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Things to See:

Lake Guntersville

Boating, fishing, and stunning sunsets

Downtown Scottsboro

Shops, dining, arts, and community events

Museums & History

Scottsboro Boys Museum, Scottsboro Depot Museum, Scottsboro-Jackson Heritage Center

Goose Pond Colony Resort

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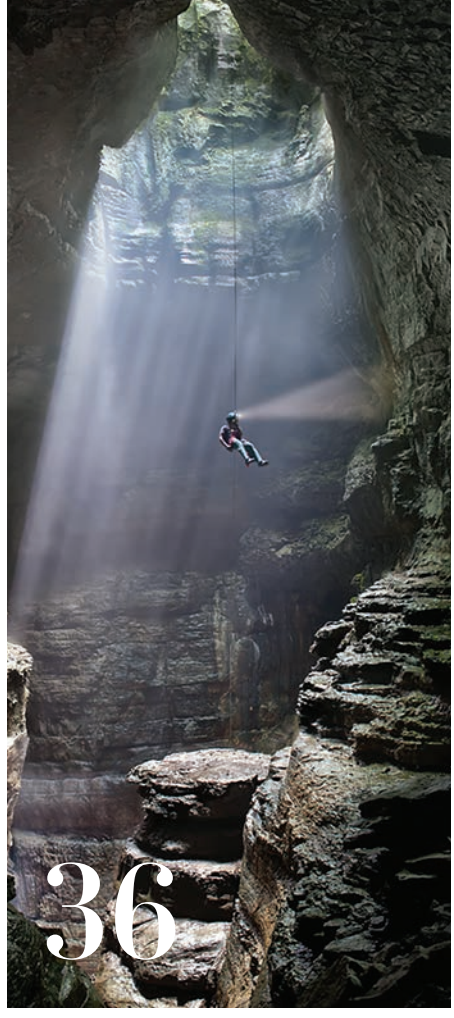
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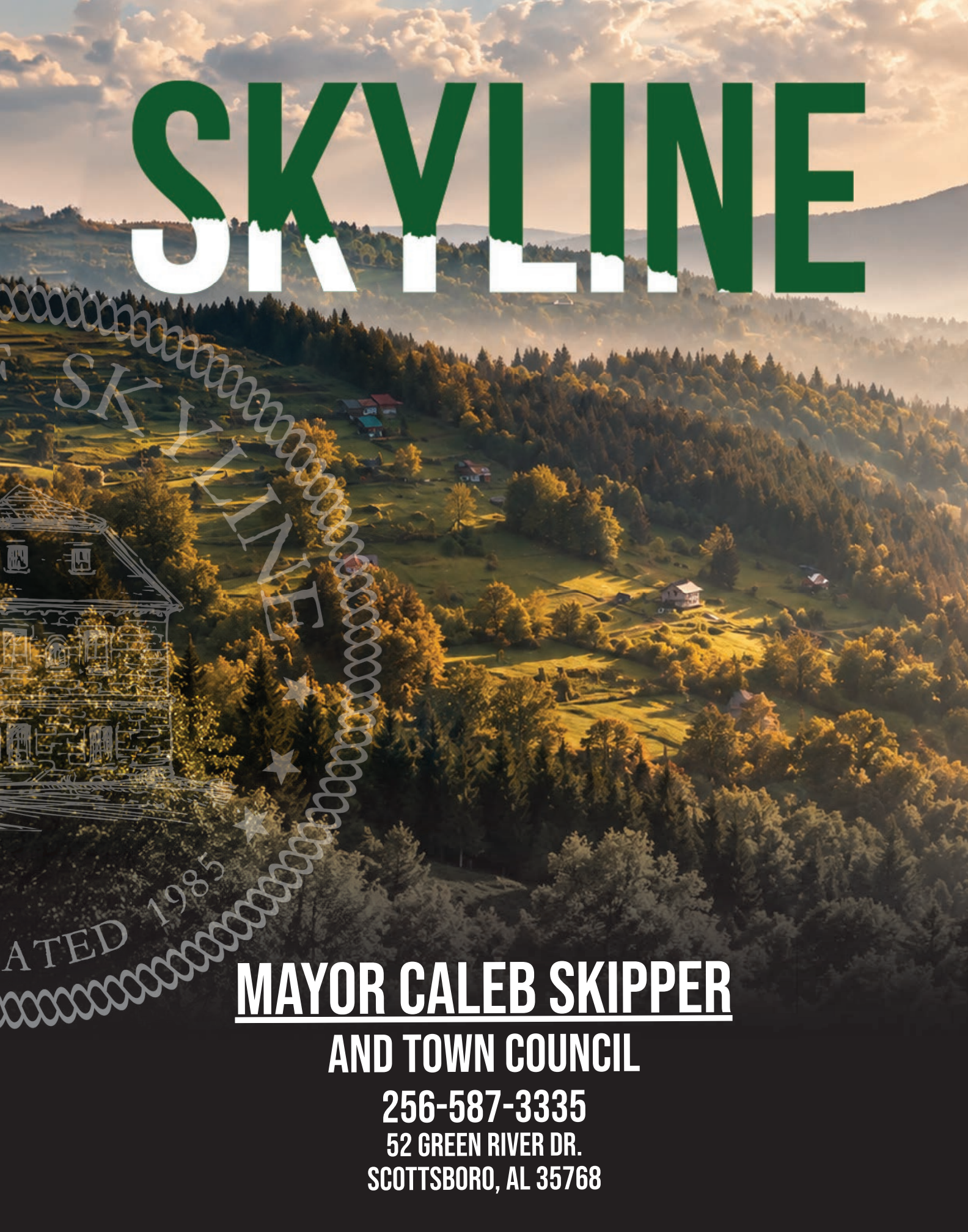
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DISCOVER OUR COUNTY

Where Every Path Leads to Something Worth Exploring

Nestled in Alabama's northeast corner, Jackson County blends Appalachian foothills, lake views, and small-town charm. Outdoor lovers can fish for trophy bass on Lake Guntersville, hike dramatic trails like the Walls of Jericho, or explore stunning caverns, such as Stephens Gap and Cathedral Caverns.

Scenic spots like Pisgah Gorge and Weathington Park offer unforgettable views. History is honored here—from Russell Cave National Monument to the Scottsboro Boys Museum and three historic rail depots. Local downtown communities welcomes visitors with local shops and Southern hospitality. Don't miss Unclaimed Baggage, the only U.S. store selling lost airline luggage, where global treasures await. Whether you're chasing waterfalls, exploring hidden gems, or relaxing by the lake, Jackson County invites you to slow down and create lasting memories. Plan your adventure at VisitJacksonCountyAL.com—your guide to lodging, events, and experiences in this unforgettable corner of Alabama. **VisitJacksonCountyAL.com**

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45 minutes | 41 miles

BIRMINGHAM
2 hours | 102 miles

CHATTANOOGA
1 hour | 62 miles

NASHVILLE
2 hrs. 15 min. | 139 miles

KNOXVILLE
2 hrs. 45 min. | 171 miles

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2 hrs. 45 min. | 141 miles

WHERE WE ARE

Jackson County is conveniently located in the northeast corner of Alabama.

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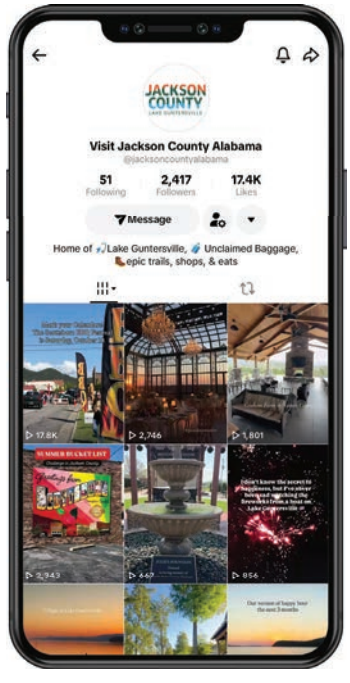
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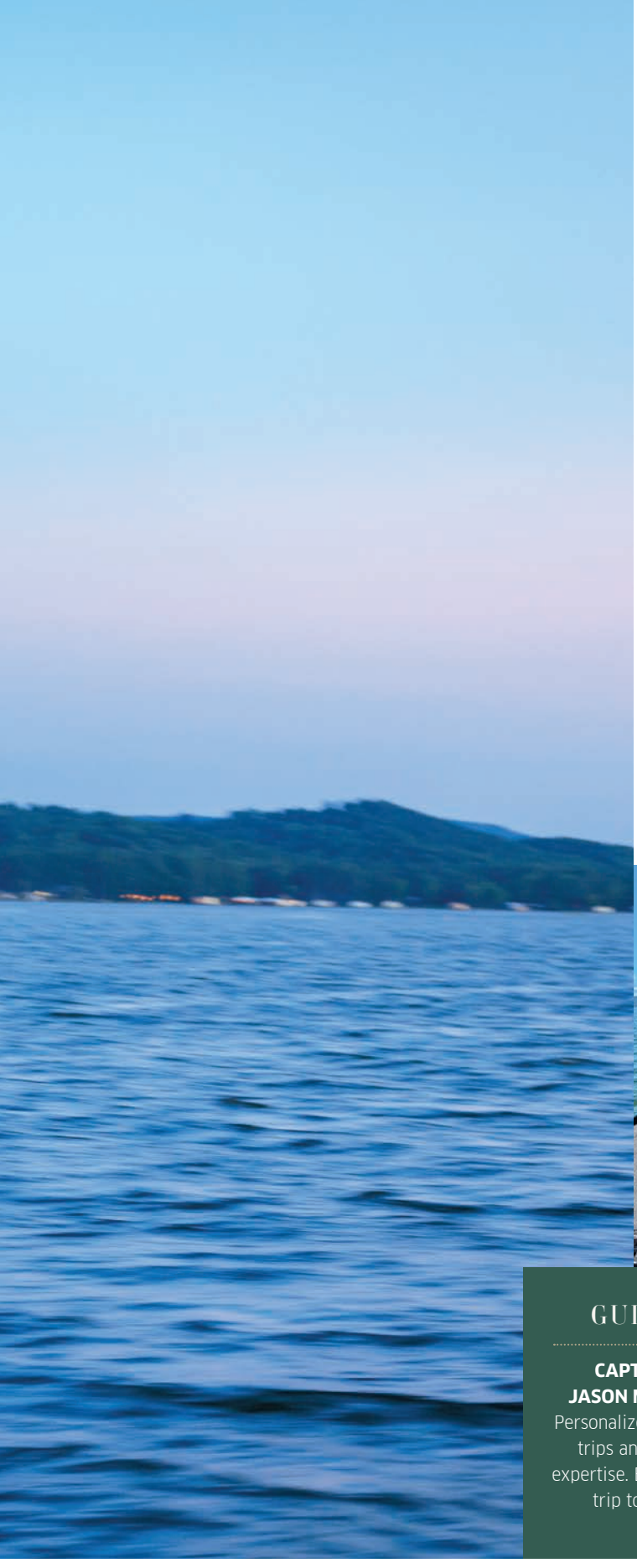
Beautiful northern shore of Alabama's largest lake—more than 75 miles and 69,000 acres along the Tennessee River.

World-Class Fishing

Lake Guntersville has earned its place among the country's top bass fishing destinations. Anglers come to Jackson County year round for trophy largemouth bass, legendary stretches like the Miracle Mile, and some of the best fishing in the Southeast. Plan your fishing trip, book your stay, and come experience what makes Lake Guntersville legendary.



Above: Alabama Tourism Department/Chris Granger; right: courtesy of Jason Miller; illustrations: courtesy of Outdoor Alabama



Lake Guntersville
Known for big bass, productive waters and fishing opportunities throughout the year. Largemouth bass may be the star, but the crappie and other species give anglers plenty to chase every season. Healthy grass beds, creek channels, current and underwater structure create prime habitat, with changing seasonal patterns offering a different challenge as conditions change. Whether chasing a tournament win, fishing with family or looking for a new personal best, come make a cast and discover why Lake Guntersville has earned its storied reputation among anglers.



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Personalized fishing trips and local expertise. Book your trip today.

*Bass: Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass count toward the 10-fish combined black bass daily limit. No more than 5 may be smallmouth.
**Bream: Bluegill and redear sunfish count toward the 50-fish combined bream daily limit.

Regulations are subject to change. Check Outdoor Alabama for current fishing regulations.

Fresh Catch

Daily limits | minimal sizes



Largemouth Bass
10 combined* | 15 inches



Smallmouth Bass
5 | 15 inches



Spotted Bass
10* | no limit



Black Crappie
30 | 9 inches



Channel Catfish
no limit | <34 inches
1 | 34+ inches



Redear Sunfish
50 combined** | no limit



Bluegill
50 combined** | no limit





Goose Pond Colony Resort

Landmark for Lake Guntersville Anglers

For generations, Goose Pond Colony Resort has been a gateway to Lake Guntersville fishing. Its eight-bay boat ramp is the largest on the lake and second-largest freshwater boat launch in Alabama. More than sixty tournaments launch here each year, including nationally recognized events such as the Bassmaster Elite Series, Major League Fishing, Big Bass Splash and Ultimate Angler World Championship. With a marina, tackle, fuel and restaurants on property, anglers have nearly everything they need in one place.

> *"Even with the 365 days a year pressure that place gets, it still out-performs any other lake in the country."*
>
> —Jesse Wiggins Walker, *professional angler*

DETAILS

GTO
Steps from the Goose Pond launch, find live bait, tackle, and fishing essentials.

Stay Close to the Water

Turn a day on the water into a fishing getaway. Stay at Goose Pond Colony Resort or choose from short-term rentals, cabins, campgrounds and hotels throughout Jackson County. Anglers can find accommodations with boat parking, electrical hookups, boat charging and easy access to ramps and marinas. Unhook, recharge and fish again before sunrise.

The Miracle Mile

Just beyond Goose Pond lies the Miracle Mile, known for trophy largemouth bass and attracting anglers and professional competitors alike. Grass beds, current, creek channels and underwater structure create exceptional habitat. Tournament bass are released here after weigh-ins, helping maintain quality fish in surrounding waters. No stretch promises a trophy, but the Miracle Mile has earned its legendary name.

Keep it Legendary

Purchase an Alabama freshwater fishing license and check current size, creel and fishing regulations. License purchases support fisheries, boating access, habitat improvements and conservation. Protect the lake by handling fish carefully, practicing responsible releases and disposing of fishing line, soft plastics and trash. The fish you release today could be someone's trophy tomorrow.

Top: Mark Cisneros

More Waters To Explore

Goose Pond may be Jackson County's best-known launch, but it is only the beginning. With 18 listed public access points across the county, anglers can explore Lake Guntersville and the Tennessee River from a different starting point each day.

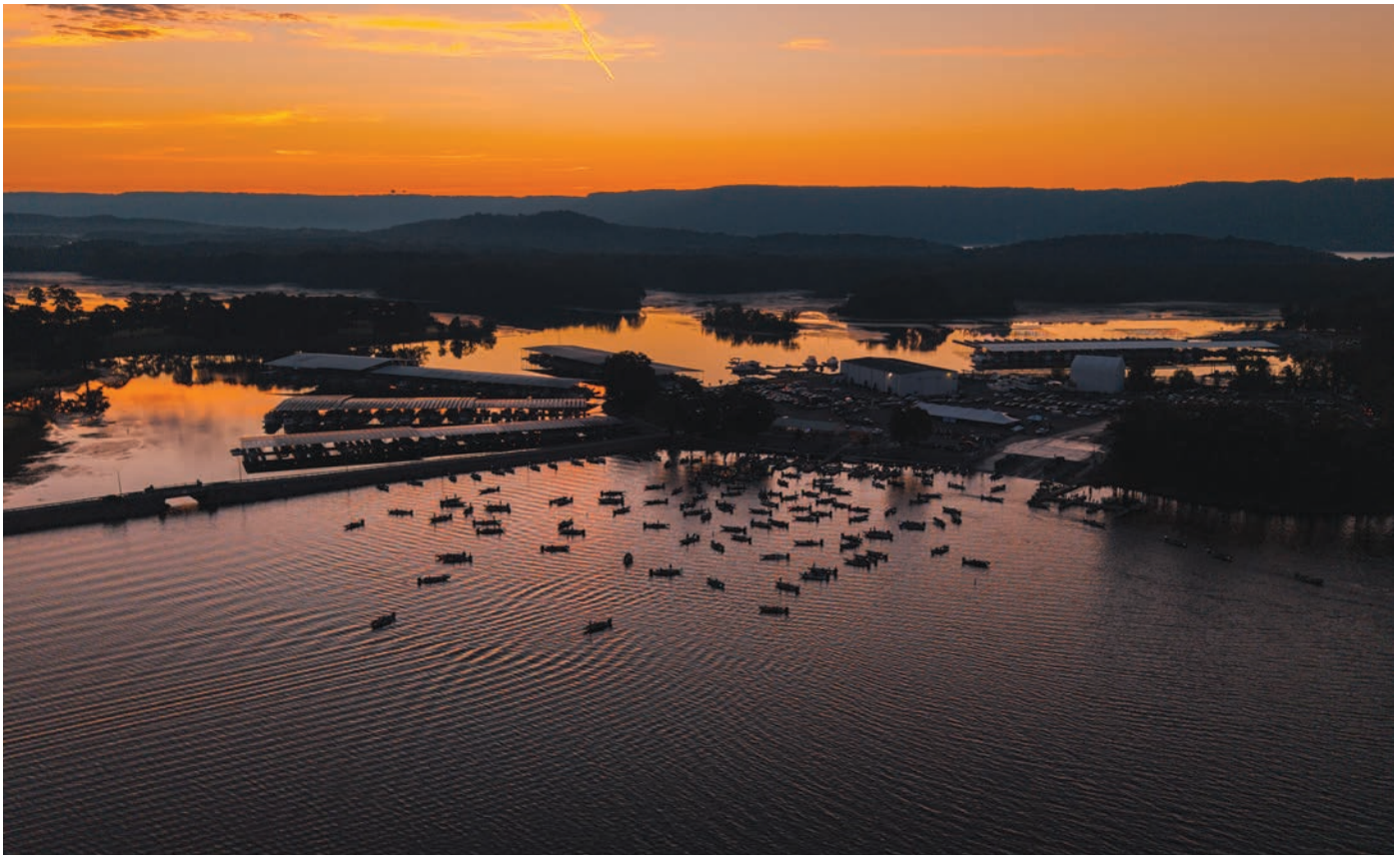
Head east to Stevenson, where Crow Creek Refuge meets the lake, creating quiet backwaters, shallow coves and protected water ideal for kayak fishing and exploring beyond the main channel.

Continue upriver to Bridgeport, near Alabama's northeastern corner, for a different experience on the Tennessee River. The waters around both Stevenson and Bridgeport are known for smallmouth bass, adding another dimension to fishing the upper reaches of the river.

To the south, Langston opens onto a quieter stretch of Lake Guntersville, surrounded by coves, creeks and undeveloped shoreline.

From major tournament launches to tucked-away backwaters, Jackson County gives anglers plenty of ways to get on the water, find a new stretch to fish and experience a different side of Lake Guntersville.



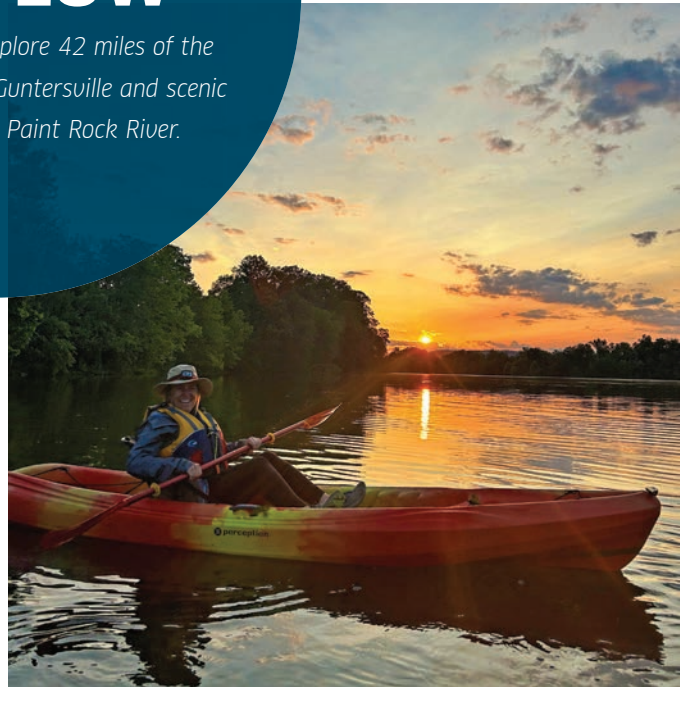




GO WITH THE FLOW

Grab a paddle and explore 42 miles of the Tennessee River, Lake Guntersville and scenic tributaries like the Paint Rock River.





There's something different about seeing Jackson County from the water. Here, paddling can mean gliding through a quiet creek beneath a canopy of trees, spotting herons and other wildlife in a secluded cove, or setting out across the wide-open waters of Lake Guntersville. Beginners can find calm stretches perfect for an easy afternoon paddle, while adventurous paddlers can explore miles of creeks, backwaters and shoreline. Bring your own kayak or canoe, rent one locally, or plan your visit around one of our annual paddle events. With convenient access points and routes connecting communities, wildlife refuges and some of the county's most beautiful scenery, Jackson County makes it easy to slow down, launch in and discover what's waiting around the next bend. Whether you have an hour or an entire day, there's always another stretch of water worth exploring.

Paint Rock Canoe & Kayak Rental Paddle Paint Rock River with canoe and kayak rentals and shuttle service. Enjoy calm Class I water, wildlife and one of Alabama's most biologically diverse waterways. *3250 John T. Reid Pkwy., Paint Rock, 256-508-9292*

Islands Boat Rental
Experience Lake Guntersville from Jackson County Park! Rent pontoon boats, kayaks or paddle boards to cruise, fish, explore the shoreline or enjoy a peaceful paddle by the Tennessee River scenery. *2300 County Park Rd., Scottsboro, 256-605-1271 islandsboatrental.com*

Kayak & Small Boat Access
COUNTYWIDE

Long Island Creek Ramp
Enjoy a peaceful paddle along Long Island Creek, surrounded by natural scenery and wildlife. *Co. Rd. 676, Bryant*

Jackson County Town Creek
Launch into quiet Town Creek for a relaxing paddle through scenic waters and the natural beauty of rural Jackson County. *Bellefonte Rd., Hollywood*

North Sauty Refuge
Explore backwaters, wetlands and wildlife habitat while paddling the scenic waters of North Sauty Refuge. *4689 Porter Rd., Scottsboro*

"Paddling Jackson County brings you closer to the Tennessee River's quieter places, where scenic waterways connect you to an astonishing diversity of life."

–TJ Johnson,
Tennessee RiverLine

Pitt to Port
This annual summer paddle connects South Pittsburg, Tennessee, to Bridgeport, Alabama, offering a scenic journey along the Tennessee River and a unique two-state paddling experience.

Creek to Cove Paddle
This annual paddle travels from Langston to Morgan's Cove, offering scenic Lake Guntersville views, peaceful waters, wildlife and excellent birding opportunities along the way.






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Downtown Scottsboro

At the heart of downtown, Scottsboro's historic Square is made for wandering. Locally owned shops, regional art and favorite gathering places create plenty to discover, while festivals and community events bring new energy throughout the year. The recent addition of Two Sisters Square has added another dimension to the downtown experience, creating a vibrant space for music, art and connection. Take your time, explore what is around the corner and discover a downtown where longtime favorites meet something new.

Two Sisters Square

Once a parking lot, Two Sisters Square is now one of downtown's most vibrant gathering places. Designed with live music in mind, the open air venue features a performance stage, professional sound and an ever changing lineup of bands, musicians and community events. Colorful murals turn the surrounding walls into works of art celebrating music, creativity and local stories. But take a closer look. Hidden throughout the artwork are unexpected images just waiting to be discovered, including a dinosaur and even Homer Simpson. See how many you can find! With fountains and covered seating, there is always a reason to linger.

Shop, Sip and Stay Awhile

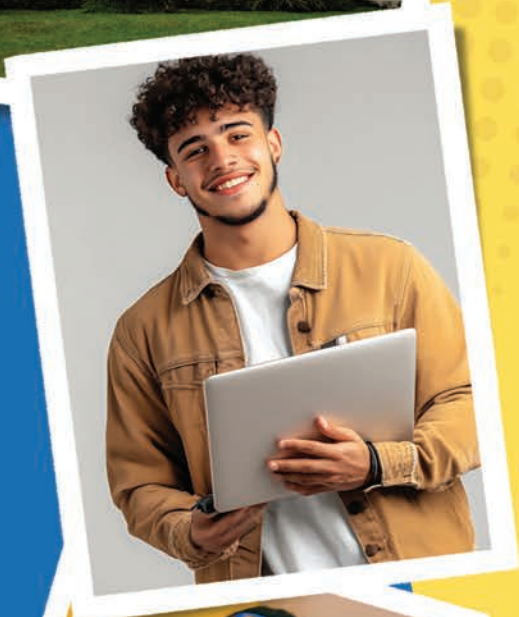
Home to the region's largest concentration of one of a kind businesses, there is plenty to discover here. Browse locally owned boutiques and specialty shops, then step inside Payne's Sandwich Shop and Soda Fountain, an iconic stop serving generations of visitors. For something newer, Dominic's on the Square offers a relaxed spot to enjoy a glass of wine. Events fill the calendar throughout the year, including the Scottsboro BBQ Festival each October, when barbecue, live entertainment and vendors take over the heart of town. Come to shop, sip, eat and experience a little local flavor.

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Something to Take Home

Come ready to browse because shopping here is full of surprises. Hunt for unexpected treasures and incredible finds, then explore local boutiques filled with clothing, shoes and accessories, galleries showcasing stunning art and handcrafted pieces, and shops offering outdoor gear, gifts, home décor and wellness favorites. From famous finds at Unclaimed Baggage to locally owned storefronts worth discovering, there is something for every style, interest and budget and plenty worth taking home.

Unclaimed Baggage
You never know what you'll find at Unclaimed Baggage! This one-of-a-kind Scottsboro attraction turns lost luggage into an unforgettable treasure hunt, with thousands of new items hitting the sales floor daily. Shop clothing, electronics, jewelry, sporting goods and unexpected finds, then explore the Found Treasures museum and grab a bite at Cups Café. Welcoming visitors from around the world, it's a shopping experience you truly won't find anywhere else.

River's Edge Gallery
Located on Scottsboro's historic Courthouse Square, River's Edge Gallery showcases the creativity of local and regional artists through an eclectic collection of original paintings, pottery, stained glass, jewelry, handcrafted gifts and more. Visitors can discover one-of-a-kind treasures while learning about the artists behind each piece. The gallery also hosts special exhibitions and events, including the Paint North Alabama Plein Air Competition.

The Mercantile Apothecary
A modern herbal apothecary featuring organic and fair-trade herbs, loose-leaf teas, custom blends, natural bath and body products and artisan goods.

Hammer's
A Scottsboro shopping tradition for more than 75 years, offering name-brand clothing, footwear, jewelry, home décor and unexpected finds at bargain prices.

Dainty Threads Boutique
Affordable women's clothing with a modest twist, featuring stylish, distinctive pieces for shoppers who want something a little different.

Vanessa's Boutique
A locally loved boutique featuring affordable women's fashion, from tops and dresses to denim, accessories and the latest seasonal styles.

Rapha Wellness
A locally owned wellness shop offering carefully selected vitamins, supplements, fitness essentials and wellness products, plus knowledgeable guidance for your health.

Tennessee River Outfitters
Gear up for adventure with quality outdoor apparel, footwear and equipment selected for fishing, hunting, paddling, camping and days on the water.

"It really is like a treasure hunt."

—Brandon Wade, Scottsboro shopper

THRIFTING

12 BUSHELS THRIFT SHOPPE
You never know what you'll find! Browse vintage treasures, everyday bargains and one-of-a-kind second-hand surprises.

Cleo & Clover
A charming local shop for gifts, home décor, baby items, children's clothing and jewelry, with plenty of gift-worthy finds.

Sanford & Sisters Liquidation
A wholesale, liquidation and retail shopping stop where bargain hunters can browse changing inventory and never know what they'll find next.

Goody 2 Shoes
Shop the latest women's fashion, shoes and accessories, with styles ranging from junior and contemporary looks to plus sizes.







THE CASE OF THE SCOTTSBORO BOYS

A part of the U.S. Civil Rights Trail





The Scottsboro Boys Museum preserves the story of nine young African Americans whose 1931 arrests and false accusations became one of the nation's most significant civil rights cases. Their decades-long legal struggle drew international attention and led to two landmark U.S. Supreme Court rulings that strengthened the right to effective counsel and challenged the exclusion of African Americans from juries.

Located in historic Joyce Chapel, home of Jackson County's first African American church, the museum invites visitors to explore exhibits that share the lives, trials and enduring legacy of the Scottsboro Boys. Founded in 2010 by local activist Shelia Washington and reopened after renovation in 2022, the museum continues to grow, with plans for an outdoor interpretive space connecting the story to the nearby railroad tracks central to the case.

Visit, reflect and "Know Their Story." Check the museum's website for current hours, admission, tours, programs and upcoming events. Mention code JCTSBM for $1 off general admission.
thescottsboroboysmuseum.com

Above: Alabama Tourism Department/Jamie Martin

Travel Through the Past

Discover the places, stories and people that shaped generations.

Train Depots

Railroads helped shape Jackson County, and that history lives on in three historic depots. Scottsboro's 1861 Freight Depot, one of only three remaining pre-Civil War depots in Alabama, still bears scars from a Civil War skirmish. Stevenson's restored depot tells the story of a once-bustling railroad junction, while Bridgeport's Depot Museum explores the town's railroad, Civil War and local history.

Scottsboro-Jackson Heritage Center & Sagetown

Step into Jackson County's past at the historic Brown-Proctor House, home to exhibits, artifacts and stories spanning generations of local history. Outside, explore Sagetown, a collection of historic structures that offers a glimpse into early life in the county. Wander through cabins, a schoolhouse and other buildings while discovering the people, traditions and everyday life that shaped Jackson County.

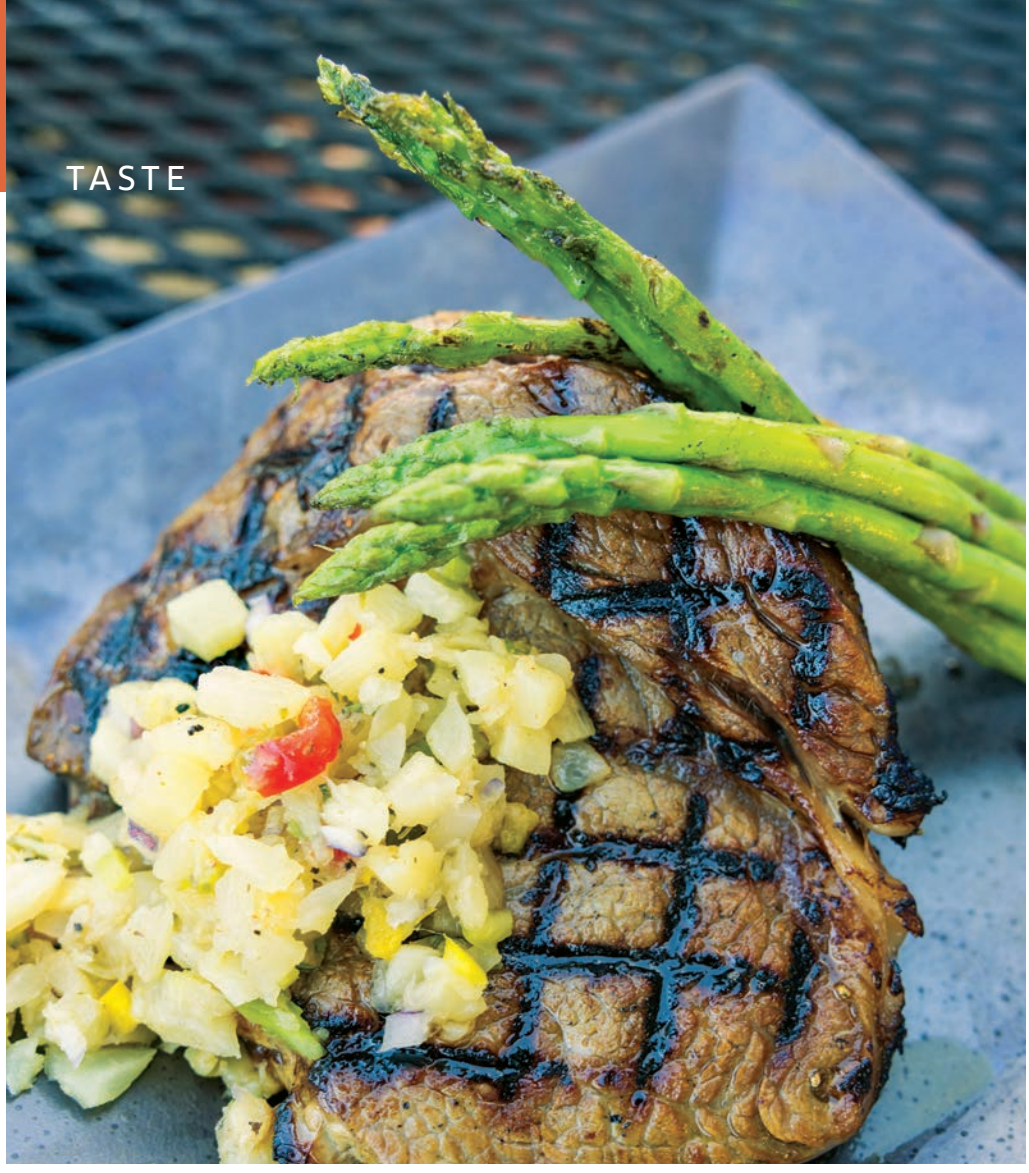
Veterans Memorial Park of Jackson County

Honoring those who served, Scottsboro's Veterans Memorial Park shares stories of service and sacrifice. Explore monuments representing every branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, along with military displays and commemorative bricks honoring local veterans. The park offers a meaningful place to reflect, remember and honor.

Fort Harker

Step into Civil War history at Fort Harker in Stevenson, an earthen fort built by Union forces in 1862. Explore the remarkably preserved fort and discover its role in protecting vital railroad routes through the region. Each spring, history comes alive during the annual reenactment, with period camps, demonstrations and battle reenactments offering visitors a glimpse into life during the Civil War.





Sample the Local Flavors

Jackson County's dining scene is a mix of longtime favorites, locally owned restaurants and places that have become destinations of their own. From morning coffee and casual lunches to waterfront dinners and late night cocktails, there is plenty to discover and even more worth coming back for.

Best Shrimp & Grits | The Docks Lake Guntersville sets the scene for waterfront dining, where Southern favorites, fresh seafood and steaks come with laid-back views and an easygoing atmosphere. Grab a table near the water around sunset and turn dinner into an instantly memorable vacation moment.

Best Wings | Jefferson's If wings are the mission, Jefferson's delivers. Fresh, never-frozen wings and a long lineup of signature sauces let you go mild, sweet, tangy or seriously hot. Pair them with fries, grab a cold drink and settle into the lively, sports-friendly atmosphere—it's made for messy fingers.

Best Steak | Ole Gin Steakhouse Dinner comes with a little history at Ole Gin Steakhouse, tucked inside a renovated cotton gin in Section. Cut ribeyes, New York strips and prime rib anchor the menu, while Southern sides, big portions and decadent desserts complete the experience.

GRAB A QUICK TREAT

Standard Scoops
Stevenson
Stop in for hand dipped ice cream and a sweet break while exploring downtown Stevenson.

Variety Bake Shop
Scottsboro
Stop in for fresh donuts, pastries, and a variety of baked goods at this longtime favorite.

Jackson County Park
Scottsboro
Lake day essential: grab a snow cone from the park store and enjoy it by the water.

Cups Café
Unclaimed Baggage
Take a shopping break with Dippin' Dots or a freshly baked cookie inside Unclaimed Baggage.

Payne's Soda Fountain
Scottsboro
Go old school with a milkshake, malt, float, sundae or classic banana split.

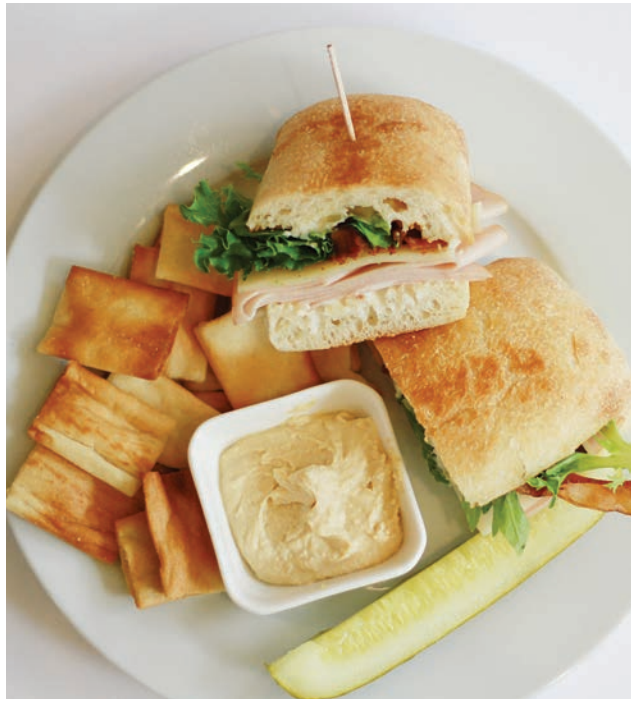
Above: Alabama Tourism Department/Chris Granger

Best BBQ | KC's BBQ
Follow the smell of smoked meat to the water. Inside Jackson County Park, KC's serves pulled pork, brisket, ribs and smoked wings with waterfront views. Grab a seat on the lakeside deck and enjoy a Lake Guntersville view.

Best Pasta | Courtyard Cucina For pasta night, go beyond the basics with made-from-scratch lasagna, lobster ravioli, Diavolo shrimp pasta and fresh fettuccine Alfredo. Add warm bread with dipping oil, then finish with tiramisu and espresso sauce for a dinner worth lingering over.

Best Sandwich | Wellmade
Wellmade elevates the sandwich shop with creative combinations and generous portions. The Italian earns rave reviews, while chicken salad, the Monte Cristo and The Granny keep the menu interesting. Browse the market while you wait.

Best Buffet | Yoki Buffet
Come hungry—Yoki serves up plenty of variety, from sushi and hibachi to noodles, soups, chicken, seafood, fruit and desserts. A bright, clean dining room and koi pond make it an easy, family-friendly stop when everyone wants something different.







Best Stuffed Potato | 50 Taters With a name like 50 Taters, the loaded potato is practically required. Oversized baked potatoes come piled high, with barbecue a favorite topping, alongside hearty Southern comfort food favorites.

Best Fajitas | Buenavista Mexican Cantina Listen for the sizzle. Buenavista's fajitas arrive hot from the grill with chicken, steak or shrimp, plus all the classic fixings. Colorful surroundings, generous portions and delicious margaritas make this a favorite for a fun night out.

Best Tacos | Toro's Cantina & Grill Street tacos and quesabirria are standouts, with al pastor and flavorful fillings giving taco lovers plenty to try. Add margaritas and live entertainment, and Toro's turns taco night into a night out.

Best Coffee | Alabaster Coffee Company Coffee takes center stage at Alabaster, with espresso drinks, lattes, a standout Cuban coffee and seasonal creations. Stay awhile and pair your cup with breakfast, pastries or one of the café's fresh wraps, sandwiches and salads for lunch.

Best Home Cooking | Liberty Restaurant & Diner A Scottsboro tradition since 1963, Liberty serves up early breakfasts and homestyle lunches. Biscuits and gravy, country fried steak, meat-and-three plates, vegetables and homemade pies keep generations coming back.

Best Quesadillas | 302 West Tucked inside a century-old building in downtown Stevenson, 302 Café serves sandwiches, burgers, salads, quesadillas and rotating specials. Handcrafted coffee, historic character and a connected speakeasy make it worth a stop.

SPECIALTY CIGAR BAR

The Cigar Lounge at The Vault
Stevenson
Located inside The Vault at 302 West, this intimate cigar lounge pairs premium selections with the atmosphere of a hidden speakeasy. Choose a cigar, order a cocktail and settle in for the evening.

The Vault on Laurel
Scottsboro
A refined downtown lounge built for unwinding, The Vault on Laurel pairs premium cigars with bourbon, comfortable seating and an inviting atmosphere made for conversation, an evening out or simply slowing down.

Classic Cars & Cigars
Scottsboro
Part cigar lounge, part automotive experience, Classic Cars & Cigars brings two passions under one roof. Browse an impressive collection of vintage automobiles, choose a cigar and stay awhile in this one of a kind setting.

Above: Alabama Tourism Department/Chris Granger

"We have just had the best restaurant experience that we'll probably ever have in our lives."

—Amy Jane, an Irish tourist, along with her husband Scott, at Liberty Restaurant & Diner during a U.S. road trip in 2026.



Best Wine | Dominic's on the Square

Tucked along Scottsboro's historic Square, Dominic's offers more than 90 wines from around the world, plus flights, charcuterie and small plates in a cozy setting.

Best Cocktails | The Vault at 302 West

Find the passcode and step into this 21+ speakeasy, where craft cocktails, share-able bites and a cigar lounge bring Prohibition-era style to downtown Stevenson.



DT Boutique
Open Tuesday-Saturday 10-5
Located in Pruett Plaza, 102 Micah Way Suite 1105A

VOLT GYM
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Wake Up to Delicious

There is no better way to start a day of exploring than with a good breakfast and a great cup of coffee. Mornings here come with plenty of local flavor, from cozy coffee shops pouring fresh brews to hometown restaurants serving the Southern favorites you crave. Settle in for biscuits and gravy, eggs, bacon, pancakes and hearty breakfast plates, or keep things simple with a pastry and coffee before heading out for the day. These are the kinds of places where regulars are greeted by name, conversations happen across the table and visitors quickly feel at home. Whether you have a full day of adventure planned or nowhere to be until noon, take your time, enjoy a good breakfast and start your morning like a local.

Shorty's
169 Railroad St.
Hollywood
256.574.3767

Gear Jammers Restaurant
1611 S. Broad St.
Scottsboro
256.609.5879

Deli Time
5474 Tammy Little Drive, Suite 1
Section
256.228.3509

Walden's
5615 Co. Rd. 33
Hollywood
256.912.2271



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PAYNE'S SODA FOUNTAIN

SCOTTSBORO

Step back in time at this nostalgic downtown favorite, serving classic sandwiches, hand-spun shakes and old-fashioned soda fountain charm since 1869.





FRESH FROM THE MENNONITE MARKETS

Take the backroads for a taste of tradition.





Take the backroads to Jackson County's Mennonite markets, where fresh produce, homemade baked goods, handcrafted items and seasonal finds make the trip worthwhile. Set against the quiet countryside, these simple markets offer an old-fashioned shopping experience that's as much about the journey as what you bring home. Rooted in traditions of farming, craftsmanship and simple living, these markets reflect the values of the Mennonite families who operate them. Much of what shoppers discover comes directly from local gardens and kitchens, offering a closer connection to the people who grow, prepare and create the goods they sell.

Section Mennonite Market Shop fresh seasonal produce alongside homemade breads and baked goods, jams, jellies and handcrafted items, with selections changing throughout the season.

Rosalie Mennonite Market Opened in summer 2026, Jackson County's newest Mennonite market offers another backroad stop for fresh produce, homemade baked goods and handcrafted finds.

GOOD TO KNOW

Bring cash! Both markets are cash only. Hours and offerings vary seasonally, so check current hours before making the drive.

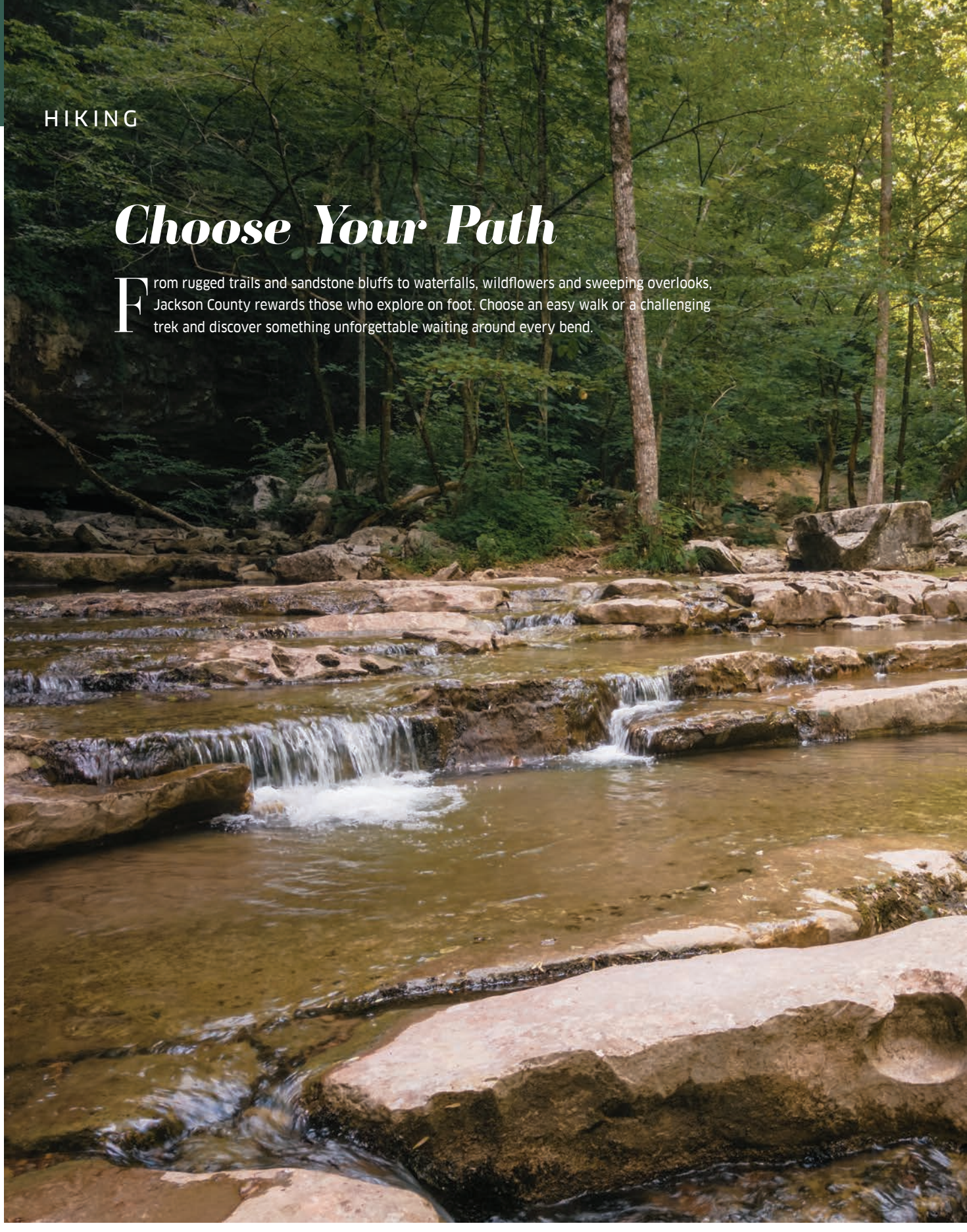
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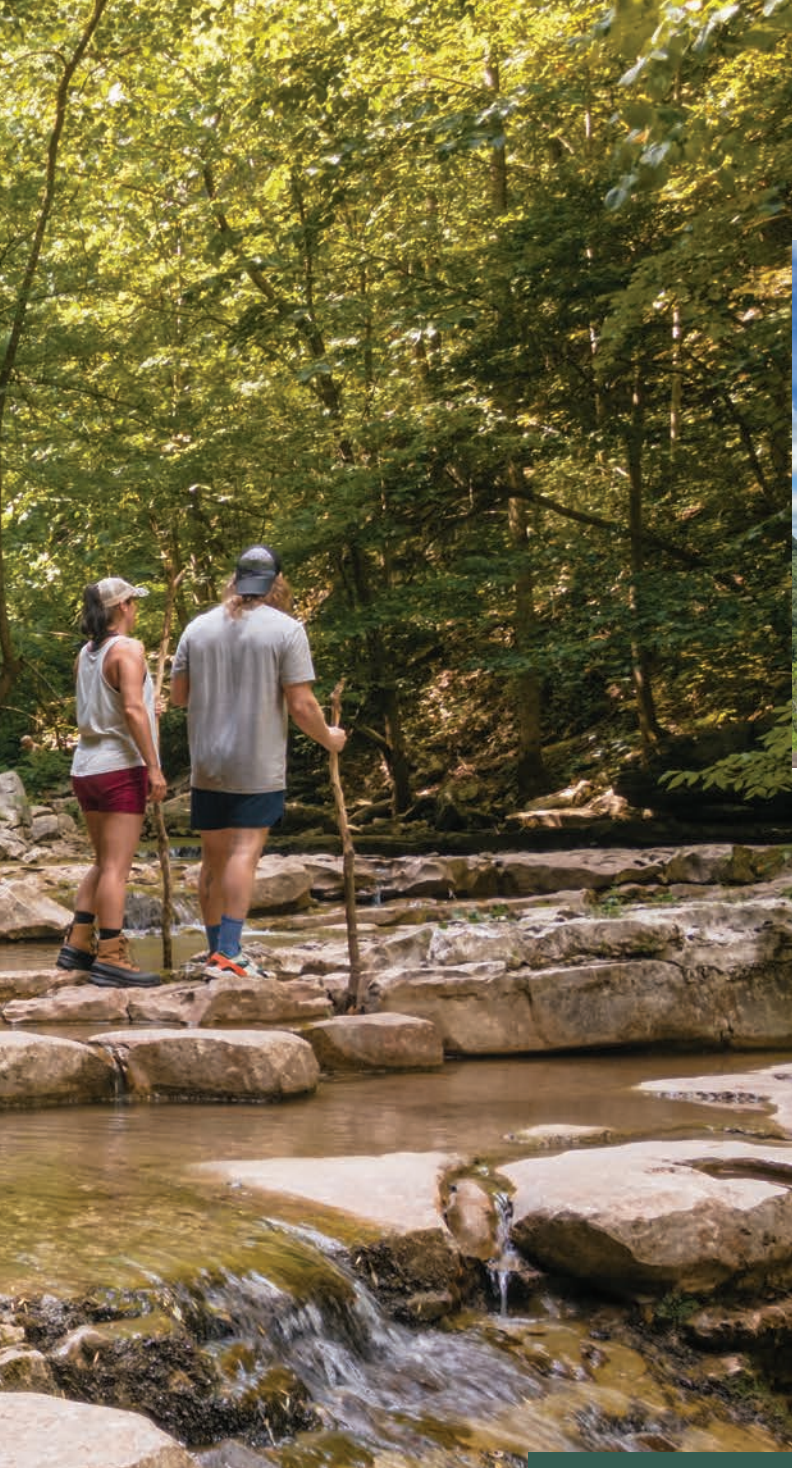
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Choose Your Path

From rugged trails and sandstone bluffs to waterfalls, wildflowers and sweeping overlooks, Jackson County rewards those who explore on foot. Choose an easy walk or a challenging trek and discover something unforgettable waiting around every bend.





WALLS OF JERICHO

HYTOP
Challenging 6-mile roundtrip hike drops 1,000 feet into a limestone amphitheater carved by Turkey Creek.

This page: Kevin Terrell



"This is a great hidden gem! Rarely a crowd and a lot to explore! I could stay here for hours and hours, truly!"

–Kiairra Winchester

Easy Strolls

Stroller and ADA-friendly paths

.2 mi	Weathington Park Overlook
.3 mi	Russell Cave Boardwalk
.3 mi	Bridgeport Walking Bridge
.5 mi	Veterans Memorial Park
1 mi	Jackson County Park
1 mi	Stevenson City Park
1 mi	Sauta Cave NWR *(partial boardwalk)*
1.4 mi	Scottsboro Municipal Park
2 mi	Goose Pond Colony

Meander Moderately

Uneven terrain and elevation changes

1 mi	Pisgah Gorge Falls at Civitan Park
1.2 mi	Russell Cave Trails *(very steep)*
1.5 mi	Stephens Gap Trail *(permit required)*
2.5 mi	Point Rock Trail, Buck's Pocket
2.5 mi	Roy B. Whitaker Preserve, Paint Rock
2.8 mi	Lost Sink Trail, Keel Mountain Preserve
3+ mi	Cathedral Caverns Trails
4.5 mi	Murphy Hill Loop, Langston

Challenging Treks

For experienced hikers adequately prepared for a full day

1 mi	Pisgah Gorge Falls Natural Bridge
5.5 mi	Bear Den Trail
7+ mi	Walls of Jericho
8+ mi	Graham Farm & Nature Center

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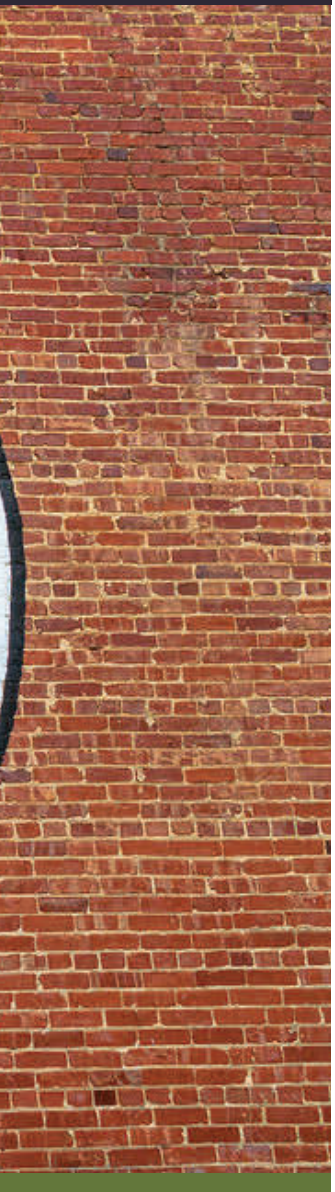
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TN River



Trail of Tears Historical Marker



Historical Dual Railraod Tennessee River Bridge



GOOSE POND LAKE COURSE

SCENIC TENNESSE RIVER VIEWS

Scenic Tennessee River views and rolling fairways set the stage for a beautiful and challenging day of golf. Designed by renowned architect George Cobb, this 18-hole, par-72 course combines championship-caliber play with a setting that makes every round worth remembering.

TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT

Three courses. Distinct landscapes. One unforgettable golf getaway.



Dogwood Hills Golf Resort
Flat Rock
Tee off on a scenic 18-hole course tucked into the mountains of Northeast Alabama, where elevation changes, rolling fairways and strategic challenges test your game. Beautiful views frame every round, while multiple tees welcome varying skill levels. Turn your tee time into a getaway with an overnight stay in one of the resort's cozy log cabins.
dogwoodhillsgolfresortandgardens.com

Goose Pond Plantation
Scottsboro
Experience a taste of Scottish links-style golf with open fairways, strategic water and sand hazards and newly upgraded Mini-Verde greens. This 18-hole, par-72 course rewards precision while multiple tee options make the layout approachable for a range of skill levels. Wide-open views and changing winds add a new challenge to every round.
goosepond.org/golf



Left: courtesy of Goose Pond Colony, above: courtesy of Dogwood Hills Golf Resort



Go Below the Surface

With more than 3,500 charted caves, Jackson County has more caves per square mile than any other county in the United States.

Some of Jackson County's most unforgettable landscapes aren't found on a mountaintop, they're beneath it. From family-friendly guided tours and ancient archaeological sites to dramatic pits, waterfalls and miles of wild passage, this corner of Alabama offers underground adventures for nearly every level of explorer.

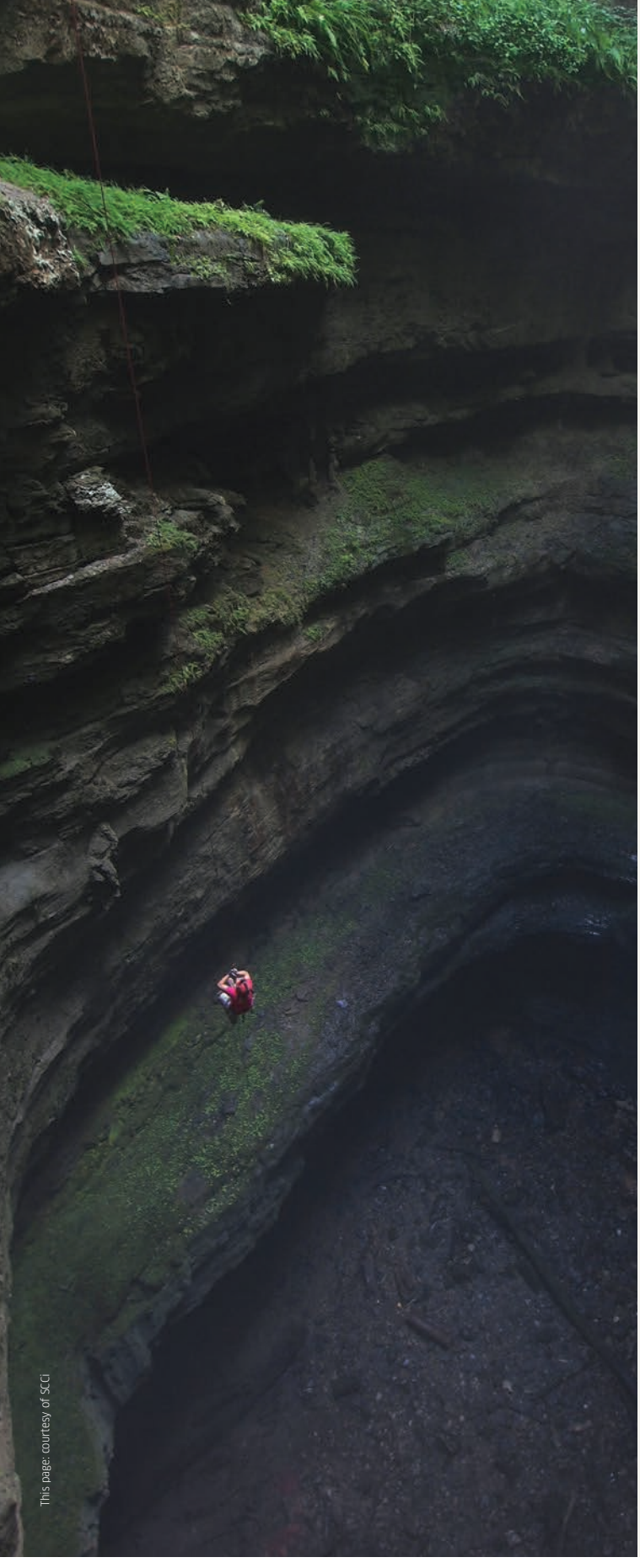
Start at **Cathedral Caverns State Park**, where one of the world's largest cave openings leads to enormous formations, including the towering "Goliath" stalagmite and impressive Stalagmite Mountain. Guided tours make this spectacular underground world accessible to visitors of all ages.

At **Russell Cave National Monument**, the story goes far beyond geology. Archaeological evidence reveals approximately 10,000 years of human habitation, offering a fascinating glimpse into the lives of prehistoric Native Americans who used the cave for shelter.

Adventure seekers can discover several remarkable preserves protected by the **Southeastern Cave Conservancy**. **Stephens Gap** is famous for its breathtaking 143-foot pit and waterfall, with a walk-in entrance reached by a scenic one-mile hike. **Neversink Preserve** plunges 162 feet into the earth and is reserved for properly equipped vertical cavers, while **Tumbling Rock Cave** offers more than six miles of surveyed passage and a true wild-caving experience. **Limrock Blowing Cave Preserve** adds miles of horizontal passages, underground streams and impressive rooms for experienced cavers.

For an entirely different cave experience, visit **Sauta Cave National Wildlife Refuge**. The cave itself is closed to public entry to protect endangered bats, but summer evenings bring an incredible spectacle as hundreds of thousands of gray bats emerge from the cave. A viewing platform offers visitors a front-row seat to one of Jackson County's wildest natural experiences.

Whether you explore by trail, guided tour, headlamp or simply watch the sky come alive at dusk, Jackson County proves the adventure doesn't stop at the surface. From ancient history to extraordinary geology, there is a whole other side of Jackson County waiting below.



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Stephens Gap
One of the most photographed caves in the country, this site features a stunning 143 foot pit illuminated by a natural skylight. A short hike leads to two entrances, one walk in and one vertical, offering breathtaking views for hikers and unforgettable drops for experienced cavers. A permit and safety gear is required for entry.

"In terms of caving in any region of the world, there's nowhere else I'd rather be than Alabama."

–Fenn Spencer

Russell Cave National Monument
This archaeological treasure tells 10,000 years of human history. A boardwalk leads visitors to the massive rock shelter used by prehistoric cultures–with exhibits, ranger programs, and nature trails to explore above ground.

Tumbling Rock Cave
A true underground maze with miles of winding passages, towering rooms, waterfalls, and rugged crawls. This wild horizontal cave offers adventure for explorers who enjoy discovering the hidden beauty of the Cumberland Plateau. A permit and safety gear is required for entry.

Sauta Cave National Wildlife Refuge
In summer, witness one of North America's largest bat emergences as hundreds of thousands of gray and Indiana bats take flight at dusk. The cave interior is protected but viewing areas and trails make this a spectacular seasonal experience.

Limrock Cave
A beautiful stream cave with wide passages, flowing water, and interesting formations. This wet cave offers a quieter, scenic underground experience–perfect for those prepared for water and adventure. A permit and safety gear is required.

Cathedral Caverns State Park
One of the world's widest cave entrances and the massive stalagmite "Goliath." Guided tours reveal extraordinary formations, cool 60° temperatures year-round, and scenic hiking trails throughout the park.

Neversink Pit
One of the Southeast's most iconic vertical caves. For experienced cavers only, but an unforgettable sight from the rim for all visitors. A permit and safety gear is required for entry.

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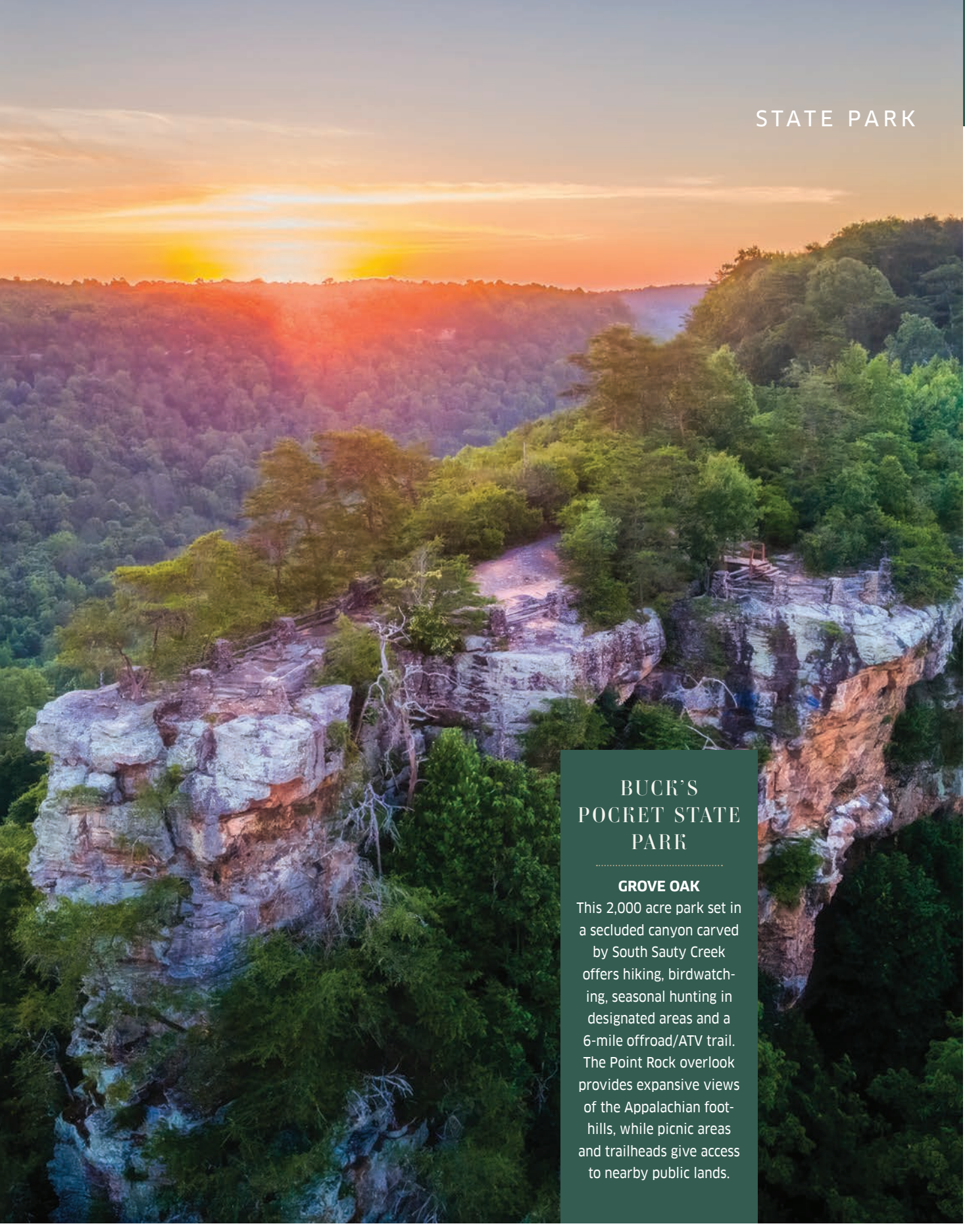
STEPHENS GAP

WOODVILLE

Where sunlight meets the underground, another world reveals itself below.



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BUCK'S POCKET STATE PARK

GROVE OAK

This 2,000 acre park set in a secluded canyon carved by South Sauty Creek offers hiking, birdwatching, seasonal hunting in designated areas and a 6-mile offroad/ATV trail. The Point Rock overlook provides expansive views of the Appalachian foothills, while picnic areas and trailheads give access to nearby public lands.

PISGAH GORGE



Left: Ralph Edmonds

Hidden Among the Cliffs

Discover Alabama's hidden waterfalls and most underrated outdoor adventure worth the weekend.

Pisgah Gorge is one of Alabama's best-kept secrets. Tucked away in the quiet mountain community of Pisgah, this remarkable destination offers towering waterfalls, a natural bridge, rugged sandstone canyons, and breathtaking overlooks, all without the crowds found at many popular hiking destinations. Whether you're chasing waterfalls, photographing nature, or simply looking for a peaceful weekend in the outdoors, Pisgah Gorge is the kind of place you'll wonder how you've never heard about before.

Outdoor writer Frank Emory of Hiking the Appalachians and Beyond calls Pisgah Civitan Park "one of the area's most under-appreciated pieces of public land." He highlights the park's three notable waterfalls and extraordinary natural bridge, noting that Pisgah Gorge "features a sampling of some of Northeast Alabama's finest natural scenery and must not be missed."



Why You'll Love Pisgah Gorge

Few places in Alabama pack so much scenery into a relatively short hike: Three beautiful waterfalls, a massive natural bridge, deep sandstone canyon walls, scenic overlooks, colorful spring wildflowers, peaceful creek crossings, incredible photography opportunities. Little Bryant Creek drops more than 1,000 feet in less than two miles, carving one of northeast Alabama's most scenic hidden gorges and creating an unforgettable landscape for hikers and outdoor enthusiasts.

> ***"I am pretty sure that Pisgah Gorge is the most beautiful scenic area that I've come across in Alabama so far."***
>
> –Mark Oleg Ozboyd

Stay Above the Gorge

Wake up surrounded by mountain and valley views, peaceful forests and fresh air.

Paradise Pointe Resort

Just minutes from Pisgah Gorge, Paradise Pointe Resort offers luxury mountaintop cabins with incredible bluff views, an indoor pool, family-friendly amenities, and some of the most unique accommodations in Northeast Alabama.

The Paradise Pointe Barndominium offers a one-of-a-kind stay that's perfect for couples, families, or groups exploring Jackson County.

Bluff Cottages

Stay atop the stunning Tennessee Valley at Gorham's Bluff, where charming cottages offer peaceful escapes and bluff views just a short drive from Pisgah Gorge. Choose from: Love Birds Cottage, Silver Oaks Cottage, Tranquility at Gorham's Bluff.

Storybook Farmhouse

Step back in time at this beautifully restored 1940s farmhouse in Pisgah. It's a cozy retreat that's become a favorite for travelers exploring Pisgah Gorge and Sand Mountain.



Your Next Great Hunt

In Jackson County, hunting isn't just a pastime—it's a way of life. Whether you're heading into the woods before sunrise or gathering friends for a weekend, there's a place and a pace for every hunter. From meadow, valley, bluff side or hardwood ridges echoing with the call of white tail deer and wild turkey, the variety is unmatched. Some come for quiet mornings in a treestand in the James D. Martin Wildlife Management Area (WMA). Others cherish the tradition of family hunts, passing down skills, ethics and stories from one generation to the next. Weekend warriors return year after year to share campfire meals, explore new tracts of land and enjoy the camaraderie that makes hunting here so much more than just a sport.

James D. Martin-Skyline WMA More than 60,700 acres of rugged mountain terrain, hardwood forests and wildlife openings offer outstanding public hunting opportunities for deer, turkey and small game, including dove, rabbit, squirrel and raccoon.

Raccoon Creek WMA
More than 8,500 acres of wetlands, backwaters and wildlife habitat offer prime hunting for waterfowl and small game. Tennessee River areas provide excellent waterfowl habitat, with designated seasons also offering deer hunting.

Coon Gulf Tracts (Forever Wild)
More than 3,200 acres of hardwood forests, rugged mountains, caves, springs and rocky bluffs create diverse wildlife habitat and public hunting opportunities for deer, turkey and small game.

MORE HUNTING LANDS

MUD CREEK WMA
8,003 ACRES
Explore wetlands and backwaters offering waterfowl, small game and designated deer hunting opportunities.

CROW CREEK WMA
2,069 ACRES
Tennessee River wetlands provide opportunities for waterfowl, small game and designated deer hunts.

CROW CREEK REFUGE
3,346 ACRES
Protected habitat open for designated small game hunting during scheduled seasons.

NORTH SAUTY REFUGE
5,009 ACRES
Wetlands, backwaters and wooded habitat offer designated small game hunting opportunities.

CROW CREEK SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA
A limited-quota hunting experience offering designated archery and primitive-weapons deer hunts, plus select waterfowl hunts through Alabama's SOA program.

Left: courtesy of Billy Pope, right: Matt Crowell

HUNTING 101

Jackson County's public lands offer exceptional opportunities for hunters of all styles:

Where to Stay and What to Do
From cabins and campgrounds to short-term rentals and lakeside lodges, accommodations will match your hunting style.

Licenses, Permits and Regulations
All hunters must carry a valid Alabama hunting license and WMA permit. Most public lands require check-in through the Outdoor Alabama app or on-site kiosks. Firearms and archery equipment must comply with regulations. All deer harvests must be reported with Game Check system. Always consult the current Alabama Hunting & Fishing Digest for season dates and bag limits.

Gear Up Locally
Jackson County has outfitters, ammo suppliers and seasonal game processors.

INSIDER TIP

YOUTH HUNTS
Young hunters can take to the woods during special youth deer and turkey hunts, including opportunities at Skyline WMA, with dedicated dates before regular seasons begin.

Accessible Hunting
Specialized hunting opportunities for people with physical disabilities: Within Skyline WMA, six designated shooting houses provide reserved deer and turkey hunts, while Mud Creek's accessible waterfowl blind serves duck hunters. Skyline WMA's wheelchair-accessible shooting range offers concrete access to 50- and 200-yard ranges. Reservations and eligibility requirements apply. Visit Outdoor Alabama for current regulations.







SEASONAL HUNTS

With more than 87,000 acres of public hunting lands, there's always new ground to explore.





Deer Rut
LATE DECEMBER TO EARLY JANUARY
For rifle and bow hunters.

Duck Season
LATE NOVEMBER THROUGH JANUARY
Mud Creek is alive with activity. Bring waders for this challenging terrain.

Spring Turkey Season
MID-MARCH TO EARLY MAY
In the hilly terrain of Martin WMA and Coon Gulf.

Dove Season
EARLY SEPTEMBER
Often celebrated as a social event in Martin WMA's managed fields.

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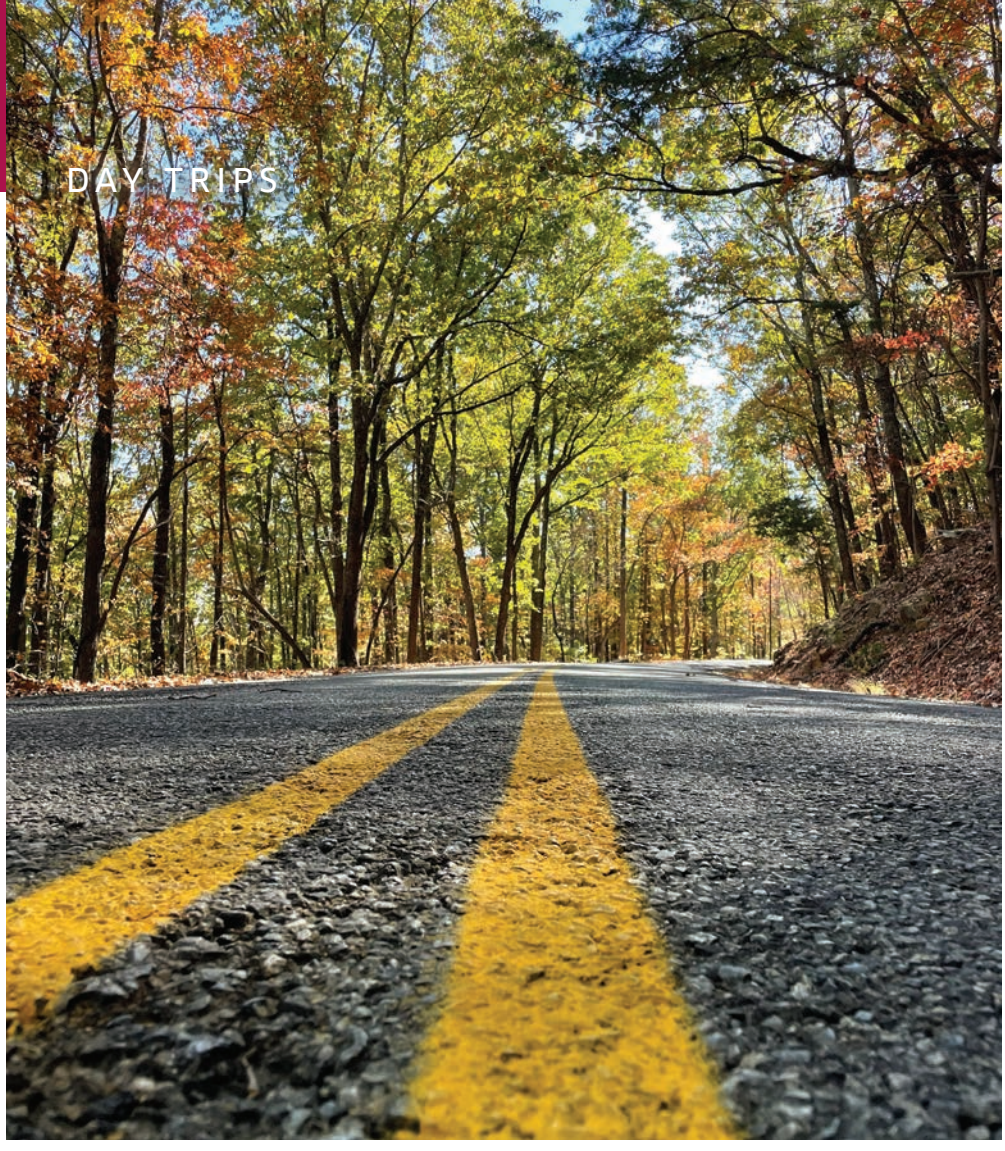
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Two Perfect Days

The perfect introduction to somewhere unexpected. Mountains, water, history and one-of-a-kind finds come together in one unforgettable destination. If it's your first visit, two days is just enough time to experience some of what makes this corner of North Alabama unlike anywhere else.

Day 1—Morning | Expect the Unexpected
Start in Scottsboro at Unclaimed Baggage, where lost luggage from around the world becomes an ever-changing collection of clothing, jewelry, electronics and unexpected treasures. You never know what you'll find, and that's exactly the point.

From there, make your way downtown and spend a little time exploring the Square.

Midday | Step Back In Time
Stop for lunch at Payne's Sandwich Shop & Soda Fountain, a Scottsboro institution serving sandwiches, hot dogs with its famous slaw, hand-dipped ice cream, milkshakes and classic fountain favorites.

DETAILS

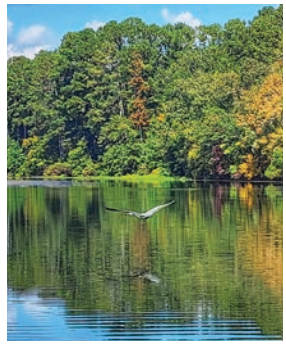
HOW LONG
2 days

WHERE TO STAY
Jackson County Park Cabins – waterfront and centrally located

Then visit the Scottsboro Boys Museum to discover the story that began here in 1931 and became an important chapter in American civil rights history.

Afternoon | Find Your Way to the Water
Head to Goose Pond Colony Resort, where Lake Guntersville takes center stage. Walk the waterfront trail, explore the area, relax along the shoreline and simply take in the view. With golf, dining, lodging and lake access all in one place, it's easy to turn an afternoon stop into an overnight stay.

Evening | Eat Local
Wrap up your first day over dinner at one of Jackson County's locally owned restaurants. Then slow things down and enjoy an evening by the lake before turning in for the night.



Day Two—Morning | Go Underground
Start your second day at Cathedral Caverns State Park, where an enormous cave entrance opens into an underground landscape filled with towering formations. Inside, see "Goliath," one of

the world's largest stalagmites, along with massive rooms and formations that make this one of the area's must-see attractions.

Midday | Take the Backroads

Head into Jackson County's mountain communities and make a stop at one of the county's seasonal Mennonite markets. Browse fresh produce, homemade baked goods, handcrafted items and seasonal finds, then grab lunch or put together something for a picnic. Don't rush the drive. Out here, winding roads, farmland and mountain views are part of the experience.

Afternoon | Find Your Way to Buck's Pocket

Continue to Buck's Pocket State Park and spend the afternoon surrounded by some of North Alabama's most dramatic mountain scenery. Explore the trails, take in the views or simply enjoy a little time outside before beginning the trip home.

Evening | Catch One Last Sunset

Before heading home, make one final stop at Weathington Park. Perched high above Lake Guntersville, the overlook is an unforgettable place to watch the sun disappear across the water and mountains.

INSIDER TIP

TAKE THE BACKROADS. Some of Jackson County's best views—and unexpected finds—are along the way, so leave a little room in your itinerary to wander.



It's the perfect ending to two days in Jackson County and one last reason to linger a little longer. Two days is only the beginning.



Far left: Martha Smith, bottom left: Monica Davis, bottom right: Matt Crowell



Family Weekend

Big adventures are even better with little explorers. Bring the swimsuits. Pack the snacks. And don't expect the kids to spend much time sitting still. From ancient history and colorful creatures to underground adventures, splashing, swimming and wildlife encounters, Jackson County turns a family weekend into one big adventure.

Day 1—Morning | Go Back in Time
Start at Russell Cave National Monument, where an easy boardwalk leads to a massive rock shelter used by people for thousands of years. It's an easy family adventure that brings history to life without requiring a long hike. Then head into Bridgeport for a walk across the Historic Bridgeport Walking Bridge, where families can take in views of the Tennessee River and watch boats, barges, and trains pass by.

Midday | Trains, Then Splash + Play
Spend a little time discovering Bridgeport's railroad history before letting the kids burn off some energy at the Bridgeport Splash Pad, with water features, a playground, pavilion, picnic areas, walking trails and plenty of open space. Pack a picnic or grab lunch along the way, but don't rush this stop. The kids probably won't want you to.

Afternoon | Meet the Locals
Make a stop at the Rock Zoo, one of Jackson County's quirkiest roadside attractions. See how many colorful painted animals your family can spot and pick a favorite before continuing toward Lake Guntersville.

Then trade the car for a boat. Rent a pontoon, cruise the shoreline, watch for wildlife, find a quiet cove for swimming and enjoy a few hours together on the water.



Evening | Wind Down
After a full day of exploring, grab dinner and head back to your home base. If you're staying somewhere with a pool, playground or fire pit, leave some time for the kids to enjoy it.

Tomorrow is exploring underground.

DETAILS

HOW LONG
2 days

WHERE TO STAY
Mink Creek Village – plenty of room to roam

Day Two—Morning | Go Underground
Head to Cathedral Caverns State Park and step into an entirely different world. The enormous cave entrance is only the beginning. Inside, towering formations and massive underground rooms turn a guided cave tour into an adventure that can impress grown-ups just as much as kids.

Midday | Refuel + Explore
Stick around Cathedral Caverns for gemstone mining or a walk along the park's scenic trails. There's plenty more to discover above ground, but leave a little room for the unexpected. After all, some of the best family memories happen when you're not watching the clock.

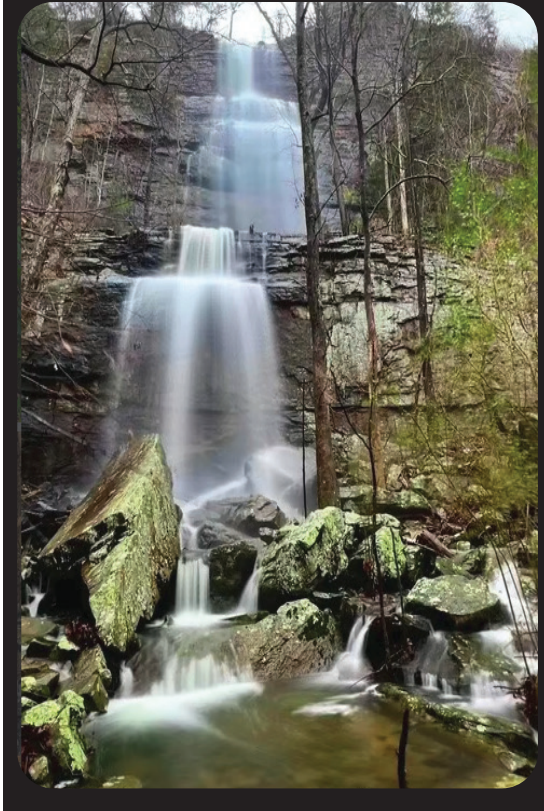
Afternoon | Keep the Adventure Going
Choose an afternoon that fits your crew. Paddle the Paint Rock River, challenge older kids and teens to an afternoon of paintball, return to Lake Guntersville for more time outside or head back to your lodging for a little pool time and downtime. But if you're visiting during the summer, save some energy. You're going to want to stay up for this one.

Evening | Wait for It…
As daylight fades, head to Sauta Cave National Wildlife Refuge and find a spot near the cave entrance. Then wait. During the summer months, hundreds of thousands of gray bats emerge from the cave around dusk and take to the sky in search of insects, an unforgettable wildlife experience and one incredible way to finish your family getaway.

WHERE TO STAY

At **Paradise Pointe**, the lodging can be part of the adventure, with an indoor pool, water slides, Little Tails Farm, playground areas, fire pits and mountain views. Because the best family vacations aren't measured in miles traveled or attractions seen. They're measured in how many times the kids ask, "Can we do that again?"





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■■ Go underground at Cathedral Caverns

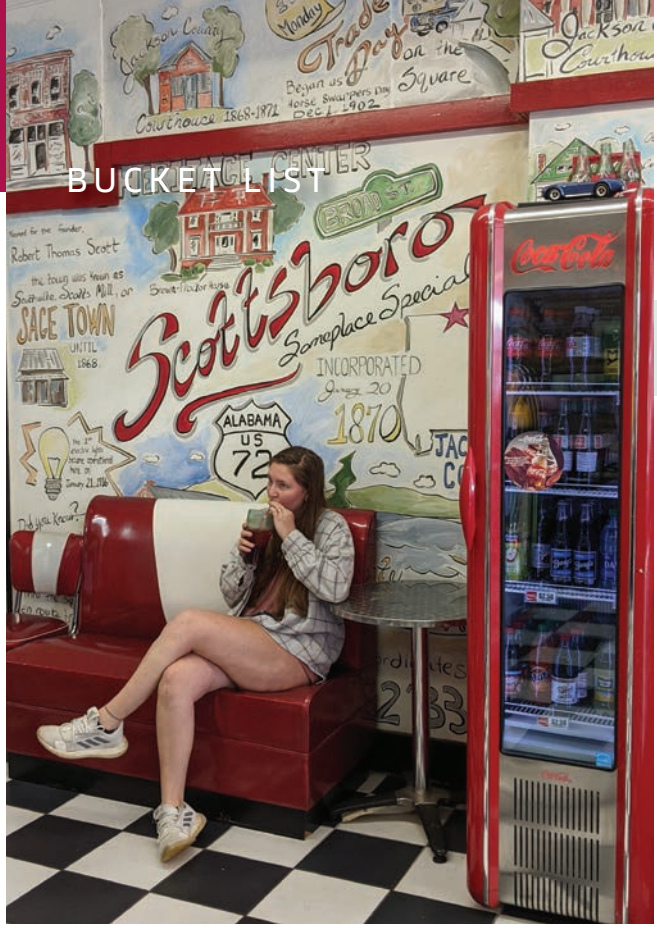
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- ☐ Hunt for treasure at Unclaimed Baggage
- ☐ Make a cast on Lake Guntersville
- ☐ Conquer the Walls of Jericho
- ☐ Chase waterfalls at Pisgah Gorge
- ☐ Spend a day at Goose Pond Colony Resort
- ☐ Discover 10,000 years of human history at Russell Cave
- ☐ Catch a sunset dinner at The Docks
- ☐ Experience a defining chapter of history at the Scottsboro Boys Museum
- ☐ Discover the underground wonder of Stephens Gap
- ☐ Fill your basket at a Mennonite market
- ☐ Beat the heat at a local splash pad
- ☐ Catch a show under the lights at Two Sisters Square
- ☐ Paddle the Paint Rock River
- ☐ Find your favorite animal at Rock Zoo
- ☐ Walk the grounds of Civil War history at Fort Harker
- ☐ Drive through the Christmas light display at Stevenson City Park
- ☐ Find the speakeasy in Stevenson
- ☐ Have a picnic with a view at Jackson County Park
- ☐ Go on a mural hunt
- ☐ Discover the Skyline Rock Store Museum
- ☐ Step inside Jackson County Heritage Center & Sage Town
- ☐ Spend the night somewhere unexpected
- ☐ Visit the Stevenson Railroad Depot Museum
- ☐ Explore Graham Farm & Nature Center
- ☐ Find your favorite hole-in-the-wall restaurant
- ☐ Discover Jackson County's oldest town at the Woodville Historical Museum
- ☐ Browse a small-town downtown
- ☐ Try a stuffed potato bigger than your appetite
- ☐ Walk across the Tennessee River and wave to a passing train
- ☐ Explore the historic Scottsboro Railroad Depot Museum
- ☐ Pay your respects at Veterans Memorial Park
- ☐ Challenge your crew at United Paintball
- ☐ Eat your way around the Scottsboro BBQ Festival
- ☐ Find something handmade
- ☐ Go back in time at the Renaissance Faire
- ☐ Find a treasure thrifting
- ☐ Camp beside the water
- ☐ Take the scenic route



☐ See the bats take flight at Sauta Cave National Wildlife Refuge



- ☐ Explore Buck's Pocket State Park
- ☐ Order something sweet from Payne's
- ☐ Go bowling at Victory Lanes
- ☐ Tee off with a view
- ☐ Prove you made it to Hollywood
- ☐ Explore Jackson County on two wheels
- ☐ Order a steak inside a historic cotton gin
- ☐ Watch the sunset from Weathington Park
- ☐ Spend a day doing absolutely nothing by the lake
- ☐ Visit the Bridgeport Depot Museum
- ☐ Explore Jackson County's eight stops on the Alabama Birding Trail

HOW MANY HAVE YOU DONE?

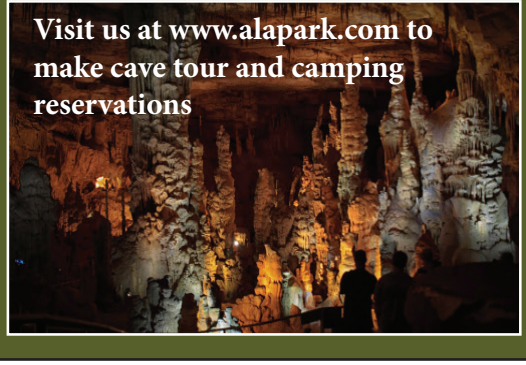
0–10	Just getting started
11–20	Finding your way around
21–30	Jackson County Explorer
31–40	Almost a local
41–50	You know Jackson County
51+	You might as well call this place home

Camping, Cabins, and a Cave

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The Birds Are Worth the Trip

Some visitors come for the views. Others come for what's flying through them. From wintering waterfowl on Lake Guntersville to colorful songbirds in the forests of the Cumberland Plateau, Jackson County offers birdwatching opportunities in every season. Explore eight designated stops along the Alabama Birding Trail, each offering a different habitat and a new reason to look up.

WATERS & WETLANDS

Goose Pond Colony | Winter & Spring
Common Goldeneyes, Hooded Mergansers, Canvasbacks, loons, grebes and Bald Eagles. Look for Indigo Buntings and Eastern Kingbirds along the nature trails.

Mud Creek WMA | Year-Round
Mallards, Gadwalls, American Wigeons and Green-winged Teals gather in fall and winter. Great Blue Herons, Green Herons and Bald Eagles are additional highlights.

North Sauty Creek / Sauta Cave | Fall, Winter & Spring
Watch for migrating and wintering waterfowl, shorebirds and wading birds along North Sauty Creek. At nearby Sauta Cave National Wildlife Refuge, look for Summer Tanagers and Prothonotary Warblers during warmer months.

Stevenson Town Park | Fall through Spring
Common Loons, Horned Grebes and wintering waterfowl frequent the open water. Herons and shorebirds appear along exposed shallows when water levels drop.

FORESTS & FIELDS

Skyline WMA | Spring & Fall
Cerulean Warblers, Prairie Warblers, Indigo Buntings, Yellow-breasted Chats and Northern Bobwhites. Lucky visitors may hear the elusive Ruffed Grouse.

Graham Farm & Nature Center | Year-Round
Cerulean Warblers, American Redstarts, Worm-eating Warblers, Eastern Bluebirds and Loggerhead Shrikes. Watch for flycatchers and swallows in summer.

Paint Rock River Preserve | Spring through Fall
Grasshopper Sparrows, Scissor-tailed Flycatchers, Great Crested Flycatchers and Red-eyed Vireos inhabit the area's fields and woodlands.

Russell Cave National Monument | Spring & Fall
Scarlet Tanagers, Summer Tanagers, Yellow-billed Cuckoos and migrating warblers and vireos can be found along the wooded trails.

PLAN YOUR BIRDING ADVENTURE

Explore all eight stops, find directions and discover the best seasons for birdwatching at Alabama BirdingTrails.com.









Where to Lay Your Head

Find the stay that fits the way you travel.

Hotels & Motels
From familiar brands to locally owned stays, find comfortable rooms, convenient amenities and easy access to shopping, dining, outdoor adventures and area attractions nearby.

Cabins & Vacation Homes
Settle into a cozy cabin, lakefront home or tucked-away retreat, with options featuring full kitchens, inviting outdoor spaces, scenic views and room to unwind together.

Campgrounds & RV Parks
Sleep closer to the outdoors with primitive campsites, RV sites and full-service hookups, all within easy reach of fishing, paddling, hiking and some of the area's most scenic outdoor settings.

Boat-Friendly Stays
Bringing the boat? From hotels with charging hookups to short-term rentals with covered boat parking, there are plenty of options near marinas and public boat launches across Lake Guntersville.

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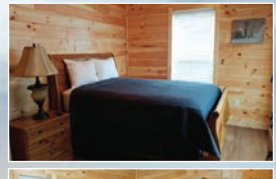
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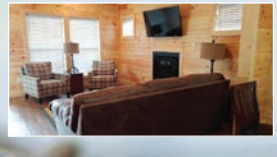
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Perfect Place to Stay

Trade the schedule for scenery and a little time together. No packed agenda. No racing from one attraction to the next. Just two days filled with beautiful places, good food and enough adventure to make getting away feel like getting away. Slow down, follow the backroads and leave a little room for whatever catches your attention along the way. Around here, some of the best moments are the ones you never planned. Sometimes, a change of scenery is all you need. Especially when where you stay is part of the experience.



Courtesy of Hytop Hideaway

Day 1—Morning | Start Slow
Begin with coffee and breakfast before treasure hunting at Unclaimed Baggage. Wander the aisles together and see who can uncover the most unexpected find.

Midday | Take the Scenic Route
Grab lunch, then head toward Pisgah Gorge, where waterfalls, towering rock formations and Appalachian scenery create a beautiful backdrop. Explore at your own pace and stop for photos along the way.

Afternoon | Leave Room to Wander
Take the long way back through winding mountain roads and quiet communities.



DETAILS

HOW LONG
2 days

WHERE TO STAY
Hytop Hideaway – a secluded mountain retreat made for two.

Back in Scottsboro, unwind over a glass of wine at Dominic's on the Square.

Evening | Chase the Sunset
Make your way to Weathington Park before sunset. Find your favorite view overlooking Lake Guntersville and stay long enough to watch the colors change across the water. Finish the night with dinner and drinks.

Day Two—Morning | Choose Your Pace
Sleep a little later and linger over breakfast. Tee off at Goose Pond Colony Resort, home to two 18-hole golf courses, or skip the tee time and take a scenic drive through the mountains and valleys. Either way, there's no reason to hurry.

Midday | Find a Local Favorite
Stop for lunch somewhere you haven't tried before, then leave room for the unexpected. Browse a local shop, find a scenic overlook or follow a backroad simply because the view looks promising. Sometimes the best part of getting away is what you never planned.

Afternoon | End at the Lake
Bring the weekend full circle beside Lake Guntersville. Take a leisurely walk, find a quiet place along the shoreline or simply sit together and enjoy the view before it's time to head home. Sometimes two days away is all you need to feel a world away.



Make Some Memories

Where good times become great stories.

Summer

Stevenson Depot Days *Stevenson*
A week-long Stevenson tradition featuring live music, a parade, fishing and golf tournaments, community activities, food, an auction and family fun, all leading up to the signature street dance.

Goose Pond Colony Fourth of July Celebration *Scottsboro*
Celebrate Independence Day at Alabama's longest-running Fourth of July celebration. This beloved Goose Pond Colony tradition brings families to Lake Guntersville for live music, food, family fun and a festive evening along the water, ending with a spectacular fireworks show.

Rock the Dock *Goose Pond Colony, Scottsboro*
Rock the Dock brings thousands to Lake Guntersville for an unforgettable waterfront concert featuring country music, food trucks and plenty of energy, all set along the shoreline.

Dragon Boat Races *Goose Pond Colony, Scottsboro*
Cheer on teams racing colorful dragon boats across Lake Guntersville at this waterfront festival featuring drumming, competition, food, music and family fun.

Jackson County Underground *Tumbling Rock Cave Preserve, Fackler*
Explore underground passages and incredible formations with helmets and headlamps provided, plus experienced cavers stationed throughout to guide your journey safely.

FIND YOUR KIND OF FUN

For The Foodie
Come hungry for barbecue, catfish and plenty of festival favorites along the way.

For the Music Lover
Find live music from the mountains to the waterfront and everywhere in between.

For the History Buff
Step into living history, powerful stories and traditions worth remembering.

For the Treasure Hunter
Browse handmade finds, one-of-a-kind goods and the legendary Ski Sale.

For the Adventurer
Take the celebration underground with an unforgettable experience inside Tumbling Rock Cave.

For the Family
Fireworks, Christmas lights, colorful boats and plenty of reasons to bring everyone along.

Fall

Art Sunday Arts & Crafts Festival *Scottsboro* Browse art and handcrafted treasures from Southeast makers, with live entertainment, children's activities, delicious food and a Scottsboro tradition.

Trail of Tears Kick Off *Bridgeport* Gather in historic Bridgeport for the official Trail of Tears Commemorative Motorcycle Ride kick-off, featuring live music, vendors, food and festivities before riders begin their journey across North Alabama.

Scottsboro BBQ Festival *Scottsboro* A hometown favorite featuring award-winning barbecue, live music, vendors, kids' activities and smoky Southern flavor.



Unclaimed Baggage Annual Ski Sale *Scottsboro* People travel from across the country and camp out early to snag unbelievable deals on winter gear.

Drake Lake Renaissance Faire *Stevenson* Step into a medieval world of armored combat, live entertainment, artisan vendors, costumes, food and family-friendly fantasy fun.

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Winter

Jingle Bell Trail *Downtown Scottsboro*
Stroll through Downtown Scottsboro as the Square sparkles with beautifully decorated Christmas trees, twinkling lights and festive displays, creating a magical holiday tradition for families to enjoy throughout the season.

Lighting of Main Street *Downtown Stevenson*
Celebrate the season as Main Street glows with holiday lights, decorated storefronts, festive treats and community cheer. Stroll downtown, visit local businesses, enjoy family-friendly activities and soak up the small-town Christmas magic that makes Stevenson shine throughout the holiday season.

Christmas Lights at Stevenson City Park *Stevenson*
Keep the holiday magic going with a drive through Stevenson City Park, where colorful light displays, glowing scenes and festive decorations turn the park into a cheerful Christmas beloved tradition.

Black History Month at the Scottsboro Boys Museum *Scottsboro*
Honor Black History Month through powerful exhibits, special programs and the annual Art Memory Wall, created in partnership with Northeast Alabama Community College. Visitors can hear music and guest speakers, explore the Scottsboro Boys' story and add their own reflections, artwork or written messages while connecting with an important chapter of American civil rights history.



PACK LIKE A LOCAL

Comfortable Shoes
From downtown streets to festival grounds, expect to do some walking.

Sunscreen
A must for daytime festivals, waterfront celebrations and summer events.

Bug Spray
Especially handy for evenings by the lake, river or in wooded areas.

Lawn Chair or Blanket
Perfect for live music, fireworks and outdoor celebrations.

A Little Cash
Some food, craft and festival vendors may not accept cards.

Room in the Car
You never know what you'll find from local makers—or at the Ski Sale.

Your Camera
You're here to make some memories, after all.

Top right: Todd Temple

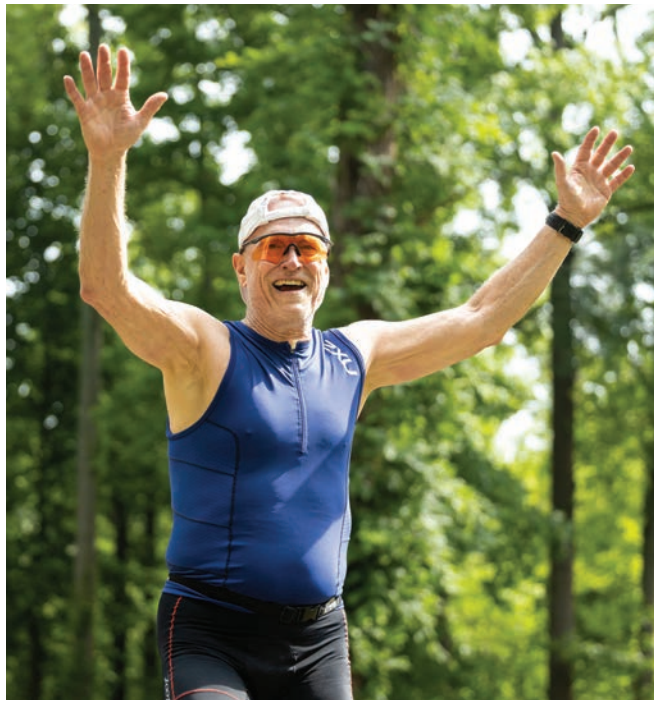
Spring

Skirmish at Fort Harker: Civil War Reenactment *Stevenson* Step back into Civil War history with battle reenactments, period camps, demonstrations and living-history displays bringing Fort Harker's wartime story vividly to life for visitors.

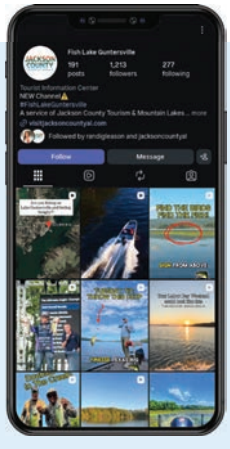
Mountain Laurel Arts & Music Festival *Pisgah* Celebrate spring beside Pisgah Gorge with live music, local artists, handmade crafts, a car show, food trucks and family fun among blooming mountain laurel flowers.

Catfish Festival & Car Show *Jackson County Park, Scottsboro* Enjoy a day by the lake with catfish plates, a car show, arts and crafts, food vendors, free kids' activities and family-friendly fun.

Frantic Frog Spring Sprint Triathlon *Goose Pond Colony, Scottsboro* Swim Lake Guntersville, bike scenic roads and finish with a 5K run in this fast-paced spring triathlon, with individual, relay, aquabike and separate 5K options for participants.



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Vows with a View

There's a reason couples travel from near and far to say "I do" here. Sweeping lake views, dramatic bluffs, mountain scenery and rolling countryside create a naturally romantic setting for the day they'll always remember. With unforgettable venues and beautiful backdrops at every turn, it's a destination made for love stories worth celebrating.

The Glass House Venue
Skyline Vaulted ceilings, iconic windows and abundant natural light define this countryside venue set amid serene open fields. Indoor and outdoor ceremony spaces, a scenic bluff and all inclusive package options make it a beautiful choice for couples dreaming of an elegant celebration surrounded by nature.

Stone Haven *Section*
European-inspired architecture meets sweeping Tennessee River views at this luxury blufftop venue. Exchange vows on the outdoor ceremony patio, celebrate beneath the glass atrium or inside the Grand Hall, with beautifully designed bridal, groom and overnight spaces completing the destination-wedding experience.

The Venue at Lilly Lou's–The Pines *Bryant*
Tucked into the hills near the Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee state lines, The Pines pairs a secluded natural setting with thoughtfully designed celebration spaces. Exchange vows at the open-air Candlelight Pavilion, then gather in the Conservatory, with coordinated, all-inclusive options available.

PICTURE PERFECT

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PISGAH GORGE
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GRAHAM FARM & NATURE CENTER
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Above: courtesy of Rachel Skipper Photography



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