON BOOK NOW 256/831-8958



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 210 Colonial Dr 36203.



HILTON GARDEN INN OXFORD/ANNISTON BOOK NOW 256/831-0083



THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN

AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 280 Colonial Dr 36203.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES ANNISTON/OXFORD

BOOK NOW

256/835-8768

Hotel. Address: 160 Colonial Dr 36203.



HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON OXFORD BOOK NOW 256/831-7008



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 300 Colonial Dr 36203.



LA QUINTA INN & SUITES BOOK NOW

256/241-0950



Hotel, Address: 100 Colonial Dr 36203.

OZARK

• Hotels p. 109



INSPECTED @ CLEAN®

HAMPTON INN BY HILTON OZARK BOOK NOW 334/443-6669

AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 235 N US Hwy 231 36360.



MICROTEL INN & SUITES BY WYNDHAM OZARK BOOK NOW 334/774-2771



INSPECTED @ CLEAN

Hotel. Address: 1140 US Hwy 231 N 36360. Facility: 58 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: playground, exercise room, Guest Services: coin laundry.























PELHAM

- Hotels p. 110
- Part of Birmingham area— see map p. 31

OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK, about .5 mi. from jct. State Park Rd. and John Findlay III Dr. at 200 Terrace Dr., comprises 9,940 acres at the southernmost part of the Appalachian chain and features a scenic drive to the top of Double Oak Mountain.

The site also offers an 18-hole golf course, a beach, nature and hiking trails, horseback riding, a BMX track, kayaks, pedal boats, canoes and a petting farm. See Recreation Areas Chart. Phone: (205) 620-2524 or (205) 620-2520.

110 PELHAM — PELL CITY, AL

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT BIRMINGHAM

PELHAM/I-65 **BOOK NOW** 205/987-9879

APPROVED INSPECTED @ CLEAN®

AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 230 Cahaba Valley Rd 35124.

BOOK NOW HAMPTON INN & SUITES PELHAM 205/313-9500

 $[\mathbf{f}\mathbf{y}\mathbf{i}]$ Hotel. Under major renovation, call for details. Last Designation: Three Diamond.

Address: 232 Cahaba Valley Rd 35124.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS **BOOK NOW** 205/987-8888

Hotel. Address: 260 Cahaba Valley Rd 35124. THREE DIAMOND

PELL CITY

Hotels p. 110

INSPECTED @ CLEAN

Part of Birmingham area— see map p. 31

COMFORT SUITES **BOOK NOW** 205/338-5570





AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 270 Vaughan Ln 35125. Location: Across from Walmart Plaza. Facility: 63 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.























THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 220 Vaughan Ln 35125.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS PELL CITY BOOK NOW 205/884-0047

Hotel. Address: 240 Vaughan Ln 35125.

PHENIX CITY Hotels p. 111

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT COLUMBUS - PHENIX CITY BOOK NOW 334/664-9840

 $[\mathbf{fyi}]$ Contemporary Hotel. Under major renovation, call for details. Last Designation: Three Diamond. Address: 1400 Whitewater Ave 36867.

HAMPTON INN & SUITES BY HILTON PHENIX CITY/COLUMBUS

BOOK NOW 334/664-0776

INSPECTED @ CLEAN®

AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking **AAA/CAA** rates!

WE Hotel. Address: 620 Martin Luther King Jr Pkwy 36869.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL & SUITES PHENIX CITY-FT. MOORE

BOOK NOW 334/298-9404

THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN Hotel. **Address:** 1702 US 280 Bypass 36867.

PICKENSVILLE

WATERWAY/TOM TENN-TOM BEVILL CENTER is .5 mi, s. of SR 86 on SR 14 at the Tom Bevill Lock and Dam; the visitor center is at 1382 Lock and Dam Rd. By connecting the Tennessee and Tombigbee rivers with a system of locks, this 234-mile canal provides a shortcut to the Gulf of Mexico. The visitor center, built in 19th-century Greek Revival style and furnished in period, features displays about river travel and wildlife. Photographs, models and audiovisual presentations also are presented. A 19th-century cast-iron fountain dominates the garden.

Phone: (205) 373-8705.

U.S. Snagboat *Montgomery*, at the Tom Bevill Visitor Center at 1382 Lock and Dam Rd., is one of the last steam-powered stern-wheelers used in the South. The snag boat, which for nearly 60 years removed debris from nearby rivers, has exhibits that chronicle maintenance operations on the South's major waterways. Phone: (205) 373-8705.



112 POINT CLEAR — PRATTVILLE, AL

POINT CLEAR

• Hotels p. 112 • Restaurants p. 112



GRAND HOTEL GOLF RESORT & SPA BOOK NOW 251/928-9201

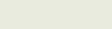


AUTOGRAPH AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott COLLECTION[®] Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

HOTELS

Historic Resort Hotel. Address: One Grand Blvd 36564. Location: Waterfront. Facility: On Mobile Bay, the resort intertwines a

contemporary style with bygone era elegance including historical mementos. Inviting, upscale rooms have oversize televisions, appealing art and generous space. 405 units. 2-4 stories (no elevator), interior corridors. Parking: on-site and valet. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Dining: 6 restaurants, also, Southern Roots, see separate listing, entertainment. Pool: outdoor, heated outdoor, heated indoor. Activities: sauna, hot tub, steamroom, beach on-site, cabanas, marina, fishing, regulation golf, tennis, recreation programs, bicycles, game room, lawn sports, health club, spa. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry, area transportation. Affiliated with Autograph Collection Hotels.



INSPECTED @ CLEAN

























WHERE TO EAT



SOUTHERN ROOTS 251/928-9201



American Fine Dining. Address: 17855 Scenic Hwy 98 36564.

PRATTVILLE

• Hotels p. 112

Established in the late 1830s by Daniel Pratt of New Hampshire, Prattville has the feel of its founder's native New England. The town's historic district has more than 150 buildings, many predating the Civil War.

Prattville Area Chamber of Commerce: 131 N. Court St., Prattville, AL 36067. **Phone:** (334) 365-7392.

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT MONTGOMERY PRATTVILLE BOOK NOW 334/290-1270





Hotel. Address: 2620 Legends Pkwy 36066. Location: Next to RTJ Golf Trail at Capitol Hill. Facility: 84 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry, boarding pass kiosk.

































HAMPTON INN & SUITES PRATTVILLE BOOK NOW 334/285-6767



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 2590 Cobbs Ford Rd 36066.



HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON PRATTVILLE BOOK NOW 334/551-2900



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 2505 Legends Dr 36066.



LA QUINTA INN & SUITES PRATTVILLE BOOK NOW

334/358-5454



Hotel. Address: 261 Interstate Commercial Park Loop 36066.



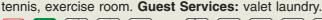
MONTGOMERY MARRIOTT PRATTVILLE HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER AT CAPITOL

BOOK NOW 334/290-1235



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvov[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 2500 Legends Cir 36066. Location: Behind the Capital Hill MARRIOTT Golf Course. Facility: 96 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Pool: outdoor. Activities: hot tub, regulation golf,





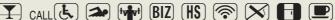
































TRU BY HILTON PRATTVILLE BOOK NOW 334/595-5300



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 2633 Legends Pkwy 36066.

114 PRICEVILLE — RUSSELLVILLE, AL

PRICEVILLE

Hotels p. 114









AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 3239 Point Mallard Pkwy 35603. Facility: 58 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Pool: heated indoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.























RUSSELL CAVE NATIONAL MONUMENT

Eight miles northwest of Bridgeport via CRs 75 and 98, Russell Cave National Monument is a 310-acre archeological site first investigated in 1953. The focal point of the site is a cave shelter where the Tennessee River Valley traverses the Cumberland Plateau. This cave, continuously occupied by various cultures for 10,000 years, is part of a larger cavern that extends about 7 miles into the side of a limestone mountain.

Excavations have uncovered, layer by layer, the story of the people who inhabited the cave from approximately 10,000 B.C. to A.D. 1650. Artifacts found in the area chart societal progress from the Paleo period through the Mississippian period when residents used pottery and more sophisticated weapons and tools, buried their dead in mounds and developed a primitive form of agriculture.

Using objects recovered from the excavations, the visitor center portrays these prehistoric people. Guided tours are available to the nearby shelter, where visitors can see exposed cave wall rock layers. Nature trails wind through the site. Interpreters demonstrate the prehistoric people's tools and weapons. Audiovisual programs are presented in the visitor center. Daily 8-4:30. Closed Jan. 1, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Free. Phone (256) 495-2672.

RUSSELLVILLE Hotels p. 114

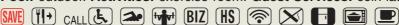




256/332-1002

















Hotel. Address: 13770 Hwy 43 35653. Facility: 60 units. 3 stories, interior corridors.

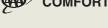






SARALAND Hotels p. 115





COMFORT SUITES SARALAND BOOK NOW 251/675-5552





AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 1200 Shelton Beach Rd 36571. Facility: 63 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Terms: off-site registration. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.

























HAMPTON INN & SUITES SARALAND MOBILE

BOOK NOW

251/266-7755



Hampton)

AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 80 Shell St 36571. Facility: 100 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.























251/333-1103







HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES

BOOK NOW

251/378-6300



Hotel. Address: 1401 Industrial Pkwy 36571.



MICROTEL INN & SUITES BY WYNDHAM SARALAND/NORTH



BOOK NOW 251/675-5045



Hotel. Address: 1124 Shelton Beach Rd 36571.



TOWNEPLACE SUITES BY MARRIOTT SARALAND BOOK NOW



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 2954 Township Blvd 36571.

116 SCOTTSBORO — SELMA, AL

SCOTTSBORO

Hotels p. 116

Shopping: The merchandise at the Unclaimed Baggage Center, 509 W. Willow St., consists of unclaimed cargo and the contents of unclaimed luggage, including nearly everything that can be packed in baggage or shipped by air. The building covers a city block.



256/259-8700





AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 25775 John T Reid Pkwy 35768. Location: Located in a quiet setting. Facility: 77 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Pool: heated indoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.



























HAMPTON INN & SUITES - SCOTTSBORO

BOOK NOW 256/259-5200



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 24747 John T Reid Pkwy 35768.

SELMA

Hotels p. 117

Selma first drew national attention during the Civil War when it was second only to Richmond as an arsenal of the Confederacy. The Selma Ordnance Works manufactured one of the most powerful muzzle-loading cannons ever built as well as ironclad ships, including the CSS Tennessee, remembered for its historic role in the Battle of Mobile Bay (see Mobile p. 82).

The destruction of Selma's shot and shell foundry, powder mill and navy yard became a Union imperative that was fulfilled when Gen. J.H. Wilson and his Union forces destroyed nearly two-thirds of the city during the Battle of Selma in April 1865. A monument to those who fought and died stands in the historic Old Live Oak Cemetery.

The five blocks of Water Avenue that survived the Civil War constitute one of the few remaining antebellum riverfront business districts in the South. Built in 1837, the St. James Hotel at 1200 Water Ave. is a rare example of an early riverfront hotel. It served as guarters for Confederate officers as well as arsenal and foundry personnel. Later it hosted outlaw brothers Frank and Jesse James.

Selma's Old Town Historic District includes more than 1,250 historic structures. Among its notable residences is the two-story frame home of Sen. John Tyler Morgan, one of Alabama's most honored political and military leaders. In late March several private homes are opened to the public during The Historic Selma Pilgrimage.

In the 1960s battles of another sort took place in Selma, including a watershed event that forever linked its name to the civil rights struggle. On March 21, 1965, Martin Luther King Jr. began his legendary voting rights march at the Brown Chapel AME Church, 410 Martin Luther King Jr. St. Five days later, he and thousands of marchers arrived in the state capital to demand equal voting rights. The Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail memorializes the 54-mile walk: it includes the Edmund Pettus Bridge and other landmarks that figured prominently in the demonstration.

A commemoration of the Selma-to-Montgomery march, the Bridge Crossing Jubilee features a reenactment of the historical bridge crossing along with music and lectures. The annual event takes place in early March.

Selma & Dallas County Tourism: 912 Selma Ave., Selma, AL 36701. Phone: (334) 875-7241 or (800) 457-3562.

Self-guiding tours: The Selma Windshield Tour leads drivers through a historic district that includes the Old Town and Water Avenue districts as well as Martin Luther



King Jr. Street and Old Live Oak Cemetery. Brochures for this and other tours, including the 54-mile Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail running between Selma's

Brown Chapel AME Church and the state capitol in Montgomery, can be obtained at the Selma & Dallas County Tourism office or at the visitor center, 132 Broad St.



HAMPTON INN BY HILTON BOOK NOW 334/876-9995



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 2200 Highland Ave 36701.

SPANISH FORT

• Hotels p. 117

Spanish Fort sits on a hill directly opposite the bay from Mobile. True to its name, the site served as an active fort during the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 and the Civil War. Preserved Civil War breastworks still are visible throughout town.

Meaher State Park is 1,327 acres of wetlands on Mobile Bay offering a boat launch, an elevated fishing pier, a nature trail and limited overnight camping facilities. The park is 2 miles west on US 90/98 (Battleship Parkway); phone (251) 626-5529. See Recreation Areas Chart.

Five Rivers - Alabama's Delta Resource Center: 30945 Five Rivers Blvd., Spanish Fort, AL 36527. **Phone:** (251) 625-0814.

HISTORIC BLAKELEY STATE PARK is 1.2 mi, w. on US 31, 1.2 mi. n. on Blakeley Way, then 3.2 mi. n. to 34745 SR 225. This 3,800-acre site was the scene of the last major battle of the Civil War; the engagement ended hours after the surrender by Gen. Robert E. Lee at Appomattox Courthouse in Virginia, April 9, 1865. Civil War living history and battle reenactments are held periodically.

More than 10 miles of nature trails are offered. Bicycling, camping, fishing, hiking and horseback riding are permitted. See Recreation Areas Chart. Phone: (251) 626-0798, or (251) 626-5581 for camping information.





COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT MOBILE DAPHNE/EASTERN

BOOK NOW 251/370-1161 SHORE



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 13000 Cypress Way 36527.

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT MOBILE SPANISH FORT/EASTERN

BOOK NOW 251/370-1160 SHORE



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 12000 Cypress Way 36527.

TALLADEGA

In November 1813 Andrew Jackson led his men to the aid of a besieged pioneer fort and in the ensuing Battle of Talladega (tal-ah-DIG-ah) defeated a large band of Creek Indians. His route, the Jackson Trace, is designated by a marker 5 miles south of Talladega on SR 77.

Talladega was founded along the Appalachian foothills in 1834 and is one of the state's oldest inland towns. The city is home to the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind and to Talladega College. Some of the largest motorsports events in Alabama are held at the Talladega Superspeedway.



118 TALLADEGA — TROY, AL

Six miles southeast of the city is the Waldo Covered Bridge, one of the state's oldest. The 115-foot bridge was built in the 1850s of a Howe and Queenspost combination design.

Greater Talladega Area Chamber of Commerce: 210 East St. S., Talladega, AL 35160. **Phone:** (256) 362-9075.

INTERNATIONAL MOTORSPORTS HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM, off I-20 exit 173 or 168, at 3198 Speedway Blvd., next to the Talladega Superspeedway. This five-building complex houses more than 100 racing vehicles as well as racing-related memorabilia and a research library. Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (256) 362-5002.

TALLADEGA NATIONAL FOREST

Elevations in the forest range from 578 ft. at Little Wills Lake to 2,407 ft. at Cheaha Mountain. Refer to AAA maps for additional elevation information.

Divided into two sections, Talladega National Forest consists of the Talladega division (235,000 acres) in eastern Alabama near the Georgia border and the Oakmulgee division (157,000 acres) just southeast of Tuscaloosa in west-central Alabama. Within the Oakmulgee Division is the 45,000-acre Oakmulgee Wildlife Management Area surrounding Payne Lake.

The Oakmulgee District Ranger's office is open Mon.-Fri. 7:30-4; closed federal holidays. For more information contact the Talladega National Forest, Forest Service Office (Oakmulgee), 9901 Highway 5, Brent, AL 35034-3801; phone (205) 926-9765.

The Talladega Division contains two wildlife management areas: 39,320-acre Choccolocco in the northern portion and 31,943-acre Hollins in the southern portion. Also in the Talladega Division is the Pinhoti Trail system, which traverses the highest terrain in Alabama, providing a 145mile hike through rugged but scenic country between the towns of Piedmont and Sylacauga. The trail connects through Georgia to the Appalachian trail by way of a road walk. Several miles of marked side trips and loop trails branch off the main trail. Also within this division is the Cheaha Wilderness, comprising 7,245 acres and the 9,200-acre Dugger Mountain Wilderness. Warden Station Horse Camp offers 43 miles of scenic trails. The 23-mile Kentuck ORV Trail is used by ATV enthusiasts. The Sylaward Mountain Bike Trail, near Sylacauga, provides 14 miles of hills and thrills.

The Talladega Scenic Drive runs through 23 miles of the forest, following the crest of Horseblock Mountain along

SR 281. The Talladega District Ranger's office is open Mon.-Fri. 7:30-4; closed federal holidays. For more information contact the Talladega National Forest, Forest Service Office, 1001 North St. (SR 21N), Talladega, AL 35160; phone (256) 362-2909.

The Shoal Creek District Ranger's office is open Mon.-Fri. 7:30-4; closed federal holidays. For more information contact the Talladega National Forest, Forest Service Office (Shoal Creek), 45 Hwy. 281, Heflin, AL 36264; phone (256) 463-2272. See Recreation Areas Chart.

THEODORE

BELLINGRATH GARDENS AND HOME is e. off CR 59 at 12401 Bellingrath Gardens Rd. The 65 acres of cultivated and landscaped gardens that surround the 1935 mansion were first opened to the public in 1932 and patterned after the grand gardens of Italy, France and England by Walter D. Bellingrath, a pioneer in the Coca-Cola bottling industry. The Asian garden melds cultural concepts of landscape art. A grotto, conservatory and lake are nearby. The grounds bloom with more than 3 million lights and animated displays during Magic Christmas in Lights, held late November through late December.

The brick and wrought-iron mansion contains Bessie Morse Bellingrath's collection of furniture; Dresden, Meissen, Royal Doulton and Sèvres porcelain; china; crystal; sterling silver; and Oriental rugs. The Delchamps Gallery of Boehm Porcelain, in the center of the gardens, houses one of the largest public exhibits of Boehm porcelain in existence.

Daffodils and tulips blossom in February; azaleas flower mid-March to early April. Lilies, hydrangeas, fuchsia and delphinium bloom in the spring while tropical annuals dominate in summer. Cascading chrysanthemums appear in November and poinsettias highlight the gardens during the holiday season. Camellias, the state flower, bloom late November through March. More than 2,000 rose bushes bloom mid-April to November.

Time: Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (251) 973-2217 or (800) 247-8420. **GT**

TROY

Hotels p. 119

PIONEER MUSEUM OF ALABAMA, 248 US 231N, is a multibuilding village depicting rural 19th- and early 20th-century Southern life. More than 18,000 artifacts are presented in the main building. Set on 35 acres are a corn



crib and barn, a re-created covered bridge, a working smokehouse, an 1881 locomotive and 1894 depot, log cabins, a tenant house, a gristmill and a general store.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (334) 566-3597.



334/566-1585



Hotel. Address: 100 Hunters Mountain Pkwy 36079. Facility: 53 units. 2 stories, interior corridors. Pool: indoor. Activities: exercise room.























COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT TROY BOOK NOW 334/566-0540



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 115 Troy Plaza Loop 36081.



HAMPTON INN BY HILTON

BOOK NOW 334/807-5900



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 103 Troy Plaza Loop 36081.

TRUSSVILLE

- Hotels p. 119
- Part of Birmingham area— see map p. 31

HAMPTON INN BY HILTON BIRMINGHAM/TRUSSVILLE

BOOK NOW 205/655-9777



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 1940 Edwards Lake Rd 35235.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES BIRMINGHAM

NE-TRUSSVILLE

BOOK NOW 205/655-2700



Hotel. Address: 5911 Valley Rd 35173.

120 TUSCALOOSA, AL

TUSCALOOSA

• Hotels p. 120

In the Choctaw language tusko means "warrior" and loosa means "black." By permission of the U.S. Government, Creek Indians established the Black Warrior Town in 1809; 4 years later it was burned after a revolt. Defeated, these Native Americans were forced to move westward, and new settlers who came from South Carolina called their community Tuscaloosa (tus-ka-LOO-sa).

Tuscaloosa was the state capital 1826-46. Although the University of Alabama was established in 1831, it was not until 1896 that the efforts of educator Julia Strudwick Tutwiler resulted in the admission of women. Stillman College, founded in 1876, offers liberal arts studies to 1,200 students.

Today's Tuscaloosa offers an array of cultural and historic attractions, year-round events and many opportunities for shopping and dining. Several of the city's graceful antebellum houses still stand, especially in the Druid City District near Queen City Avenue. The Mildred Warner House on Eighth Street is a Georgian residence occupied 1820-1962.

Holt Lake (see Recreation Areas Chart) offers many water sports, as does Lake Lurleen State Park (see Recreation Areas Chart). Outdoor enthusiasts and birdwatchers enjoy walking trails along the Warrior River.

Tuscaloosa Tourism & Sports Commission: 1900 Jack Warner Pkwy., P.O. Box 3167, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403. **Phone:** (205) 391-9200 or (800) 538-8696.

Shopping: Midtown Village, 1800 McFarland Blvd. E., features a variety of stores, including Alumni Hall, Barnes & Noble, Lane Bryant, LOFT and Old Navy. Across the street is University Mall, 1701 McFarland Blvd. E., which has Belk, JCPenney and Sears as its department stores.



AC HOTEL TUSCALOOSA DOWNTOWN BOOK NOW 205/374-8080



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 2585 6th St 35401.



THE ALAMITE, TUSCALOOSA, A TRIBUTE PORTFOLIO HOTEL BOOK NOW 205/860-7998



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 2321 6th St 35401.



COMFORT INN & SUITES DOWNTOWN NEAR UNIVERSITY BOOK NOW 205/614-9600





AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 2285 Jack Warner Pkwy 35401. Facility: 97 units, some efficiencies. 4 stories, interior corridors. Pool: heated indoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.























COMFORT SUITES

BOOK NOW 205/553-4343





AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 3916 McFarland Blvd E 35405. Facility: 77 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Pool: heated indoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.





CALL(&) (A) (HS) (R) (R) (R) (R)





















COUNTRY INN & SUITES BY RADISSON TUSCALOOSA

BOOK NOW

205/345-9999





AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 4801 McFarland Blvd E 35405. Facility: 62 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room.

Guest Services: coin laundry. SAVE





















COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT TUSCALOOSA BOOK NOW 205/750-8384



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 4115 Courtney Dr 35405.

EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON TUSCALOOSA DOWNTOWN BOOK NOW 205/561-2500



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 2410 University Blvd 35401.

FAIRFIELD INN BY MARRIOTT TUSCALOOSA **BOOK NOW** 205/366-0900



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 4101 Courtney Dr 35405.



INSPECTED @ CLEAN

HAMPTON INN BY HILTON TUSCALOOSA EAST BOOK NOW 205/562-9000

AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel, Address: 6400 Interstate Dr 35453.



HILTON GARDEN INN TUSCALOOSA BOOK NOW 205/722-0360





AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 800 Hollywood Blvd 35405.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL & SUITES UNIVERSITY

BOOK NOW

205/464-4000

THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN Hotel. Address: 1120 Veterans Memorial Pkwv 35404.

HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON TUSCALOOSA DOWNTOWN UNIVERSITY

BOULEVARD **BOOK NOW** 205/349-2002





AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 2610 University Blvd 35401. Facility: 113 kitchen units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Pool: heated indoor.

Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.



























HOMEWOOD SUITES BY HILTON TUSCALOOSA DOWNTOWN

BOOK NOW

205/349-2727



HOMEWOOD AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points SUITES when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 2451 Jack Warner Pkwy W 35401. Facility: 114 efficiencies. 6 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Pool:

outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.



























HOTEL CAPSTONE

BOOK NOW

205/752-3200

THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED & CLEAN Hotel. Address: 320 Paul Bryant Dr 35401.

HOTEL INDIGO TUSCALOOSA DOWNTOWN

BOOK NOW 205/469-1660



Hotel. Address: 111 Greensboro Ave 35401. Location: Waterfront. Facility: 101 units. 5 stories, interior corridors. Bath: shower only. Parking: on-site and street. Dining: 2 restaurants. Activities: bicycles, exercise room. Guest Services: valet laundry.



























MICROTEL INN & SUITES BY WYNDHAM TUSCALOOSA

BOOK NOW

205/553-4095



Hotel. Address: 1417 Veterans Memorial Pkwy 35404.



RAMADA BY WYNDHAM TUSCALOOSA **BOOK NOW** 205/759-4431



Hotel. Address: 631 Skyland Blvd E 35405.



RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT TUSCALOOSA

BOOK NOW 205/548-1010



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 211 Rice Mine Road Loop 35406.



RODEWAY INN TUSCALOOSA

BOOK NOW

205/556-5696



Hotel. Address: 4300 Skyland Blvd E 35405.



SPRINGHILL SUITES BY MARRIOTT TUSCALOOSA BOOK NOW 205/750-2003



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 4020 Greensboro Ave 35405.

TUSCUMBIA

• Hotels p. 124

Tuscumbia is one of the four cities making up the Muscle Shoals Area (see place listing p. 103). During the 1830s a canal was built around the rapids of the Tennessee River, and the first railway west of the Alleghenies connected the canal landing to Tuscumbia. Big Spring, for which the town was originally named, is in a park at the south end of S. Main Street and produces 55 million gallons of cold spring water daily.

An unusual nearby attraction is the Key Underwood Coon Dog Memorial Graveyard, about 21 miles southwest



124 TUSCUMBIA — TUSKEGEE, AL

of town off SR 247. In the Freedom Hills, a popular hunting area of the Cumberland Mountain Range, lie graves bearing touching epitaphs to prized coonhounds. A small park with picnic facilities adjoins the cemetery; phone (256) 383-0783.

Colbert County Tourism: 719 US 72W, P.O. Box 740425, Tuscumbia, AL 35674. Phone: (256) 383-0783 or (800) 344-0783.

BEST WESTERN PLUS TUSCUMBIA/MUSCLE SHOALS HOTEL &

BOOK NOW 256/386-9889



Hotel. Address: 1934 Hwy 20 35674. Facility: 70 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Pool: heated indoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.

























COMFORT INN & SUITES MUSCLE SHOALS/TUSCUMBIA BOOK NOW

256/248-0850



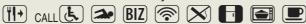


AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 5101 Hwy 43 S 35674. Facility: 62 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: limited exercise equipment. Guest Services: coin laundry.





















MICROTEL INN & SUITES BY WYNDHAM TUSCUMBIA/MUSCLE

SHOALS BOOK NOW 256/248-0055



Hotel. Address: 1852 Hwy 72 E 35674.

TUSKEGEE

Named for the Creek Indian village Taskigi, Tuskegee was settled by the French, who built a fort nearby. The fort changed hands in 1763 when France surrendered the territory to England. It assumed a significant role when Andrew Jackson's troops used it to launch a campaign against the Creek Confederacy, ultimately leading to the tribe's defeat.

The seat of Macon County, Tuskegee is the home of Tuskegee University, formerly known as Tuskegee Institute. The school was designated a national historic landmark in 1965 for its great contributions in education for African Americans. As head of the school's agricultural department, George Washington Carver's accomplishments helped the South's economic recovery after boll weevil infestations destroyed cotton farming. Today Tuskegee University enrolls some 3,000 students in liberal arts, education, business and engineering degree



programs. Campus tours are available; phone (334) 727-8479.

Tuskegee Area Chamber of Commerce: 121 S. Main St., Tuskegee, AL 36083. **Phone:** (334) 727-6619.

Self-guiding tours: The Black Heritage Trail features many sites that figure prominently in African American history. Brochures featuring a map and descriptions of the sites are available from the chamber of commerce.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, 1200 W. Montgomery Rd. (SR 126), on the Tuskegee University campus, honors Booker T. Washington, the school's first president. Originally established to train African American teachers, the institute gained prominence in the early 1900s thanks to agricultural innovations developed by George Washington Carver. A walking tour includes the Booker T. Washington Monument and the Tuskegee University Chapel.

In the early years many students at what was then called Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute earned part or all of their educational expenses by helping to erect the school's first buildings. The present-day campus consists of more than 160 buildings on 1,500 acres.

Note: Walking tour maps are available at the Carver Museum and the National Park Service Headquarters at 1212 W. Montgomery Rd. **Phone:** (334) 727-3200.

Carver Museum is near the entrance to Tuskegee University (1200 W. Montgomery Rd.), part of Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site. It follows George Washington Carver's careers as an artist, teacher and scientist. His preserved laboratory depicts experiments that resulted in more than 300 extractions from peanuts and more than 100 by-products from sweet potatoes. Among his inventions were a paint formulated from Alabama clay and a synthetic marble made from wood pulp.

The museum also has exhibits about the history of Tuskegee Institute. **Phone:** (334) 727-3200.

The Oaks is on W. Montgomery Rd. at Tuskegee University, part of Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site (1200 W. Montgomery Rd.); tours begin from the Carver Museum. This is the former home of Booker T. Washington, who lived here from 1900 until his death in 1915. Dignitaries who visited the home included presidents Howard Taft and Theodore Roosevelt as well as philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. The restored 1899 Queen Anne-style house is furnished with period items and contains his study.

Time: Allow 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (334) 727-3200. $\overline{\text{GT}}$

TUSKEGEE NATIONAL FOREST

Elevations in the forest range from 260 ft. to 510 ft. Refer to AAA maps for additional elevation information.

Northeast of Tuskegee, the 11,255-acre Tuskegee National Forest permits hunting in season with an Alabama state license. The Bartram National Recreation Trail offers hiking through an 8.5-mile section and mountain biking through the 4-mile northern half of the trail in mostly secluded woodland. The forest also has a 14-mile loop horse and hiking trail and rustic primitive campsites. At the Taska Recreation Area located on US 29/80 a kiosk depicts Alabama's Black Belt Heritage Trail.

The district headquarters, off SR 186 near Tuskegee, is open Mon.-Fri. 8-4:30; closed federal holidays. For more information contact Tuskegee National Forest District Office at 125 National Forest Rd. 949; phone (334) 727-2652. See Recreation Areas Chart.

VANCE

THE MERCEDES-BENZ VISITOR CENTER, just e. off I-59 exit 89 at 11 Mercedes Dr., traces the German company's earliest days as a motorcycle manufacturer in the 1880s to its current standing as a world-renowned automaker. Vehicle displays include vintage automobiles, 1950s racing and sports cars, and concept models. Engineering techniques are highlighted with video presentations and exhibits.

The visitor center is located on the grounds of the company's only U.S. manufacturing plant. A 90-minute plant tour showing the assembly of M-Class sport-utility vehicles is available.

Note: At time of publication, the visitor center was closed, and the manufacturing plant tours were suspended. They are expected to resume in early 2022; phone ahead. **Phone:** (205) 507-2252 or (888) 286-8762.

WETUMPKA

• Hotels p. 126

The Coosa River flows through the middle of Wetumpka, creating opportunities for tourism and outdoor recreation. Nature trails, including the Swayback Ridge Trail, wind through the nearby Appalachian foothills, and Lake Martin—one of the world's largest man-made lakes—and Lake Jordan attract fishing and boating enthusiasts. These attributes help explain why Wetumpka also is known as "The City of Natural Beauty."

Upriver are remnants of the western rim of the Wetumpka Meteor Impact Crater, unusual rock formations rising out of the water. The 4-mile-wide crater was formed some 83 million years ago when a meteor more than 1,100 feet in diameter crashed into the Earth's surface; today's city sits right on the bull's-eye of what is said to be the greatest natural disaster in Alabama history.

Crossing the Coosa is the Bibb Graves Bridge, built in 1937 and one of only two known bridges south of the Mason-Dixon line that are suspended by reinforced concrete arches. Wetumpka also abounds in antebellum churches, historic homes and landmarks such as the Greek Renaissance-style Elmore County Courthouse. Annual events include the Coosa River Whitewater Festival Riverfest earlv June. in mid-August Christmas on the Coosa in December.

Wetumpka Area Chamber of Commerce: 110 East Bridge St., Wetumpka, AL 36092. Phone: (334) 567-4811.

WIND CREEK CASINO & HOTEL WETUMPKA BOOK NOW 866/946-3360



Contemporary Hotel. Address: 100 River Oaks Dr 36092. Location: Waterfront. Facility: Located along the banks of the Coosa River, the high-rise hotel features a unique curved roof that is hard to miss. Rooms are designed with upscale décor and furnishings, and all are river-facing, 283 units, 19 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site and valet. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Dining: 2 restaurants. Pool: outdoor.

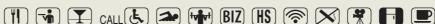
Activities: exercise room, spa. Guest Services: valet laundry. (See ad p. 127.)































WILLIAM B. BANKHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

Elevations in the forest range from 510 ft. at Lewis Smith Lake to 1,074 ft. at Penitentiary Mountain. Refer to AAA maps for additional elevation information.

In northwestern Alabama, the 180,000-acre William B. Bankhead National Forest encompasses lakes, limestone canyons and a natural bridge as well as the 25,986-acre Sipsey Wilderness Area, Recreation areas within the forest include Brushy Lake, Clear Creek, Corinth, Houston and Sipsey River. Hunting for deer, wild turkeys, squirrels and quails is permitted in season. The office in Double Springs is open Mon.-Fri. 7:30-4; closed federal holidays.

For more information contact William B. Bankhead National Forest, District Office, 1070 SR 33, Double Springs, AL 35553; phone (205) 489-5111. See Recreation Areas Chart.

WINFIELD

Hotels p. 126



HAMPTON INN BY HILTON WINFIELD BOOK NOW 205/487-1270

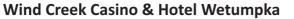


AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 7005 State Hwy 129 35594.







100 River Oaks Drive Wetumpka, AL

1-866-946-3360











WIND CREEK®

WETUMPKA



Save the cost of your **MEMBERSHIP**

discounts.aaa.com







#AAADiscounts



Gulf Islands National Seashore / © iStockphoto.com / lightphoto

Close your eyes and picture a sublime tropical setting. Visualize bottlenose dolphins leaping gleefully from frothy waves toward a glowing citrine sun. Imagine clusters of elegant sea oats bowing gracefully in the subtropical breeze, sprouting from sand dunes that guard alabaster-sand beaches. Envision walking into pillowy sand that gives way with each step and then into balmy aquamarine water that laps invitingly at your toes.

Sounds quite idyllic, doesn't it? Open your eyes—you've just discovered Northern Florida, a place that evokes images of paradise. This is a part of Florida that doesn't contain crowded theme parks or highenergy nightlife, a Florida that many might not think of when planning a vacation to the Sunshine State.

Nature's Theme Park

Miles upon miles of exquisite beaches are the main draw for North Florida. However, you'll be delighted to find that the northernmost section of the state has a myriad of enjoyable attractions—museums devoted to art, science and Florida and African American history; historic houses and buildings; parks, gardens, and even a cavern or two; and quaint historic districts—all topped off with a heaping spoonful of good, old-fashioned Southern hospitality and charm.

Southern accents ring out from such northern enclaves as Pensacola and Tallahassee. Tallahassee, Florida's state capital, was once populated by cotton

Good Facts To Know	130
Orientation Map	131
Recreation Areas Chart	132
Alphabetical City Listings	134

and tobacco plantations; today it's home to state legislators and college students. The city boasts two state capitol buildings: the 1845 Greek Revival Historic Capitol, fronted by jaunty red-and-white-striped awnings, and the modern 22-story State Capitol built in 1977. Downtown's historic districts preserve the city's southern flavor with a wide variety of architectural styles, from early 19th-century Greek Revival and Federal to late 1800s Queen Anne and Gothic Revival to early 20th-century Art Deco and bungalows. Tallahassee's two large universities, Florida A&M University, founded in 1887, and Florida State University, established in 1851, lend an air of exuberance to the city, especially during football season.

Pensacola houses the Naval Air Station Pensacola, also home to the Blue Angels precision flying team. The Blue Angels engage in practice sessions at the museum most Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. March through November; guests gaze upward in awe as these daredevils perform spellbinding maneuvers. Back on land and sea, Pensacola's beaches also awe with their talcum-soft sand and jade-green waters.

In March and April, students on spring break storm



the shores in Panama City Beach for the collegegoers' annual rite of passage. Slathered in sunblock, they toss Frisbees in skimpy beachwear among a crazy guilt of beach towels. Families can enjoy the sun and sea here, too, as well as attractions like Zoo World or a dolphin encounter cruise aboard the Capt. Anderson III. Pods of bottlenose dolphins are a common sight in Gulf waters.

If your meal anywhere in the state of Florida includes oysters, chances are those oysters came from North Florida. Apalachicola, to be exact, billed as the Oyster Capital of the World, is where 90 percent of the state's oysters are harvested. This little fishing town on the Forgotten Coast lies on the waterfront, where you'll also find charming Victorian inns, quaint antique and gift shops and plenty of fishing.

Recreation

North Florida's polished white-quartz sand beaches and emerald-green waters invite lovers of the sand and ocean to swim, sun, build sand castles and toss volleyballs and Frisbees. But if you're not the beachgoer type, or simply want to explore the rest of the Panhandle's al fresco offerings, you'll find this part of Florida an outdoorsman's dream.

At the 571,088-acre Apalachicola National Forest, towering pine trees and sturdy oaks rise from dense thickets of palmettos, accented by myriad rivers. lakes, streams and ponds. Fresh-air activities include kayaking, boating, fishing, swimming, hiking, cycling, camping, horseback riding and hunting. Take a leisurely canoe trip on Kennedy Creek into a picturesque cypress swamp or cast for trophy-size largemouth bass as well as catfish, crappie and sunfish in the forest's lakes and rivers.

A large portion of Gulf Islands National Seashore resides in Florida. Spend a tranquil day at the seashore or go bicycle riding, primitive camping, snorkeling, swimming, fishing, hiking, beachcombing, birdwatching, wildlife viewing and boating. Pack a picnic and pedal one of nine hiking trails at Naval Live Oaks. including a 40-mile bike loop. The beach at Santa Rosa Sound with its calm, shallow waters is a relaxing option for families with young children. The water at the seashore is fine for swimmers, especially at beaches specially designated for swimming, including Johnson Beach, Langdon Beach and Opal Beach. Perdido Key has everything you need for a day at the beach, including a lifeguard, boardwalk trails and picnic tables. The national seashore also is famous for its numerous fishing possibilities. A license is required for most types of fishing in Florida; phone (888) 347-4356 to apply.

Panama City Beach is another hot spot for anglers, with blue marlin, cobia, red snapper, pompano and trout readily chomping at the bait. Or don scuba gear and dive into the Gulf several miles offshore, where you can ogle exotic sea life in the area's 50 artificial reefs.

If you prefer your exertion on the easy to moderate end of the spectrum, catch a breeze while bicycling on the relatively flat Florida terrain. The town of White Springs is near 15 trails, including the looping Gar Pond Trail and the Big Shoals Trail, which passes one of the state's scant white-water stretches on the Suwannee River. Looking for another lazy way to pass the day? Grab a tube and go river floating at Coldwater Creek in Blackwater River State Forest.

The Florida Historic Capitol Museum, Tallahassee / © iStockphoto.com / traveler1116



GOOD FACTS TO KNOW

ABOUT THE STATE

POPULATION: 21.538.187.

AREA: 65,758 square miles; ranks 22nd.

CAPITAL: Tallahassee.

HIGHEST POINT: 345 ft., Walton County. LOWEST POINT: Sea level, Atlantic Ocean. TIME ZONE(S): Eastern/Central. DST.

GAMBLING

MINIMUM AGE FOR GAMBLING: 18 for pari-mutuel betting or poker; 21 for casino gambling, gaming machines or casino boats.

REGULATIONS

TEEN DRIVING LAWS: There are no passenger restrictions. A driver age 15 with a learner's permit may only drive during daylight hours accompanied by a licensed adult age 21 or older. Driving is not permitted 11 p.m.-6 a.m. for age 16 and 1 a.m.-5 a.m. for age 17, unless accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least age 21 in the front seat. The minimum age for an unrestricted driver's license is 18. For more information about Florida driver's license regulations phone (850) 617-2000.

SEAT BELT/CHILD RESTRAINT LAWS: Seat belts are required for driver and front-seat passengers. Seat belt is required for children ages 6-17. Children age 3 and under must be in a carrier or integrated child seat. Children ages 4-5 must be in a carrier, integrated child seat or booster seat. AAA recommends seat belts/child restraints for driver and all passengers.

CELLPHONE RESTRICTIONS: Text messaging is prohibited for all drivers. Handheld cell phone use is prohibited in school and construction zones where workers are present.

HELMETS FOR MOTORCYCLISTS: Required for riders under 21. Persons 21 and over may ride without helmets only if they can show proof they are covered by a medical insurance policy.

RADAR DETECTORS: Permitted. Prohibited for use by commercial vehicles.

MOVE OVER LAW: Driver is required to slow down and vacate the lane nearest stopped police, fire and rescue vehicles using audible or flashing signals. Law also requires drivers to move over for stationary sanitation vehicles, utility service vehicles, tow trucks, road and bridge maintenance vehicles, and construction vehicles.

FIREARMS LAWS: Vary by state and/or county. Contact the Florida Department of Agriculture, Division of Licensing, P.O. Box 6687, Tallahassee, FL 32314-6687; phone (850) 245-5691.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: All motorists who drive trucks or pull trailers must stop at road guard agricultural inspection stations. Recreational vehicles and private passenger vehicles without trailers are not required to stop at these stations.

Permanently disabled persons with "handicapped" license plates from any state receive special parking privileges in Florida.

HOLIDAYS

HOLIDAYS: New Year's Day, Jan. 1 ● Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. (3rd Mon.) • Washington's Birthday/President's Day, Feb. (3rd Mon.) • Memorial Day, May (4th Mon.) • July 4 • Labor Day, Sept. (1st Mon.) • Veterans Day, Nov. 11 Thanksgiving, Nov. (4th Thurs.), and following Fri.

Christmas, Dec. 25.

MONEY

TAXES: Florida's statewide sales tax is 6 percent, with counties allowed to impose additional levies. There is a tax on accommodations and meals, and counties have the option to add a tourist impact tax and a tourist development tax of varying levels.

VISITOR INFORMATION

INFORMATION CENTERS: State welcome centers can be found just south of the Florida/Alabama border on US 231 at Campbellton ● south of the Florida/Georgia border off I-75 near Jennings ● near the Florida/Alabama border off I-10, 16 miles west of Pensacola ● south of the Florida/Georgia border off I-95 near Yulee • and in Tallahassee at the Florida State Capitol.

SPECIAL NOTE: Lovebugs are very sticky insects that swarm during the day in April, May, September and October, clogging car radiators, smearing windshields and corroding a car's finish.

FURTHER INFORMATION FOR VISITORS:

Visit Florida Inc.

101 N. Monroe St., Suite 900

Tallahassee, FL 32301

(850) 488-5607 (Main Office)

(850) 488-6167 (Florida Capitol Welcome Center)

(888) 735-2872 (Information specialist)

NATIONAL FOREST INFORMATION:

National Forests in Florida 325 John Knox Rd., Suite F-210 Tallahassee, FL 32303-4160

(850) 523-8500; (877) 444-6777 (Reservations)

FISHING AND HUNTING REGULATIONS:

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

620 S. Meridian St.

Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600

(850) 488-4676 (Main Office); (888) 347-4356 (fishing licenses)

RECREATION INFORMATION:

Florida Department of Environmental Protection 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Mail Station 49 Tallahassee. FL 32399-3000 (850) 245-3029



"© OpenStreetMap contributors

Florida Panhandle



Shaded columns below indicate available services and activities.



Find thousands of places to camp at AAA.com/campgrounds

CAMPING
PICNICKING
HIKING TRAILS
BOATING
BOAT RAMP
BOAT RENTAL
FISHING
SWIMMING
PET FRIENDLY
BICYCLE TRAILS
SKIN/SCUBA
VISITOR CENTER
LODGE/CABINS
FOOD SERVICE

NATIONAL FORESTS (See place listings.)													
Apalachicola 571,088 acres. Northwestern Florida.													
NATIONAL SEASHORES (See place listings.)													
Gulf Islands 135,607 acres. Northwestern Florida. Bird-watching.													
STATE													
Alfred B. Maclay Gardens 1,176 acres 5 mi. n.e. of Tallahassee on US 319. Scenic. Horse trails.													
Big Lagoon 655 acres 10 mi. s.w. of Pensacola on SR 292A. Amphitheater, observation tower.													
Blackwater River 635 acres 15 mi. n.e. of Milton off US 90. Historic. Tubing; guided walks.													
Dr. Julian G. Bruce St. George Island 2,023 acres off US 98 via CRs G1A and 300 on St. George Island. Bird-watching.													
Econfina River 4,528 acres s. of Lamont at the end of CR 14. Horse trails.													
Edward Ball Wakulla Springs 5,882 acres .5 mi. e. of Wakulla Springs at jct. SRs 61 and 267. Birdwatching; boat tours.													
Falling Waters 173 acres 3 mi. s. of Chipley off SR 77.													
Florida Caverns 1,280 acres 3 mi. n. of Marianna on SR 166. Bird-watching; horse trails.													
Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou 362 acres 3.5 mi. e. of Niceville on SR 20.													
Grayton Beach 2,127 acres adjacent to Grayton Beach on SR 30A.													

Recreation Areas Chart	CAMPING		(0							LS		ER	S	ш								
Shaded columns below indicate available services and activities.		DNG.	NG	5 S	NG	NG	5 S	5 _N	5 U	KING	HIKING TRAILS	ŊĊ	RAMP	BOAT RENTAL	5	IING	PET FRIENDLY	BICYCLE TRAILS	CUBA	VISITOR CENTER	ODGE/CABINS	SERVICE
Find thousands of places to camp at AAA.com/campgrounds		PICNICKING	HIKING	BOATING	BOAT RAMP	BOAT	FISHING	SWIMMING	PET FF	BICYCI	SKIN/SCUBA	VISITO	LODGE	FOOD								
Henderson Beach 208 acres just e. of Destin on US 98. Wildlife viewing; boardwalks, nature trails, pavilions, playground.																						
Lake Talquin 526 acres (land), 10,000 acres (lake) n. of SR 20 at 14850 Jack Vause Landing Rd. in Tallahassee. Bird-watching, canoeing, kayaking, wildlife viewing; boardwalk, nature trail.																						
Ochlockonee River 385 acres 4 mi. s. of Sopchoppy on US 319.																						
Ponce De Leon Springs 382 acres .5 mi. s. of US 90 on CR 181A.																						
St. Andrews 1,168 acres 3 mi. e. of Panama City Beach via SR 392.																						
Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center More than 800 acres at 11016 Lillian Saunders Dr. (US 41N) in White Springs. Canoeing, horseback riding, kayaking, wildlife viewing; amphitheater, canoe/kayak launch, playground.																						
Three Rivers 667 acres 2 mi. n. of Sneads on SR 271 (River Rd.).																						
T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula 2,600 acres 20 mi. s.w. of Port St. Joe. Bird-watching, canoeing, kayaking; wilderness preserve.																						
	ER																					
Silver Lake 25 acres 8 mi. w. of Tallahassee off SR 20.																						
viewing; boardwalk, nature trail. Ochlockonee River 385 acres 4 mi. s. of Sopchoppy on US 319. Ponce De Leon Springs 382 acres .5 mi. s. of US 90 on CR 181A. St. Andrews 1,168 acres 3 mi. e. of Panama City Beach via SR 392. Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center More than 800 acres at 11016 Lillian Saunders Dr. (US 41N) in White Springs. Canoeing, horseback riding, kayaking, wildlife viewing; amphitheater, canoe/kayak launch, playground. Three Rivers 667 acres 2 mi. n. of Sneads on SR 271 (River Rd.). T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula 2,600 acres 20 mi. s.w. of Port St. Joe. Bird-watching, canoeing, kayaking; wilderness preserve. OTHI	ER																					

134 APALACHICOLA — APALACHICOLA NF, FL

APALACHICOLA

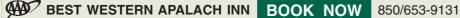
• Hotels p. 134

Apalachicola is a Hitchiti Indian word meaning "people on the other side." Ninety percent of the state's oyster crop (10 percent of the nation's total) is cultivated in Apalachicola's more than 7,000 acres of oyster beds. In early November, the 2-day Florida Seafood Festival is held in Battery Park. Along with oyster-shucking contests,

entertainment and seafood sampling, a blessing of the fleet also takes place.

Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce: 122 Commerce St., Apalachicola, FL 32320-1776. Phone: (850) 653-9419.

Shopping: Apalachicola has boutiques, antique shops and art galleries. The Grady Market houses more than a dozen shopping venues in the historical Grady Building.





Hotel. Address: 249 US 98 W 32320. Facility: 42 units. 2 stories (no elevator), exterior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.























WATER STREET HOTEL & MARINA, AN ASCEND HOTEL COLLECTION

MEMBER BOOK NOW 850/653-3700



AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 329 Water St 32320. Location: Waterfront. Facility: 30 units. 3 stories, exterior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Pool: outdoor. Activities: marina, fishing, exercise room. Guest Services: complimentary laundry.

























APALACHICOLA NATIONAL FOREST

Elevations in the forest range from 10 ft. to 100 ft.

Stretching across four northwestern counties, the Apalachicola National Forest is the largest of Florida's three national forests. Its 571.088 acres of varied terrain include pine flatwoods, hardwood hammocks, swamp, rivers, lakes and two wilderness areas: Bradwell Bay and Mud Swamp/New River. Other sites include Leon Sinks, an unusual geological area of caverns and sinkholes, and Fort Gadsden, an outpost along the Apalachicola River dating

to the War of 1812. The fort vanished more than a century ago, but interpretive information and artifacts present the colorful history of this strategic location. The first fort on this site was built by the British with help from the Seminole Indians and runaway slaves; it was destroyed in 1816.

Secluded lakes and streams and canoe trails on the Sopchoppy and lower Ochlockonee rivers are popular with canoeists. Several lake areas have campgrounds and hiking trails. Hunting and fishing also are popular activities.

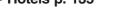


A portion of the 1,300-mile Florida National Scenic Trail passes through the forest, showcasing a wide variety of plants and wildlife native to the area. Hikers may catch glimpses of alligators and such rare and endangered species as the red-cockaded woodpecker, indigo snake and bald eagle.

Further information about the forest can be obtained at the district headquarters offices in Crawfordville, (850) 926-3561, and in Bristol, (850) 643-2282. See Recreation Areas Chart.

CRAWFORDVILLE

Hotels p. 135



BEST WESTERN WAKULLA INN & SUITES

BOOK NOW 850/926-3737



Hotel. Address: 3292 Coastal Hwy 98 32327. Facility: 57 units. 2 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.





















CRESTVIEW

Hotels p. 135







AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 900 Southcrest Dr 32536. Facility: 75 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin





















COUNTRY INN & SUITES BY RADISSON BOOK NOW 850/306-2020





AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 235 Rasberry Rd 32536. Facility: 65 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest

Services: coin laundry.

























FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT CRESTVIEW BOOK NOW 850/689-0074



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 110 Crosson Dr 32536.

HAMPTON INN BY HILTON CRESTVIEW SOUTH I-10 BOOK NOW 850/409-3360



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 112 John King Rd 32539.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES BOOK NOW

850/398-8100

THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN Hotel, Address: 125 Cracker Barrel Dr 32536.

DE FUNIAK SPRINGS

Hotels p. 136

BEST WESTERN CROSSROADS INN BOOK NOW

850/892-5111



Motel. Address: 2343 US Hwy 331 S 32435. Facility: 100 units. 2 stories (no elevator), interior/exterior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Guest Services: coin laundry.

(TI+) (X) CALL(&) (30) (BIZ)























HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS BOOK NOW

850/520-4660



INSPECTED @ CLEAN

Hotel. Address: 326 Cov Burgess Loop 32435.

DESTIN

• Hotels p. 137

With its quartz properties, the crystalline sand sparkles with a white luster and feels soft to the touch on Destin's share of the 24-mile Emerald Coast. The whiteness, in turn, intensifies the bluish-green hue of the Gulf of Mexico. Public beach access and fun things to do are available at intervals along US 98 and in Henderson Beach State Park (see Recreation Areas Chart).

In addition to shops, a cluster of local restaurants and bars. Harborwalk Village features water sports outfitters and is a haven for a large fleet of charter fishing craft. Sport fishing is extremely popular here due to Destin's



close proximity to the 100 fathom curve—the edge of the continental shelf-where deep-sea fishing for billfish is at its finest. Record catches have earned Destin the title of "World's Luckiest Fishing Village." Stop by the Destin History and Fishing Museum, 108 Stahlman Ave., for more information; phone (850) 837-6611.

Destin Area Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center: 4484 Legendary Dr., Suite A. Destin, FL 32541. Phone: (850) 837-6241.

Shopping

Whether you're planning to travel with kids and need supplies or looking for fun things to do with friends, you'll find this beachside destination presents plenty of shopping opportunities. Souvenirs, specialty shops and outlet stores are often conveniently on or near the beach.

Alvin's Island Tropical Department Stores (1000 U.S. 98 E.), sells towels, swimsuits and sunscreen for a day at the beach as well as souvenirs and T-shirts for your trip back home: phone (850) 654-8946.

Shoppers and adventure travel enthusiasts alike visit Harborwalk Village, 10 Harbor Blvd., a marina and marketplace at the base of the Destin Bridge. (Note: There's

a fee for parking.) Sports apparel and specialty items. such as temporary tattoos and kites, are what to buy. This also is where to go for charters, travel tours and such rentals as kayaks, pontoons and personal watercraft; phone (850) 424-0600.

Destin Commons, 4100 Legendary Dr., is an open-air complex with local restaurants and retailers, such as Belk, H&M and Bass Pro Shops; phone (850) 337-8700. Florida-based chain Maui Nix offers beach gear and surfing accessories; phone (850) 269-1234.

Deal seekers head toward Silver Sands Premium Outlets (10562 Emerald Coast Pkwy.) to save money on some of the best-known brands. Adidas, Carter's and Tommy Hilfiger are among the more than 100 outlet stores; visit the service center kiosk or phone (850) 654-9771.

BIG KAHUNA'S WATER AND ADVENTURE PARK, 1007 US 98E, offers a variety of slides, pools, water activities and children's areas. Adventure Park features miniature golf, Sky Coaster and Cyclone. Note: Guests under 48 inches tall are required to wear a life jacket and be accompanied by an adult in the wave pool. Complimentary life jacket and locker rentals are available.

Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (850) 837-8319.



FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT DESTIN BOOK NOW 850/654-8611



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 19001 Emerald Coast Pkwy 32541.



INSPECTED @ CLEAN®

HAMPTON INN & SUITES DESTIN BOOK NOW 850/654-2677

AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 1625 Scenic Hwy 98 E 32541.

Save time & stay secure year-round

Begin or Renew your membership today:

- Online at AAA.com/Membership
- Visit your local club office
- Call 800-Join-AAA (564-6222)







HENDERSON BEACH RESORT BOOK NOW 850/424-4400



Resort Hotel. Address: 200 Henderson Resort Way 32541. Facility: The serenely set. impressive beach resort offers various views of the beach and the adjacent nature preserve. The upscale rooms offer enhanced amenities, cozy bedding and a balcony. 170 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site (fee) and valet. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Dining: 4 restaurants. Pool: outdoor, heated outdoor. Activities: hot tub, steamroom, cabanas, recreation programs in season, kids club, bicycles, lawn sports, trails, health club, spa, **Guest Services**; valet laundry, Affiliated with Preferred Hotels & Resorts.

































HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL & SUITES BOOK NOW 850/654-9383



Hotel. Address: 108 Hutchinson St 32541. Facility: 74 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room.

























HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON - DESTIN BOOK NOW 850/650-3500



INSPECTED CLEAN

AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 14060 Emerald Coast Pkwy 32541.



HOMEWOOD SUITES BY HILTON DESTIN BOOK NOW 850/269-8100



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 14051 Emerald Coast Pkwy 32541.



Hit the Road with Financial Services

Providing peace-of-mind benefits for members. Visit your local AAA office or online at:

AAA.com/Financial

All products not available at all locations.





SPARK BY HILTON DESTIN BOOK NOW 850/650-9191



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 4415 Commons Dr E 32541. Facility: 137 units, some two bedrooms. 3 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.























SUMMERPLACE INN BOOK NOW 850/650-8003



Hotel. Address: 14047 Emerald Coast Pkwy 32541. Facility: 72 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Pool: outdoor, heated indoor. Activities: hot tub, limited exercise equipment. Guest Services: coin laundry.























TRU BY HILTON DESTIN BOOK NOW 850/279-9500



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 150 Henderson Beach Rd 32541.



WINGATE BY WYNDHAM BOOK NOW 850/654-4678



Hotel. Address: 117 Palm St 32541.

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE

Eglin Air Force Base is where Gen. Jimmy Doolittle's "Raiders" secretly trained after the attack on Pearl Harbor and is the headquarters of the McKinley Climatic Laboratory. The 96th Test Wing is the installation's host to many units, including some 10,000 military, civilian and contract employees.

AIR FORCE ARMAMENT MUSEUM is at 100 Museum Dr., near SR 189 and Eglin Air Force Base's west gate. The museum exhibits 29 aircraft (25 outdoors), including a SR-71 Blackbird spy plane, a Soviet MiG 21 fighter jet and World War II fighters and bombers. Numerous munitions displays include missiles, bombs, rockets and small arms ranging from World War II rifles to the MOAB



140 EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE — FORT WALTON BEACH, FL

(Mother Of All Bombs/Massive Ordnance Air Blast), the largest guided conventional air drop weapon. Artifacts focus on the development and fielding of air-to-air and airto-ground non-nuclear munitions.

A 20-minute film depicts the history of Eglin Air Force Base from 1935 to the present. **Phone:** (850) 882-4062.

FORT WALTON BEACH

Hotels p. 140

Warm Gulf waters and a wide variety of recreational activities make Fort Walton Beach a popular area for family vacations. The sugary white sand beaches cover 24 miles of coast.

Emerald Coast Science Center, 139 Brooks St., offers interactive science exhibits for children; phone (850) 664-1261.

William Augustus Bowles (Capt. Billy Bowlegs), an 18thcentury pirate, is remembered with pirate-themed revelry, treasure hunts, fireworks and a parade in late May or early June at the Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival at Fort Walton Landing.

Emerald Coast Conventions & Visitors Bureau: 1540 Miracle Strip Pkwy. S.E., Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548. **Phone:** (850) 651-7131 or (800) 322-3319.

CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH HERITAGE PARK & CULTURAL CENTER, 139 Miracle Strip Pkwy. S.E., encompasses four museums. Indian Temple Mound Museum explores 12,000 years of Native American occupation of the northwest Florida coast as well as European exploration and settlement through one of the largest collections of prehistoric ceramics in the Southeast. The temple mound, constructed around A.D. 1000, is topped with a replica temple. Camp Walton Schoolhouse and Garnier Post Office Museum depict life in the early 20th century while the Civil War Exhibit features Florida Civil War history.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (850) 833-9595.



BEAL HOUSE FORT WALTON BEACHFRONT, TAPESTRY COLLECTION BY

HILTON





AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 380 Santa Rosa Blvd 32548.



CANDLEWOOD SUITES FT WALTON BCH - HURLBURT AREA

BOOK NOW

850/226-7600



Extended Stay Motel. Address: 407 Miracle Strip Pkwy SW 32548.



COMFORT INN & SUITES FORT WALTON

BOOK NOW 850/362-6700





AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 137 Miracle Strip Pkwy SW 32548. Facility: 75 units, some efficiencies. 4 stories, interior corridors. Amenities: safes. Pool: heated indoor. Activities: hot tub, exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.



















COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT FORT WALTON BEACH-WEST

DESTIN

BOOK NOW

850/244-2222



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 414 Santa Rosa Blvd 32548.

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT FORT WALTON BEACH HURLBURT

BOOK NOW

850/226-7108



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 522 Mary Esther Cut Off NW 32547.

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT FORT WALTON BEACH-WEST

BOOK NOW 850/244-5555



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 540 Santa Rosa Blvd 32548.

FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON DESTIN FORT WALTON BEACH BOOK NOW



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 1325 Miracle Strip Pkwy 32548. Location: Oceanfront. BY SHERATON Facility: 216 units. 2-7 stories (no elevator), interior/exterior corridors.

Parking: on-site (fee). Terms: check-in 4 pm. Dining: 2 restaurants. Pool: outdoor. Activities: hot tub, beach on-site, exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.

































HAMPTON INN BY HILTON FORT WALTON BEACH BOOK NOW 850/301-0906



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking **AAA/CAA** rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 1112 Santa Rosa Blvd 32548.

142 FORT WALTON BEACH, FL



HILTON GARDEN INN FORT WALTON BEACH BOOK NOW 850/362-1000



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 1297 Miracle Strip Pkwy 32548.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS BOOK NOW 850/737-2900

THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN Hotel. Address: 127 Miracle Strip Pkwy SW 32548.

HOLIDAY INN RESORT FORT WALTON BEACH BOOK NOW

850/301-9000

THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN Resort Hotel. Address: 1299 Miracle Strip Pkwv 32548.

THE ISLAND RESORT AT FORT WALTON BEACH BOOK NOW 850/243-9161



Hotel. Address: 1500 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE 32548. Location: Oceanfront. Facility: 331 units. 2-6 stories (no elevator), interior/exterior corridors. Parking: on-site (fee). Amenities: safes. Dining: 2 restaurants. Pool: outdoor, heated outdoor. Activities: hot tub, beach on-site, recreation programs. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.



























LA QUINTA INN & SUITES FORT WALTON BEACH

BOOK NOW

850/244-1500



Hotel. Address: 3 Miracle Strip Pkwy SW 32548.



Safe Travels – We've Got You Covered

Stop by your local AAA office or visit us online.

AAA.com/Insurance



RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT FORT WALTON BEACH BOOK NOW

850/301-1369



Residence INI. AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 2 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE 32548. Location: Waterfront. Facility: 109 kitchen units. 5 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.

























TOWNEPLACE SUITES BY MARRIOTT FORT WALTON BEACH EGLIN

BOOK NOW 850/315-6000



SUITES®-MARRIOTT

TOWNEPLACE AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 843 Eglin Pkwy 32547. Location: Waterfront. Facility: 112 units, some two bedrooms, efficiencies and

kitchens. 4 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.





























TRU BY HILTON FORT WALTON BEACH BOOK NOW 850/374-8686



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 207 Miracle Strip Pkwy SW 32548.

WYNDHAM GARDEN HOTEL FORT WALTON BEACH-DESTIN

BOOK NOW

850/244-8686

APPROVED INSPECTED & CLEAN® Hotel. Address: 573 Santa Rosa Blvd 32548.

GULF BREEZE

• Hotels p. 144

Gulf Breeze Area Chamber of Commerce: 409 Gulf Breeze Pkwy., Gulf Breeze, FL 32561. Phone: (850) 932-7888.

GULF BREEZE ZOO, 8 mi. e. on US 98 at 5701 Gulf Breeze Pkwy., is home to more than 700 animals and 400 different species in naturalistic habitats. Highlights of the 50-acre zoo include a kangaroo exhibit, chimpanzee and gorilla islands, a children's petting zoo, a giraffe feeding station and interactive animal encounters every hour. Visitors ride the Safari Line train through a 20-acre wildlife preserve featuring free-roaming animals, including antelope, deer, hippos and zebras.



144 GULF BREEZE — GULF ISLANDS NS, FL

Time: Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (850)

932-2229.



THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN® AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 61 Gulf Breeze Pkwy 32561.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES GULF BREEZE PENSACOLA

BOOK NOW 850/990-7004

Hotel. Address: 50 Daniel Dr 32561.



THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN

THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN

> AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 940 Gulf Breeze Pkwy 32561.

GULF ISLANDS NATIONAL SEASHORE

Stretching west 160 miles from Fort Walton Beach to Cat Island off Gulfport, Miss., Gulf Islands National Seashore covers more than 135,000 acres, 80 percent of which are submerged lands. Most of Florida's portion is accessible by car and includes Naval Live Oaks Reservation; part of Perdido Key; Fort Barrancas (see attraction listing p. 160) and the Advanced Redoubt on the Naval Air Station Pensacola; the Okaloosa area near Fort Walton Beach; and portions of Santa Rosa Island including the Fort Pickens area.

Guided tours of Fort Barrancas are offered daily and tours of the restored Advanced Redoubt are offered Saturdays. A visitor center at Naval Live Oaks Reservation features an orientation film and exhibits.

Recreation opportunities include biking, boating, camping, fishing, hiking, picnicking, swimming and snorkeling. Contact the park for snorkeling regulations. The area is also a good bird-watching site. For further information contact Gulf Islands National Seashore, 1801 Gulf Breeze Pkwy., Gulf Breeze, FL 32563; phone (850) 934-2600. See Recreation Areas Chart.

FORT PICKENS VISITOR CENTER is at 1400 Fort Pickens Rd. Educational materials and exhibits introduce visitors to the barrier islands along the Gulf coast. Exhibits also cover the defensive structures that once protected the entrance to Pensacola Bay. Phone: (850) 934-2600, or (850) 934-2656 (for Fort Pickens road condition hotline).



Discover thousands of pet-friendly places to stay, play and dine. Get insight to guide your decisions.





Visit AAA.com/PetTravel

MADISON

Hotels p. 145



BEST WESTERN PLUS MADISON INN BOOK NOW 850/973-2020



Hotel, Address: 167 SE Bandit St 32340, Facility: 58 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.

SAVE (Y) CALL (L) 🗻 🕪 BIZ 🛜 🔀 🗐 🖃















APPROVED INSPECTED @ CLEAN

MARIANNA

Hotels p. 145

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT MARIANNA BOOK NOW 850/482-0012



Fairfield AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 4966 Whitetail Dr 32448. Facility: 77 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry. SAVE (TI+) CALL (L) (A) (BIZ) (HS) (A) (A) (A)



INSPECTED @ CLEAN



















HAMPTON INN MARIANNA I-10 BOOK NOW 850/399-9700



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE) Hotel. Address: 2045 Hwy 71 32448.



Safe Travels – We've Got You Covered

Stop by your local AAA office or visit us online.

AAA.com/Insurance

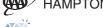




146 MARY ESTHER — MILTON, FL

MARY ESTHER

Hotels p. 146



HAMPTON INN & SUITES MARY ESTHER-FORT WALTON BEACH BOOK NOW 850/581-7000



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking **AAA/CAA** rates!

SAVE) Hotel. Address: 301 E Hollywood Blvd 32569.

MILTON

Hotels p. 146

A heavy growth of briars along the Blackwater River elicited Milton's early name, Scratch Ankle. The Blackwater, one of the state's most pristine rivers, has retained its importance to modern Milton as a carrier of recreational canoeists rather than commerce; canoes and tubes can be rented in the area. Blackwater River State Park (see Recreation Areas Chart) and Blackwater River State Forest are northeast. Historic old homes date back to the Civil War days. Whiting Field Naval Air Station is north on SR 87.

Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce and Tourist Information Center: 5247 Stewart St., Milton, FL 32570. Phone: (850) 623-2339.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES Canoeina

 Adventures Unlimited is 12 mi. n. on SR 87, then 4 mi, e, to 8974 Tomahawk Landing Rd. In addition to canoeing, other activities, including a zipline canopy tour, are offered. **Phone:** (850) 623-6197 or (800) 239-6864.



BEST WESTERN MILTON INN BOOK NOW 850/623-1511



INSPECTED @ CLEAN

Motel. Address: 8936 Hwy 87 S 32583. Facility: 66 units. 2 stories, interior corridors. Amenities: Some: safes, Pool: outdoor, Activities: exercise room, Guest Services: coin





















HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL & SUITES BOOK NOW

850/626-9060

THREE DIAMOND

INSPECTED @ CLEAN

Hotel. Address: 8510 Keshav Taylor Dr 32583.



Share with those you love

Add an Associate membership today:

- Online at AAA.com/Membership
- · Visit your local club office
- Call 800-Join-AAA (564-6222)





MIRAMAR BEACH

Hotels p. 147 • Restaurants p. 149



COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT SANDESTIN AT GRAND

BOULEVARD BOOK NOW 850/650-7411



COURTYARD AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 100 Grand Blvd 32550. Facility: 174 units. 5 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Pool: outdoor. Activities: hot tub, exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.

































850/337-7000





AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

EMBASSY Hotel. Address: 570 Scenic Gulf Dr 32550. Facility: 155 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: hot tub, exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.





by HILTON



























HILTON GARDEN INN - DESTIN/MIRAMAR BEACH **BOOK NOW** 850/622-3357



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 220 Scenic Gulf Dr 32550.



INSPECTED @ CLEAN®

HILTON SANDESTIN BEACH GOLF RESORT & SPA BOOK NOW 850/267-9500

AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Resort Hotel. Address: 4000 S Sandestin Blvd 32550.



HOTEL EFFIE SANDESTIN, AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION BOOK NOW 833/873-3343



FOUR DIAMOND

INSPECTED @ CLEAN

AUTOGRAPH AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott COLLECTION[®] Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

HOTELS

Hotel. Address: 1 Grand Sandestin Blvd 32550. Facility: Located within the Sandestin Resort, guests enjoy visiting beaches along the Emerald

Coast, golfing and dining. The large upscale rooms are a plus and get you in the mindset of being on vacation mode. 250 units. 9 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site (fee) and valet. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Dining: 4 restaurants, entertainment. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: cabanas, self-propelled boats, tennis, bicycles, trails, exercise room, spa. Guest Services: valet laundry, area transportation.





























HYATT PLACE SANDESTIN AT GRAND BOULEVARD BOOK NOW 850/650-7611



HYATT PLACE AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn World of Hyatt points when booking AAA/CAA rates! Members also receive free breakfast at Hyatt Place/Hyatt House with their World of Hyatt membership!

Hotel. Address: 325 Grand Blvd 32550. Facility: 84 units. 5 stories, interior corridors. Terms: off-site registration, check-in 4 pm. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.































RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT SANDESTIN AT GRAND

BOULEVARD

BOOK NOW 850/650-7811



Residence INI. AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 300 Grand Blvd 32550. Facility: 120 units, some two bedrooms, efficiencies and kitchens. 4 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Pool: outdoor. Activities: hot tub, exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.





INSPECTED © CLEAN





























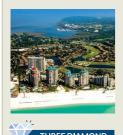








SANDESTIN GOLF AND BEACH RESORT BOOK NOW 850/267-8000



INSPECTED @ CLEANS

Resort Hotel. Address: 9300 Emerald Coast Pkwy W 32550. Location: Waterfront. Facility: The 2,400-acre resort offers a large variety of facilities, including high-rise condos, waterfront villas and designer-decorated homes; a limited number of buildings do not offer elevator service. 980 units, some two bedrooms, three bedrooms, efficiencies, kitchens, houses and condominiums. 1-22 stories, interior/exterior corridors. Parking: on-site (fee). Terms: check-in 4 pm. Dining: 23 restaurants. Pool: outdoor, heated outdoor. Activities: sauna, hot tub, beach on-site, self-propelled boats, marina, fishing, regulation golf, miniature golf, tennis, recreation programs in summer, kids club, bicycles, playground, game room, health club, spa. Guest Services: complimentary laundry, area transportation. (See ad starting on p. 150.)





























WHERE TO EAT



SEAGAR'S PRIME STEAKS AND SEAFOOD 850/267-9500



Steak Seafood Fine Dining. Expert Advice: The sophisticated restaurant offers an intimate dining experience with service that excels. The open kitchen provides an opportunity for patrons to observe as the staff uses fresh ingredients to prepare delicious appetizers, Prime beef and seafood dishes. The impressive tableside preparation of Caesar salad, steak "Diane" and Bananas (or Peach) Foster is notable. The refreshing assortment of gelato or sorbet ends the meal nicely. Features: full bar. Reservations: suggested. Semiformal attire. Address: 4000 S Sandestin Blvd 32550. Parking: on-site and valet. D CALL

NAVARRE

Hotels p. 149

BEST WESTERN NAVARRE WATERFRONT BOOK NOW 850/939-9400



Hotel. Address: 8697 Navarre Pkwy 32566. Location: Waterfront. Facility: 68 units. 3 stories, exterior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.

























YOU'LL FIND IT ALL AT SANDESTIN®

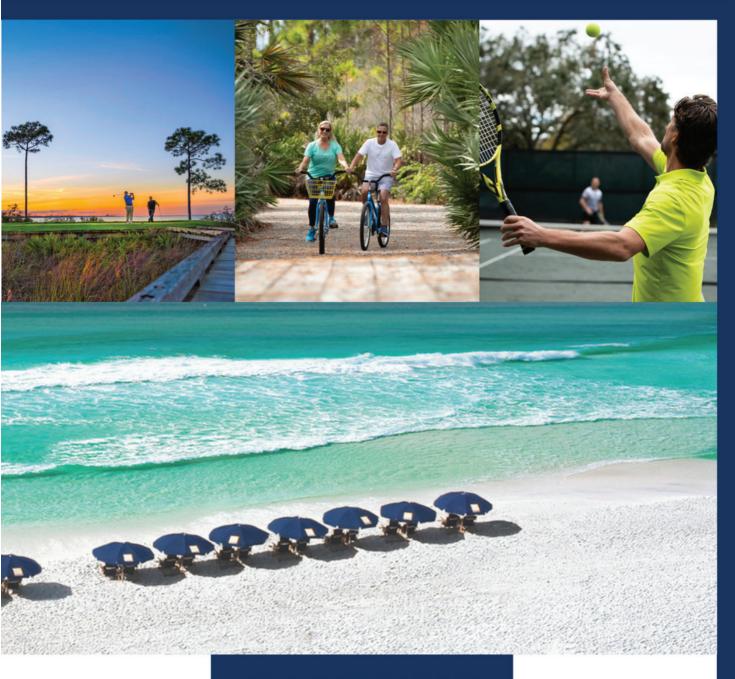


EXPLORE ALL 2,400 ACRES OF SANDESTIN® GOLF AND BEACH RESORT

With accommodations from The Gulf of Mexico to the Choctawhatchee Bay, four championship golf courses, world-class shopping and endless activities, it'll be a breeze finding your perfect getaway. Plus, when you book direct, get amenities you simply won't get when you book on one of those basic booking sites.

SAVE UP TO 20% OFF* WHEN YOU USE PROMO CODE - AAA

*Blackout dates may apply. Discount does not apply to all unit types



BOOK NOW





HAMPTON INN & SUITES NAVARRE BOOK NOW 850/939-4848







AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 7710 Navarre Pkwy 32566. Facility: 102 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest

Services: coin laundry.





















SPRINGHILL SUITES BY MARRIOTT NAVARRE BEACH BOOK NOW

850/939-0010



INSPECTED @ CLEAN

MARRIOTT

SPRINGHILL SUITES® AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 8375 Gulf Blvd 32566. Location: Oceanfront. Facility: 161 units. 6 stories, interior corridors. Bath: shower only. Terms: off-site registration, check-in 4 pm. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: hot tub, beach on-site, exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.























NICEVILLE

Hotels p. 152

In late October, the Boggy Bayou Mullet Festival is held near College Boulevard. Country music and foodespecially fried and smoked mullet—are highlights of this 3-day event.

BEST WESTERN NICEVILLE - EGLIN AFB HOTEL BOOK NOW 850/678-9131

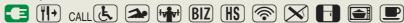


Hotel. Address: 106 Bayshore Dr 32578. Facility: 87 units, some kitchens. 2 stories (no elevator), interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.





























COMFORT SUITES NICEVILLE NEAR EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE

BOOK NOW

850/842-7956





AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

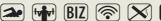
Hotel. Address: 148 John Sims Pkwy W 32578. Facility: 75 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services:

















HAMPTON INN BY HILTON-NICEVILLE/EGLIN AFB BOOK NOW

850/897-4675



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 4400 Ansley Dr 32578.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES NICEVILLE - EGLIN AFB

BOOK NOW

850/842-2500

Hotel. Address: 410 John Sims Pkwy W 32578.



THREE DIAMOND

HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON NICEVILLE EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE BOOK NOW



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 792 W John Sims Pkwy 32578.



TOWNEPLACE SUITES BY MARRIOTT NICEVILLE BOOK NOW



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SWE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 100 Niceville Ave 32578.



TRU BY HILTON NICEVILLE EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE **BOOK NOW** 850/279-9701



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 4382 Ansley Dr 32578.

AAA.com/IDTheft—Because identity thieves don't take vacations

154 PANAMA CITY, FL

PANAMA CITY

• Hotels p. 154

Panama City, county seat of Bay County, is a leading port on St. Andrew Bay off the Gulf of Mexico and is the midpoint along the scenic panhandle portion of US 98 extending 98 miles to Gulf Breeze (just south of Pensacola) and eastward around the Big Bend area. Spanish expeditions visited this site 1516-40, but it was not until 1765 that an English settlement was made at St. Andrew, now part of Panama City.

Panama City is known for its sugar-white beaches and various waterways, though some recreational offerings are in the process of rebuilding due to Hurricane Michael passing by in October 2018. The downtown marina at the

foot of Harrison Avenue, is closed indefinitely at press time; phone the Panama City Marina at (850) 872-7272 for updates. The St. Andrews Marina has commercial vessels in operation and a store; phone (850) 872-7240. The area also is home to Tyndall Air Force Base and Naval Support Activity Panama City.

Bay County Chamber of Commerce: 235 W. Fifth St., P.O. Box 1850, Panama City, FL 32402-1850. **Phone:** (850) 785-5206.

Self-guiding tours: A brochure featuring a walking tour of the historic downtown can be picked up from the Downtown Improvement Board at 413 Harrison Ave. and from the local history room in the Bay County Public Library at 898 W. 11th St.

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT PANAMA CITY BOOK NOW 850/763-6525



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 905 E 23rd PI 32405.

HILTON GARDEN INN PANAMA CITY BOOK NOW 850/392-1093



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 1101 N Hwy 231 32405.

HILTON GARDEN INN PANAMA CITY AIRPORT BOOK NOW 850/231-7200



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 5625 Venture Crossings Blvd 32409.

HOLIDAY INN-PANAMA CITY BOOK NOW 850/769-0000

THREE DIAMOND
INSPECTED & CLEAN*

THREE DIAMOND

Hotel. Address: 2001 N Martin Luther King Blvd 32405.

HOTEL INDIGO PANAMA CITY MARINA, AN IHG HOTEL

BOOK NOW

850/402-5100

Hotel. **Address:** 7 Harrison Ave 32401.



LA QUINTA INN & SUITES PANAMA CITY BOOK NOW 850/914-0022



Hotel, Address: 1030 E 23rd St 32405.

TOWNEPLACE SUITES BY MARRIOTT PANAMA CITY BOOK NOW 850/747-0609



SUITES®-MARRIOTT

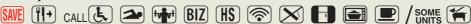
TOWNEPLACE AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

> Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 903 E 23rd Pl 32405. Facility: 103 units, some two bedrooms, efficiencies and kitchens. 3 stories, interior

corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.



























PANAMA CITY BEACH

• Hotels p. 156

Once a collection of quaint beach cottages and small motels scattered along the coast, Panama City Beach now boasts a skyline of towering waterfront hotels and vacation condominiums with more luxury resorts being added all the time. What's the attraction? Simply put: sand and water—some of the most beautiful sand and water to be found anywhere in Florida.

The sand here owes its distinctive white, powdery appearance to quartz crystals that were carried to the coast by streams from the distant Appalachian Mountains and then pulverized by the relentless surf and bleached by the sun. The nearly 30 miles of fine, sugary sand took centuries to accumulate, and the result is soft to the touch and dazzling to the eyes.

And then there's the sea. The Gulf of Mexico's warm, green-tinted water gives this portion of the Florida Panhandle its Emerald Coast nickname. The Yucatan Current, part of the Gulf Stream, runs close to the shores of Panama City Beach, bringing with it nutrient-rich Caribbean water and a variety of marine life. Visitors strolling among the dunes are likely to spy the arched backs of dolphins breaking the sparkling water's surface just a few vards away.

While many vacationers are content simply relaxing on the sand, others take advantage of the various recreational activities Panama City Beach offers: pleasure boating, sailing, jet skiing, wind surfing and parasailing.

Dozens of shipwrecks and almost 50 artificial reefs provide plenty of scuba diving options, and with nearly 320 days of sunny skies and a temperate climate, Panama City Beach is known for its "golfability" factor. Five championship golf courses are close to the beaches.

Panama City Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau: 17001 Panama City Beach Pkwy., Panama City Beach, FL 32413. **Phone:** (850) 233-5070, (800) 553-1330 within Canada or (800) 722-3224.

Shopping: Pier Park, at Front Beach Road and Pier Park Drive, is a large open-air shopping village with more than 100 stores, including Dillard's and JCPenney.

GULF WORLD MARINE PARK is at 15412 Front Beach Rd. Separate exhibit areas house dolphins, sea lions. stingrays, alligators, penguins, reptiles, sharks and tropical birds. Check the daily entertainment schedule for a list of shows featuring some of the park's inhabitants, or make reservations in advance for the Swim with the Dolphins program.

Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (850) 234-5271.

MAN IN THE SEA MUSEUM, .25 mi. w. of jct. SR 79 at 17314 Panama City Beach Pkwy. (US 98), illustrates the history of undersea exploration using dioramas and written records. Highlights include rare and antique diving equipment and related displays. Changing exhibits are featured. Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (850) 235-4101.

156 PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL

RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT! is at 9907 Front Beach Rd. Oddities and surprises abound within a museum shaped like a giant steamship. More than 500 exhibits include two-headed animals, a Fiat car made out of wood and an interactive *Titanic* gallery. A mirror maze and a laser race also are available. A 7-D theater with moving seats features several action-packed films.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (850) 230-6113.

ST. ANDREWS STATE PARK, 3 mi. e. off SR 392 to 4607 State Park Ln., flanks the pass separating Panama City Beach from Shell Island, the barrier isle guarding the mouth of St. Andrews Bay. The mainland portion of the park contains a restored turpentine still. The Shell Island segment, an excellent spot for swimming, snorkeling and shell gathering, is accessible only by boat. Shuttles depart from the end of Thomas Drive in the recreation area daily every 30 minutes 9-5, Mid-March through Labor Day. See Recreation Areas Chart.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (850) 708-6100.

SEA DRAGON PIRATE CRUISE departs from 5325 N. Lagoon Dr. Activities such as sword fights, treasure hunting, dancing and swabbing the deck pirate-style keep children entertained while adults enjoy a 2-hour narrated sightseeing cruise that includes searching for dolphins.

Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (850) 234-7400. (GT) ("|)

SHIPWRECK ISLAND WATERPARK, 12201 Hutchison Blvd. (CR 392A), features waterslides, children's water activities, a lazy river, a wave pool and a family activity pool. Rental lockers are available. Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. Phone: (850) 234-3333 or (800) 538-7395.

WONDERWORKS, 9910 Front Beach Rd. at jct. Thomas Dr., features more than 100 interactive science exhibits in a building designed to appear like it landed upside down on top of a surf shop. The lobby continues the upsidedown theme as guests go through an inversion tunnel to begin their adventure. The interior of the building features vibrant colors throughout, creating optical illusions.

Simulators and virtual attractions allow visitors to experience a hurricane, piloting a fighter jet and landing the space shuttle. Visitors can play trivia games and virtual sports games as well as design and ride virtual roller coasters. There also is a laser tag arena and an indoor three-story ropes course.

Note: Closed shoes are required for the ropes course. Phone: (850) 249-7000.

ZOO WORLD is at 9008 Front Beach Rd. The zoo is home to more than 250 animals, many of which are endangered and come from several continents. Shows, feedings, and photo and encounter opportunities are available. Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (850) 230-1243.



COMFORT INN & SUITES BOOK NOW 850/238-8444



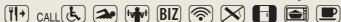


AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 17701 Panama City Beach Pkwy 32413. Facility: 84 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.























Love the great outdoors? Find places to camp

at AAA.com/campgrounds





COMFORT SUITES PANAMA CITY BEACH BOOK NOW 850/249-1234





AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 225 Richard Jackson Blvd 32407. Facility: 74 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.

























COUNTRY INN & SUITES BY CHOICE

BOOK NOW

850/249-4747





AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 10241 Clarence St 32407. Facility: 82 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Pool:

outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.

























EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON PANAMA CITY BEACH RESORT

BOOK NOW 850/328-5545



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 16006 Front Beach Rd 32413.



FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT PANAMA CITY BEACH BOOK NOW 850/234-7422

850/235-4650



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 7718 Front Beach Rd 32407.



HAMPTON INN & SUITES PANAMA CITY BEACH - BEACHFRONT BOOK NOW



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 15505 Front Beach Rd 32413.



GFT THE APP

AAA.com/mobile CAA.ca/services







Please refer to pages 8-9 for Inspected Clean details.

HAMPTON INN & SUITES PANAMA CITY BEACH PIER PARK

BOOK NOW

850/230-9080





AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 13505 Panama City Beach Pkwy 32407. Facility: 95 units. 5 stories, interior corridors. **Terms:** check-in 4 pm. **Pool:** outdoor.

Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.

























HAMPTON INN BY HILTON PANAMA CITY BEACH BOOK NOW 850/236-8988



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 2909 Thomas Dr 32408.



HOLIDAY INN CLUB VACATIONS® PANAMA CITY BEACH

RESORT

BOOK NOW 850/233-8830



Vacation Rental Condominium. Address: 17001 Front Beach Rd 32413.



HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES BOOK NOW



850/238-8848



Hotel. Address: 12907 Front Beach Rd 32407.



HOLIDAY INN RESORT BOOK NOW 850/234-1111



Resort Hotel, Address: 11127 Front Beach Rd 32407.



HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON PANAMA CITY BEACH **BOOK NOW** 850/740-0660



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 7710 Front Beach Rd 32407.



HOMEWOOD SUITES BY HILTON PANAMA CITY BEACH BOOK NOW

850/343-4200



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 47 Chip Seal Pkwy 32407.



HYATT PLACE PANAMA CITY BEACH/BEACHFRONT

BOOK NOW

850/234-6100



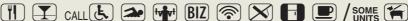
HYATT PLACE. AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn World of Hyatt points when booking AAA/CAA rates! Members also receive free breakfast at Hyatt Place/Hyatt House with their World of Hyatt membership!

Hotel. Address: 15727 Front Beach Rd 32413. Location: Oceanfront. Facility: 224 units. 12 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site (fee). Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Dining: entertainment. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: beach on-site, cabanas, lawn sports, exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.





























OSPREY ON THE GULF BOOK NOW 850/234-0303

APPROVED INSPECTED @ CLEAN Hotel. Address: 15801 Front Beach Rd 32413.



RADISSON PANAMA CITY BEACH OCEAN FRONT BOOK NOW

850/249-8601





AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 15325 Front Beach Rd 32413. Facility: 139 units. some two bedrooms and kitchens. 14 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: hot tub, beach on-site, exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.



























SPRINGHILL SUITES BY MARRIOTT PANAMA CITY

BEACH-BEACHFRONT **BOOK NOW** 850/230-6004



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 12513 Front Beach Rd 32407.







SUITES®-MARRIOTT

TOWNEPLACE AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

> Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 16000 Panama City Beach Pkwy 32413. Facility: 124 kitchen units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in

4 pm. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.

CALL & BIZ R HS



PENSACOLA

Hotels p. 161

The City of Five Flags, founded by Don Tristán de Luna in 1559, has flown the flags of Spain, France, England, the Confederate States and the United States, and its government has changed hands 13 times.

In 1814 the British used the harbor as a base in their war with the United States but withdrew when the city was attacked by Gen. Andrew Jackson. Here Jackson completed the transaction by which Spain sold Florida to the United States in 1821. In the city's historic downtown at Plaza Ferdinand VII is the site where the Spanish flag was lowered for the last time. Pensacola was the territorial capital until 1822, and Andrew Jackson was a resident while governor of Florida.

The Seville Square historic district, bounded on the north by Government Street and on the east by Alcaniz Street, is an area of restored 19th-century buildings that now houses shops, restaurants, museums and art galleries.

Pensacola's Naval Air Station is a center for cartographic and aviation warfare training as well as headquarters for the Blue Angels precision flying team.

Gulf Islands National Seashore (see place listing p. 144 and Recreation Areas Chart) offers miles of unspoiled sugar-white beaches and emerald waters. Recreational activities include boating, swimming, nature walks, birdwatching and exploring pre-Civil War forts. Other outdoor activities can be enjoyed on the area's numerous waterways, including the Blackwater and Perdido rivers and Coldwater and Sweetwater-Juniper creeks (see Milton p. 146). The USS Oriskany, a scuttled aircraft carrier and one of the world's largest artificial reefs, affords scuba divers an opportunity for underwater exploration.

The Wildlife Sanctuary of Northwest Florida, 105 N. S. St., cares for injured and orphaned wildlife, including foxes, deer, eagles, egrets, herons, owls, pelicans and hawks; for information phone (850) 433-9453.

West of the city on Dog Track Road, Pensacola Greyhound Track presents simulcast dog and horse races: phone (800) 345-3997.

Note: Policies vary concerning admittance of children to pari-mutuel betting facilities. Phone for information.

Pensacola throws several major festivals each year. Fiesta of Five Flags, beginning in late April or early May and lasting into early June, marks the city's founding and the five entities that have governed it—Spain, France, Britain, the Confederacy and the United States. Late September's Pensacola Seafood Festival transforms the Seville Square area into a destination for seafood dishes, entertainment, and arts and crafts vendors. The Rensacola Interstate Fair's rides, exhibits and music last 11 days in late October at the Pensacola Interstate Fairgrounds. The Great Gulfcoast Arts Festival is a 3-day event at Seville Square in early November.

Visit Pensacola/Pensacola Bay Area Convention and Visitors Bureau: 1401 E. Gregory St., Pensacola, FL 32502. **Phone:** (850) 434-1234 or (800) 874-1234.

Self-guiding tours: The Pensacola Bay Convention and Visitors Bureau offers free information about tours of the city.

Shopping: Cordova Mall, 5100 N. Ninth Ave., contains more than 140 stores, including Belk and Dillard's. Historic buildings have been transformed into specialty shops on downtown's Palafox Street.

Fort Barrancas is on the Naval Air Station Pensacola; entrance is through the West Gate off Blue Angel Pkwy. This is one of several U.S. forts built by the U.S. Corps of Engineers in the 19th century along northwestern Florida's coastline. A dry moat surrounds the inner walls and makes access to the fort possible only by way of a drawbridge.

Note: To enter the air station, visitors (ages 16+) must present a valid I.D. Contact the fort for additional restrictions. Time: Allow 45 minutes minimum. Phone: (850) 934-2600. **GT**

IMAX Naval Aviation Memorial Theatre is on the Naval Air Station Pensacola at 1750 Radford Blvd. Seven stories high with a 12,000-watt digital sound, the Giant Screen Theater presents "The Magic of Flight" and other changing feature films.

Note: To enter the air station, visitors (ages 16+) must present a valid I.D. Contact the theater for additional restrictions. Phone: (850) 453-2025 or (888) 627-4629.

PENSACOLA VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK, jct. Bayfront Pkwy. and Ninth Ave., contains a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., and memorials to veterans of World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the Global War on Terrorism as well as members of the Submarine Lifequard League. Phone: (850) 450-5598.



BEST WESTERN PLUS BLUE ANGEL INN

BOOK NOW 850/477-7474



Hotel. Address: 2390 W Detroit Blvd 32534. Facility: 56 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.





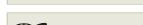












INSPECTED @ CLEAN

COMFORT INN BOOK NOW 850/484-8070







AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 8080 N Davis Hwy 32514. Facility: 115 units. 5 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: limited exercise equipment. Guest

Services: valet and coin laundry.





















COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT PENSACOLA BOOK NOW 850/857-7744



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 451 Creighton Rd 32504.

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT PENSACOLA DOWNTOWN

BOOK NOW

850/439-3330



COURTYARD AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 700 E Chase St 32502. Facility: 120 units. 5 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: hot tub, exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry, boarding pass kiosk.

SAVE ᆍ CALL 🐌 🗻 🙌 BIZ (HS) 🤝 🔀 🗐 🖃 🖃



















COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT-PENSACOLA WEST BOOK NOW 850/476-2929

THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN® AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 3200 W Nine Mile Rd 32534.

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT PENSACOLA PINE

FOREST BOOK NOW 850/912-4490



Fairfield AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott BonvoyTM points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 150 Loblolly Ln 32526. Facility: 87 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and

coin laundry. SAVE (1) CALL (L) (2) (BIZ) (2) [VI)





















HAMPTON INN & SUITES PENSACOLA BOOK NOW 850/505-7500



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel, Address: 7050 Plantation Rd 32504.



Discover thousands of pet-friendly places to stay, play and dine. Get insight to guide your decisions.





Visit AAA.com/PetTravel

HAMPTON INN BY HILTON PENSACOLA AIRPORT/CORDOVA

BOOK NOW 850/478-1123





AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 2187 Airport Blvd 32504. Facility: 126 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest

Services: valet laundry, boarding pass kiosk.





























HAMPTON INN BY HILTON PENSACOLA/I-10 PINE FOREST

ROAD

BOOK NOW 850/607-7174



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 8021 Lavelle Way 32526.



HILTON GARDEN INN PENSACOLA AIRPORT/MEDICAL

CENTER BOOK NOW 850/479-8900





AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors Garden Inn points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 1144 Airport Blvd 32504. Facility: 137 units. 5 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Pool: outdoor. Activities: hot tub, exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry, area transportation.



































Make the Connection



Find this symbol for places to look, book and save on AAA.com.







7 HILTON GARDEN INN PENSACOLA DOWNTOWN

BOOK NOW 850/438-7900



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors Garden Inn points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 8 S 9th Ave 32502. Facility: 102 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site (fee), winter plug-ins. Amenities: safes. Dining: 2 restaurants. Pool:

outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.

























HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES PENSACOLA WEST-NAVY

BOOK NOW 850/696-2800



Hotel. Address: 307 N New Warrington Rd 32506.



HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL & SUITES

BOOK NOW

850/944-8442



Hotel. Address: 130 Loblolly Ln 32526.



HOLIDAY INN PENSACOLA

BOOK NOW 850/472-1400



INSPECTED @ CLEAN

Hotel. Address: 7813 N Davis Hwy 32514. Facility: 114 units. 5 stories, interior corridors. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: hot tub, exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.



























HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON PENSACOLA AIRPORT MEDICAL

CENTER

BOOK NOW

850/977-7100



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 5109 Bayou Blvd 32503.



HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON PENSACOLA I-10 AT N DAVIS HWY **BOOK NOW** 850/466-4748



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 7753 N Davis Hwy 32514.



HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON PENSACOLA I-10 PINE FOREST

BOOK NOW 850/741-7107



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 8041 Lavelle Way 32526.



HYATT PLACE PENSACOLA AIRPORT BOOK NOW 850/483-5599



HYATT PLACE. AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn World of Hyatt points when booking AAA/CAA rates! Members also receive free breakfast at Hyatt Place/Hyatt House with their World of Hyatt membership!

Hotel. Address: 2468 Skye Way 32504. Facility: 127 units. 6 stories, interior corridors. Pool: heated indoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry. area transportation.





























RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT PENSACOLA AIRPORT/MEDICAL

CENTER

BOOK NOW 850/476-8383



Residence INI. AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 6000 Cobble Creek Rd 32504. Facility: 86 kitchen units. 5 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry, area transportation.







































RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT PENSACOLA DOWNTOWN

BOOK NOW 850/432-0202



Residence INI. AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 601 E Chase St 32504. Facility: 78 kitchen units, some two bedrooms. 3 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.



CALL (L) CAL





















SPRINGHILL SUITES BY MARRIOTT PENSACOLA BOOK NOW 850/475-0055



MARRIOTT

SPRINGHILL SUITES® AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 487 Creighton Rd 32504. Facility: 106 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry. SAVE CALL (E) (BIZ (HS) (S) (T) (D)





















TRU BY HILTON PENSACOLA AIRPORT MEDICAL CENTER BOOK NOW

850/977-7100



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE) Hotel. Address: 5109 Bayou Blvd 32503.

PENSACOLA BEACH

• Hotels p. 167

Snow-white sand and aguamarine water make Pensacola Beach one of Florida's most beautiful beaches. Bordered by two preserved seashores, the area offers more than 20 miles of beachfront covered in sugary sand composed of 99 percent pure quartz. Visitors have access to plenty of undeveloped oceanfront.

Sun-and-fun seekers can choose from sailing, sailboarding, parasailing, swimming, snorkeling and other aquatic recreation. For fishing enthusiasts there is a large selection of charter boats or a 1,470-foot fishing pier.

The Blue Angels and civilian performers grace the skies with their flight demonstrations at the Rensacola Beach Air Show in early July.

Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce Visitor Information Center: 7 Casino Beach Boardwalk, Pensacola Beach, FL 32561. **Phone:** (850) 932-1500 or (800) 635-4803.



FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT PENSACOLA BEACH BOOK NOW 850/932-1889



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 16 Via De Luna Dr 32561.



HAMPTON INN BY HILTON PENSACOLA BEACH BOOK NOW 850/932-6800



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 2 Via De Luna Dr 32561.



HILTON PENSACOLA BEACH BOOK NOW

850/916-2999





AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 12 Via De Luna Dr 32561. Location: Oceanfront. Facility: 275 units, some two bedrooms, three bedrooms and kitchens. 7-17 stories, interior/exterior corridors. Parking: on-site (fee) and valet. Terms: check-in

4 pm. Amenities: safes. Dining: 3 restaurants. Pool: heated outdoor, indoor. Activities: hot tub, beach on-site, cabanas, exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.



INSPECTED 🔗 CLEAN





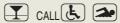
































HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS PENSACOLA BEACH BOOK NOW 850/932-3536

Hotel. Address: 333 Ft Pickens Rd 32561. THREE DIAMOND



SPRINGHILL SUITES BY MARRIOTT PENSACOLA BEACH BOOK NOW

850/932-6000





MARRIOTT

SPRINGHILL SUITES® AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 24 Via De Luna Dr 32561. Location: Oceanfront. Facility: 117 units, some two bedrooms. 5 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: hot tub, beach on-site, exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.























PERRY — QUINCY, FL

PERRY

Hotels p. 168



THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES **BOOK NOW**

Hotel. Address: 601 Everett Way 32348.

QUINCY

Hotels p. 168

Established in 1828, the agricultural town of Quincy owed its early prosperity to the tobacco industry. The Quincy State Bank eventually persuaded its patrons to invest in the fledgling Coca-Cola Co., resulting in economic fortune for both the town and its citizens.

Soldiers from the battles of Natural Bridge and Olustee were treated in Quincy, a medical center during the Civil War. The town also served as a supply commissary for the Confederate Army. In 1868 a fire destroyed more than

half the town, leading to an ordinance requiring that all new buildings be constructed of brick.

The 36-block historic district features landscaping, period lighting and Victorian-style buildings. Most structures were built in the late 1880s, although several houses date back to the 1840s.

Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce: 208 N. Adams St., P.O. Box 389, Quincy, FL 32353. Phone: (850) 627-9231.

Self-guiding tours: A brochure outlining a tour of the historic district is available from the chamber of commerce.

HAMPTON INN BY HILTON QUINCY BOOK NOW 850/627-7555





AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

850/584-3200

Hotel. Address: 165 Spooner Rd 32351. Facility: 63 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest

Services: coin laundry.























HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL & SUITES

BOOK NOW

850/875-2500

THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN

> THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN

Hotel. Address: 101 Spooner Rd 32351.

MCFARLIN HOUSE BED & BREAKFAST INN **BOOK NOW** 850/875-2526

Historic Bed & Breakfast. Address: 305 E King St 32351.

ROSEMARY BEACH

• Hotels p. 169 • Restaurants p. 169



THE PEARL HOTEL ROSEMARY BEACH BOOK NOW 850/588-2881



Boutique Hotel. Address: 63 Main St 32461. Location: Oceanfront. Facility: The luxurious hotel is located in a European-style village and offers a memorable stay. Plush rooms have a patio or balcony with unique views. The exclusive vibe draws those seeking a guiet get-a-way. 55 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Parking: valet and street only. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Dining: 2 restaurants, also, Havana Beach Bar & Grill, see separate listing. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: hot tub, beach on-site, bicycles, spa. Guest Services: valet laundry.



INSPECTED @ CLEAN



























WHERE TO EAT



HAVANA BEACH BAR & GRILL 850/588-2882



American Fine Dining. Expert Advice: After a day of exploring and shopping in the nearby area, spend some quiet time relaxing and enjoying a delicious meal at the relaxing spot. Tempting menu options include shrimp and grits, 'pollo frito cubano' and local caught grouper. The menu shows creativity and is sure to satisfy the palate. The beachside location and seasonal outdoor seating offer added enticements. An impressive array of specialty drinks and an expanded wine list is offered. Features: full bar, patio dining, Sunday brunch. Address: 63 Main St 32461. Parking: street only.









ST. MARKS

In 1836 a railroad was built to connect Tallahassee with St. Marks. Now dismantled, the Tallahassee-St. Marks. Historic Railroad State Trail offers a 20.5-mile trail—16 miles of which are paved—for bicyclists, hikers, horseback riders and skaters. For additional information phone (850) 487-7987.

SAN MARCOS DE APALACHE HISTORIC STATE

PARK, off SR 363, 1 mi, s.w. to 148 Old Fort Rd., displays Native American, Spanish and Civil War artifacts. The interpretive center is on the site of a fort built by the Spanish in 1679 at the confluence of the Wakulla and St. Marks rivers and later occupied by English, Confederate and Federal troops. Outside are a military cemetery and the remains of the fort and earthworks.

Time: Allow 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (850) 925-6216. 🕌

170 SANTA ROSA BEACH — SHALIMAR, FL

SANTA ROSA BEACH

Hotels p. 170
 Restaurants p. 170



HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON SANTA ROSA BEACH BOOK NOW 850/641-0010



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE) Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 100 W Hewett Rd 32459.



WATERCOLOR INN & RESORT BOOK NOW 850/534-5000



Boutique Resort Hotel. Address: 34 Goldenrod Cir 32459. Location: Oceanfront. Facility: Designed by renowned architect David Rockwell, the luxury hotel is located on the Gulf shoreline. Take in gorgeous sunsets while relaxing on the balcony overlooking the beach or dunes. 67 units. 2-4 stories, interior corridors. Bath: shower only. Parking: on-site and valet. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Dining: 2 restaurants, also, Fish Out of Water, see separate listing. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: beach on-site, tennis, recreation programs, bicycles, exercise room. Guest Services: area transportation.



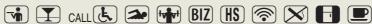
























WHERE TO EAT



FISH OUT OF WATER 850/534-5050



Seafood Casual Dining. Expert Advice: The casual, very popular spot offers a seasonal menu which features locally farmed ingredients and fresh seafood. Feast on items such as crab cakes, Gulf oysters, shrimp and fish. Or, go casual and enjoy one of the "handhelds" such as a Waqyu burger, sweet tea chicken or dos tacos. For a sweet ending, try the Key lime pie. Sunset dining offers phenomenal views. Features: full bar, patio dining, Sunday brunch, happy hour. Address: 34 Goldenrod Cir 32459. Parking: on-site and valet. D CALL (

SHALIMAR

Hotels p. 170



FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT FORT WALTON BEACH-EGLIN

BOOK NOW 850/651-9999



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 1280 Eglin Pkwy N 32579.

TALLAHASSEE

Hotels p. 173

In 1823 two explorers set out to find a permanent seat of government for the newly formed territory of Florida. The site they chose—midway between St. Augustine and Pensacola—was called "tallahassee" (tal-a-HASS-ee) by the Creek and Seminole Indians, a name meaning "old town." The rendezvous point, now Cascades Park, decided the site for the state capital.

A convention in 1861 declared Florida an independent nation and a member of the Confederate States of America. In 1865 during the Civil War, Confederate Floridian soldiers repelled Union forces at the Battle of Natural Bridge to protect Tallahassee, making it the only uncaptured Confederate capital east of the Mississippi River.

Tallahassee's first state house was a log cabin; two more impressive structures were constructed in later years. The Historic Capitol, built in 1845, is now The Florida Historic Capitol Museum (see attraction listing) and an elegant centerpiece to the Florida State Capitol complex, which was completed in 1977.

The oldest building in the city is the Columns, begun in 1830 by wealthy banker William "Money" Williams. It served as the focal point of financial, political and social development in the state's early history and was saved from demolition by being moved to 100 N. Duval St. in 1971.

Another historic landmark is Mission San Luis (see attraction listing), an archeological site where the Spanish and Apalachee Indians lived and worked in harmony.

Letchworth-Love Mounds Archaeological State Park, 4500 Sunray Rd., features a 46-foot-tall ceremonial mound that was likely built 1,100 to 1,800 years ago. The park also offers hiking trails and a covered picnic area.

Artists and artisans create, display and sell their works in more than 50 working studios at Railroad Square Art Park, a 10-acre cultural hub in Tallahassee's All Saints district. Noteworthy is 621 Art Gallery, which features quality contemporary works by local, national and international artists while offering a variety of interactive experiences. The art park's galleries and shops offer special exhibits the first Friday of the month; phone (850) 224-1308.

In a region of rolling hills, live oak forests and rivers, Tallahassee has beautiful landscapes and large lakes, some of which can be enjoyed on the Big Bend Scenic Highway, a 220-mile cross-county trail accessible via SR 263 near Tallahassee Regional Airport. The city also is noted for its many canopy roads, southern gardens and historic homes.

Tallahassee and surrounds provide numerous recreational opportunities and the Gulf of Mexico is only a halfhour away. Biking, camping, exploring, picnicking and swimming are among the activities that can be enjoyed. Lake Talquin (see Recreation Areas Chart) is popular for fishing and Wakulla Springs, one of the world's largest and deepest freshwater springs, offers boat tours, kayaking and swimming. Wildlife areas such as St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge and Apalachicola National Forest (see attraction listing p. 134) provide habitat for birds and monarch butterflies.

In 1836 a railroad was built to connect Tallahassee with St. Marks. Now dismantled, the Tallahassee-St. Marks Historic Railroad State Trail offers a 20.5-mile trail-16 miles of which are paved—for bicyclists, hikers, horseback riders and skaters. For additional information phone (850) 487-7987.

Two major universities, both centrally located, provide cultural programs, sports events and other activities. The 422-acre campus of Florida A&M University stands on one of Tallahassee's highest hills, and Florida State University is on a 463-acre campus slightly west of downtown.

Springtime Tallahassee Festival held downtown in either late March or early April features arts and crafts, a parade, a seafood festival, children's activities and music. Holiday shoppers will want to visit Market Days at the North Florida Fairgrounds in early December to peruse the arts and crafts of more than 300 vendors. Also in early December is 'Just one More' Invitational Art Festival, a celebration of the arts held at Bloxham and Ponce de Leon parks.

Tallahassee/Leon County Visitor Information Center: 106 E. Jefferson St., Tallahassee, FL 32301. Phone: (850) 606-2305 or (800) 628-2866.

Self-quiding tours: Brochures for a downtown walking tour can be picked up from the Tallahassee/Leon County Visitor Information Center. The route features historical and architecturally significant buildings and sites. Maps of the canopy roads also are available.

Shopping: The Midtown District and Market District (Timberlane Road and Market Street) both offer a variety of shops. Among the 120 stores at Governor's Square Mall, 1500 Apalachee Pkwy., are Dillard's, JCPenney, Macy's and Sears. Antique stores and art galleries line Main Street in downtown Havana, a small town 13 miles north of Tallahassee.

ALFRED B. MACLAY GARDENS STATE PARK, at 3540 Thomasville Rd., .5 mi. n. of I-10 exit 203 on US 319, consists of more than 1,100 acres, including

172 TALLAHASSEE, FL

28 acres of ornamental gardens that are the focal point of the park. New York businessman Alfred B. Maclay and his wife, Louise, began the gardens in 1923. Colorful azaleas, camellias and Oriental magnolias as well as many native plants bloom January through April. The Maclay House has restored living and dining rooms and serves as a center for information about the Maclays, camellias and the gardens.

Nearly 8 miles of hiking, biking and horse trails run through the park, which also features a picturesque picnic/recreation area with covered shelters, a swimming area, a paddleboat launch, rental kayak and a playground. Audio tours of the gardens are available. See Recreation Areas Chart.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (850) 487-4556.

CARRIE MEEK-JAMES N. EATON SR. SOUTH-EASTERN REGIONAL BLACK ARCHIVES RESEARCH CENTER AND MUSEUM is on the Florida A&M University campus at 445 Gamble St. Housed in the 1907 Carnegie Library and Meek-Eaton facility, the museum contains artifacts, photographs, manuscripts, art works, oral history tapes and rare memorabilia that document the history and culture of Africans and African Americans, including their institutions and organizations.

A visitor parking permit is available at the campus parking services on Wahnish Way. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (850) 599-3020, or (850) 561-2657 for parking information.

THE FLORIDA HISTORIC CAPITOL MUSEUM, 400 S. Monroe St., has been restored to its 1902 appearance. Self-guiding tours of the building cover the House and Senate chambers, the Governor's suite, the Supreme Court and the rotunda. The political history museum explores the political process, events and individuals who have played important roles in Florida's colorful history.

Time: Allow 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (850) 487-1902.

JOHN G. RILEY CENTER AND MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY & CULTURE is at 419 E. Jefferson St. Exhibits of documents, artifacts, photographs and personal memorabilia in the restored 1890 house of John G. Riley highlight African American history and the life of the self-taught businessman and educator. Time: Allow 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (850) 681-7881.

MISSION SAN LUIS, 2100 W. Tennessee St., is on a hilly, oak-shaded site and features reconstructed buildings, including a Native American council house, a fort, a Spanish dwelling, and a Franciscan church and friary. The Apalachee-Spanish village was the western capital of Spanish Florida 1656-1704. Living-history guides demonstrate 17th-century life. Special events and workshops are offered throughout the year. A visitor center has exhibits, a gift shop and a 125-seat orientation theater.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (850) 245-6406.

MUSEUM OF FLORIDA HISTORY, in the R.A. Gray Building at 500 S. Bronough St., has exhibits depicting Florida's vibrant history. Visitors can view a variety of artifacts, including a mastodon skeleton and a giant armadillo mannequin from the Pleistocene era, gold and silver from Spanish shipwrecks, flags flown during the Civil War, a partial replica of a Florida steamboat, memorabilia reflecting Florida's role in World War II and various artifacts from the changing gallery. Touring exhibits and educational programs also are featured.

Time: Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (850) 245-6400.

TALLAHASSEE AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM is at 6800 Mahan Dr. Among the vehicles in this collection are a 1948 Tucker, three Batmobiles (two of which were used in Batman movies) and the hearse that carried Abraham Lincoln's body. Americana collectibles and related memorabilia also are displayed. Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (850) 942-0137.

TALLAHASSEE MUSEUM, 6.5 mi. s.w. on Lake Bradford at 3945 Museum Dr., depicts north Florida's natural and human history. A nature trail winds through 52 acres of scenic lakeshore woodlands, which are home to Florida panthers, red wolves, otters, deer and bears. Also on the grounds are a restored 1880s farm complex; Bellevue Plantation, the antebellum home of the great-grandniece of George Washington; a one-room schoolhouse; a church and a caboose.

The museum's Tallahassee Tree to Tree Adventures features an adventure course and ziplines. Visitors move among the trees with tightropes, crab walks, jungle bridges, nets and ziplines; a children's course, an intermediate course and a 2-hour course for the truly adventurous are offered.

Note: Closed, secured athletic footwear is required for the ziplines and adventure course. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (850) 575-8684 or (850) 576-1636.



BOOK NOW 850/392-7700





AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 801 S Gadsden St 32301. Facility: 154 units. 8 stories, interior corridors. Bath: shower only. Parking: valet and street only. Amenities: safes. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet laundry, area transportation.

































AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 200 N Monroe St 32301. Facility: 162 units. 7 stories, interior corridors. Bath: shower only. Parking: on-site (fee). Amenities: safes. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin

laundry, area transportation.



























































Hotel. Address: 2727 Graves Rd 32303. Facility: 96 units. 3 stories, interior corridors.









COMFORT SUITES BOOK NOW 850/224-3200





AAA Benefit: Members save 10% or more and earn Choice Privileges points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 1026 Apalachee Pkwy 32301. Facility: 64 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Bath: shower only. Amenities: safes. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.



























DOWNTOWN/CAPITOL BOOK NOW 850/222-8822



COURTYARD AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 1018 Apalachee Pkwy 32301. Facility: 154 units. 3-4 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.































COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT TALLAHASSEE NORTH/I-10 CAPITAL

BOOK NOW 850/422-0600



COURTYARD AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 1972 Raymond Diehl Rd 32308. Facility: 93 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Pool: heated indoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.

































DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL TALLAHASSEE BOOK NOW

850/224-5000





AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

DOUBLETREE Hotel. Address: 101 S Adams St 32301. Location: Opposite courthouse. Facility: 242 units. 16 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site (fee) and

valet. Amenities: safes. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room.



























EXTENDED STAY AMERICA TALLAHASSEE-KILLEARN BOOK NOW 850/383-1700



Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 1950 Raymond Diehl Rd 32308.

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT TALLAHASSEE

BOOK NOW 850/210-1210





AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy[™] points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 2997 Apalachee Pkwy 32301. Facility: 97 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Pool: indoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.



























BOOK NOW FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT TALLAHASSEE NORTH/I-10 850/562-8766 $[\mathbf{fyi}]$ Hotel. Under major renovation, call for details. Last Designation: Approved. Address: 3219 N Monroe St 32303.



AAA.com/campgrounds—

For overnights under the stars



HAMPTON INN & SUITES CAPITOL-UNIVERSITY BOOK NOW 850/692-7150





AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 824 Railroad Ave 32310. Facility: 124 units. 6 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site (fee). Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: complimentary and valet laundry, area transportation.



























HAMPTON INN & SUITES I-10/THOMASVILLE RD BOOK NOW 850/574-4900

 $|\mathbf{f}\mathbf{y}\mathbf{i}|$ Hotel. Under major renovation, call for details, **Last Designation**: Three Diamond. Address: 3388 Lonnbladh Rd 32308.



HAMPTON INN BY HILTON TALLAHASSEE CENTRAL BOOK NOW 850/309-1300



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 2979 Apalachee Pkwy 32301.

HILTON GARDEN INN TALLAHASSEE BOOK NOW 850/385-3553

 $[\mathbf{f}\mathbf{y}\mathbf{i}]$ Hotel. Under major renovation, call for details. Last Designation: Three Diamond.

Address: 3333 Thomasville Rd 32308.

HILTON GARDEN INN TALLAHASSEE CENTRAL BOOK NOW 850/893-8300





AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors Garden Inn points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Hotel. Address: 1330 S Blairstone Rd 32301. Facility: 85 units. 5 stories, interior corridors. Amenities: Some: safes. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.

























HOLIDAY INN & SUITES TALLAHASSEE NORTH CONFERENCE

BOOK NOW 850/536-2000 CENTER



Hotel. Address: 2725 Graves Rd 32303.

850/402-8900



HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS TALLAHASSEE I-10 EAST BOOK NOW 850/386-7500

INSPECTED @ CLEAN

Hotel. Address: 1653 Raymond Diehl Rd 32308.



INSPECTED @ CLEAN®

AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 210 Magnolia Dr 32301.

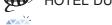


HOMEWOOD SUITES BY HILTON BOOK NOW 850/402-9400



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 2987 Apalachee Pkwy 32301.



HOTEL DUVAL, AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION BOOK NOW 850/224-6000



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Boutique Contemporary Hotel. Address: 415 N Monroe St 32301.



HYATT HOUSE TALLAHASSEE CAPITOL - UNIVERSITY

BOOK NOW

850/222-0039





AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn World of Hyatt points when booking AAA/CAA rates! Members also receive free breakfast at Hyatt Place/Hyatt House with their

World of Hyatt membership!

Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 1100 Railroad Ave 32310. Facility: 120 units, some kitchens. 5 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site (fee). Pool: heated outdoor.

Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: complimentary laundry.

























AAA DIAMONDS ARF NOW

INSPECTED CLEAN









RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT TALLAHASSEE NORTH I-10 CAPITAL

BOOK NOW 850/422-0093



Residence INI. AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 1880 Raymond Diehl Rd 32308. Facility: 78 units, some two bedrooms, efficiencies and kitchens. 3 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Pool: indoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.

























RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT TALLAHASSEE UNIVERSITIES AT THE

BOOK NOW 850/329-9080



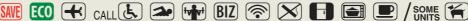
Residence IN AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 600 W Gaines St 32304. Facility: 135 efficiencies, some two bedrooms. 5 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site (fee). Terms: check-in 4 pm. Pool: outdoor, Activities: hot tub, exercise room, Guest Services: valet and coin laundry, area transportation.



























SPRINGHILL SUITES BY MARRIOTT, TALLAHASSEE NORTH BOOK NOW 850/297-0270



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 1481 Timberlane Rd 32312.



STAYBRIDGE SUITES TALLAHASSEE I-10 BOOK NOW 850/219-7000



Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 1600 Summit Lake Dr 32317. Facility: 104 efficiencies. some two bedrooms. 4 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: complimentary laundry.































TOWNEPLACE SUITES BY MARRIOTT TALLAHASSEE NORTHEAST/CAPITAL

BOOK NOW 850/219-0122



AAA Benefit: Members save 5% or more and earn Marriott Bonvoy™ points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 1876 Capital Cir NE 32308.

TRU BY HILTON TALLAHASSEE CENTRAL BOOK NOW 850/792-5400



AAA Benefit: Members save up to 10% and earn Honors points when booking AAA/CAA rates!

SAVE Hotel. Address: 2814 Apalachee Pkwy 32301.

TRYP BY WYNDHAM TALLAHASSEE NORTH I-10 CAPITAL

BOOK NOW 850/204-4000

INSPECTED @ CLEAN

Hotel. Address: 1978 Village Green Way 32308.

WAKULLA SPRINGS

• Hotels p. 179

📆 EDWARD BALL WAKULLA SPRINGS STATE PARK, 465 Wakulla Park Dr., was known to early Native Americans for its plentiful wildlife. The main spring, with a water temperature of 69 F, is considered one of the state's deepest, having been explored to a depth of 350 feet. The maximum flow was recorded in 1973 at 1.2 billion gallons a day; in 1931 the minimum flow was measured at 20 million gallons. The average is 252 million gallons of water daily.

A popular "birding mecca," the park offers swimming and hiking opportunities, and a bicycle and nature trail. Narrated river cruises provide glimpses of animals in their native habitats. See Recreation Areas Chart.

Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. Phone: (850) 561-7276.

THE LODGE AT WAKULLA SPRINGS

BOOK NOW 850/421-2000



Historic Country Inn. Address: 550 Wakulla Park Dr 32327.



A For getaways off the beaten path, visit AAA.com/campgrounds or AAA.com/maps for thousands of places to camp.

ICON LEGEND



Eco-certified by government or private organization.

Electric vehicle charging station on premises.

Smoke-free premises

In select cities only:

fyi Indicates the property has not been inspected, but is included as an "information only" service.

SERVICES

Airport transportation

Pet friendly (Call for restrictions/fees.)

Restaurant on premises

Restaurant off premises

Room service for 2 or more meals

Full bar

Child care

BIZ Business center

Accessible features (Call property for available services and amenities.)

AMENITIES

Full-service casino

🚁 Pool

Health club or exercise room on premises

HS High-speed Internet service

High-speed Internet service (Call property for fees.)

Wireless Internet service

Wireless Internet service (Call property for fees.)

No wireless Internet service

Pay movies

Refrigerator

Microwave

Coffeemaker

Mo air conditioning

No TV

No telephones

SAFETY FEATURES

No sprinklers

No smoke detectors

DINING

Designated smoking section

B Breakfast

L Lunch

D Dinner

24 Open 24 hours

(LATE) Open after 11 p.m.

ATTRACTIONS

GT Guided Tours available

Camping facilities

Recreational activities

Picnicking allowed

Designates an attraction of exceptional interest and quality. AAA GEM — a Great Experience for Members®.