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 Museum and Gardens
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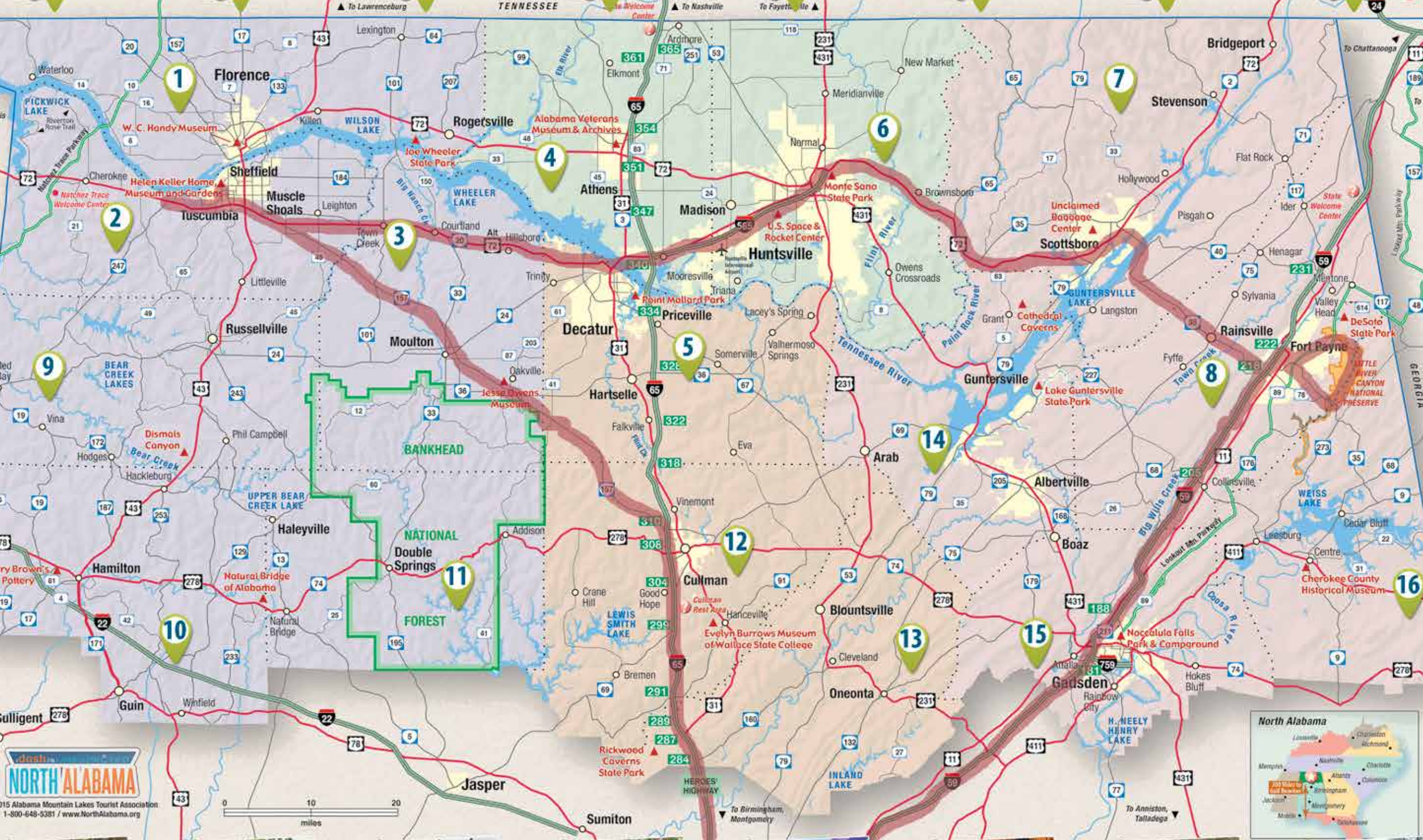
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About North Alabama

Appalachia's Southern Foothills

North Alabama marks the southern foothills of the Appalachian Mountain Range, with rocky peaks boldly cut by the rushing waters of the Tennessee River. It is a region of unsurpassed beauty and is renowned for its wooded bluffs and serene nature areas.

North Alabama boasts of many assets of interest to the traveler -- beautiful landscapes, sparkling lakes, abundant flora and fauna, internationally-acclaimed music and food, a rich and compelling history, and a vibrant array of unexpected destinations.

North Alabama offers five of the most visited attractions in the State of Alabama -- the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, Huntsville Botanical Garden and EarlyWorks Museum Complex, all in Huntsville; Point Mallard Park (Home of America's First Wave Pool) in Decatur; and the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail with courses in Muscle Shoals, Huntsville and Glencoe.

Here you will also discover America's southern-most snow skiing slopes at Cloudmont Golf & Ski Resort and the deepest gorge east of the Mississippi River at Little River Canyon in Ft. Payne.

North Alabama is also home to three hydroelectric dams operated by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). TVA is the nation's largest public power company and a world-renowned regional development agency. The three dams (Wilson, Wheeler and Guntersville) are open for public tours.

Plan a visit to North Alabama today and discover a dash of the unexpected! We look forward to providing you with an exciting adventure.

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Your tour host will be Tami Reist, President & CEO of the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association.

Space is limited to 10 Tour Operators for this exclusive tour across Alabama's northern highlands, so please reserve your space by May 6, 2019.

To book this tour, contact:

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Day 1 - America's Heroes & Heroines

Day 1 Itinerary - Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2019

Cities: Oakville, Tuscumbia

- 8:00 a.m. Executive motorcoach leaves Birmingham, Ala.
- 9:30 a.m. Tour of Olympic Gold Medalists' Jesse Owens Home & Museum, Oakville, Ala.
- 10:45 a.m. Tour of Historic Oakville Indian Mounds Park & Museum, Oakville, Ala.
- 11:45 a.m. Depart for lunch at Rattlesnake Saloon, Tuscumbia, Ala.
- 12:30 p.m. Tour of Helen Keller Birthplace, Home, Museum & Gardens, Tuscumbia, Ala.
- 3:30 p.m. Depart for Coldwater Inn, Tuscumbia, Ala.
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner at Rocking Chair Restaurant, Tuscumbia, Ala.
- 7:30 p.m. Tour of Alabama Music Hall of Fame (evening event with dessert)

Destinations

Alabama Music Hall of Fame

The outstanding achievements and the music of Alabamians are presented in this state museum. "Father of the Blues" W.C. Handy, "Father of Rock and Roll" Sam Phillips and Percy Sledge ("When a Man Loves a Woman"), all Shoals natives, are among the prestigious inductees. You'll hear rocking rhythms and soul touching melodies as you admire the vast memorabilia from the lives and careers of more than 1,000 stars, representing all styles of America's music. 617 Hwy. 72 W., Tuscumbia, Ala. (256) 381-4417. www.alamhof.org.

Helen Keller Home, Gardens and Museum

The dramatic life and times of Helen Keller are preserved at her birthplace and childhood home, Ivy Green. The plantation home and birthplace cottage, dating back to the 1820's are listed on the National Historic Register of Historic Places. Original furnishings of the Keller family decorate the home and museum, highlighted by hundreds of Miss Keller's personal mementos, books, and gifts from her lifetime of travel and lectures for the betterment of the world's blind and deaf-blind. 300 North Commons West, Tuscumbia, Ala. (256) 383-4066.

Jesse Owens Home, Museum and Park

The Jesse Owens Memorial Park is a tribute to the Olympic track and field superstar who won 4 gold medals in the 1936 Olympic games in Berlin. The park showcases several memorials for Owens including a museum, statue, replica home, broad-jump pit, 1936 torch replica and an oak tree of the same variety as Owens' gold medal tree. 7019 Co Rd 203, Danville, Ala.; (256) 974-3636; www.jesseowensmemorialpark.com

Oakville Indian Mounds Education Center

Native American people have been occupying this area for over 14,000 years. This 122 acre park and museum site showcases the rich cultural heritage of Northwest AL. The Oakville Indian Mounds is an educational, archaeological, genealogical, and sociological legacy to Lawrence County and North Alabama. 1219 County Road 187, Danville, Ala.; (256) 905-2494; www.OakvilleIndianMounds.com & [Facebook.com/OakvilleIndianMounds](https://www.facebook.com/OakvilleIndianMounds)

Rattlesnake Saloon

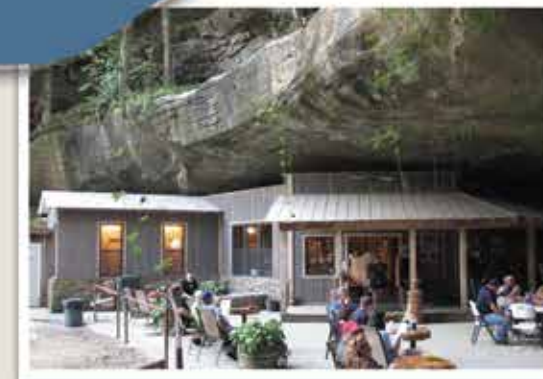
Old-fashioned saloon feel, with swinging doors, a large porch that hosts live music and hitching post. Built into a massive rock outcropping. Sandwiches, wings and more. Open: Th-Sa 11 a.m.-10 p.m. 1292 Mt. Mills Road, Tuscumbia, Ala. (256) 370-7218; www.sevenspringslodge.net

Coldwater Inn

712 Hwy. 72 W, Tuscumbia, Ala. 35674; (256) 383-6844.

Rocking Chair Restaurant

814 Highway 72 West, Tuscumbia, Ala. 35674; (256) 381-6105.



Rattlesnake Saloon family dining



Alabama Music Hall of Fame



Oakville Indian Mounds Park & Museum



Helen Keller Home

Day 2 - Alabama History & the World's Largest Space Museum

Day 2 Itinerary - Wednesday, August 14, 2019

Day 2 Cities: Florence, Huntsville, Decatur, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, Tusculmbia

- 7:30 a.m. Depart for tour of music venues in Tusculmbia, Sheffield and Muscle Shoals, Ala.
Muscle Shoals Sound
Cypress Moon
W.C. Handy Home & Museum
- 12:30 p.m. Cook Museum of Natural Science, Decatur, Ala.
- 2:00 p.m. Depart for tour of U. S. Space and Rocket Center, Huntsville, Ala.
- 4:00 p.m. Depart for Springhill Suites by Marriott, Huntsville, Ala.
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner and tour at Burritt on the Mountain, Huntsville, Ala.
- 6:30 p.m. Depart for Constitution Village for tour and dessert, Huntsville, Ala.
- 8:00 p.m. Evening on your own

Destinations

FAME Recording Studios

FAME, established in 1959, was the first successful, professional recording studio in Alabama. Arthur Alexander's 1961 hit, "You Better Move On," cut here, launched the famous Muscle Shoals sound. The internationally acclaimed documentary, *Muscle Shoals* released in 2013, told the story of FAME and its founder, Rick Hall. 603 Avalon Ave, Muscle Shoals, Ala.; (256) 381-0801. www.fame2.com.

Muscle Shoals Sound Studio

Established in 1969 by a group of former FAME session musicians, this was the location where the Rolling Stones, Cher, Bob Segar, Rod Stewart, Paul Simon, Art Garfunkle, and many others created some of the most popular hits of the 1970's. The rhythm section was eventually immortalized as "The Swampers" by Lynyrd Skynyrd in the lyrics to "Sweet Home Alabama." 3614 Jackson Highway, Sheffield, Ala.; (256) 394-3562. www.MSMusicFoundation.org.

Cypress Moon Studios

Founded in 1978, this was the second location of the legendary Muscle Shoals Sound Studio for over 25 years, where the "Swampers" continued to record hits after moving from their Jackson Highway location. Recording artists including Bob Segar, Bob Dylan, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Dr. Hook, Etta James, Clarence Carter, Julian Lennon, Glenn Frey and countless others. 1000 Alabama Ave.; Tusculmbia, Ala.; (256) 764-1434 or (256) 335-6961. www.CypressMoonProduction.com.

W. C. Handy Home, Museum & Library

Contains the most complete collection in the world of the personal papers and artifacts of the "Father of the Blues." The hand-hewn logs in the cabin are original. 620 W College Street, Florence, Ala.; (256) 760-6434. Hours: Tu-Sa 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission.

Cook's Museum of Natural Science

The new museum provides an interactive experience for young and old alike... for children eager to see and touch for themselves what they study in school... for adults looking for a wholesome family outing... and for visitors looking for something new and different to explore. All of these experiences are available at the museum.

U. S. Space & Rocket Center

The U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama is a museum operated by the government of Alabama, showcasing rockets, achievements, and artifacts of the U.S. space program. The center not only showcases Apollo Program hardware but also houses interactive science exhibits, Space Shuttle and Army rocketry and aircraft. More than 1,500 permanent rocketry and space exploration artifacts. 1 Tranquility Base, Huntsville, Ala. 35805; (800) 637-7223; www.rocketcenter.com.

Alabama Constitution Village -- Alabama's birthplace -- 1819.

Open Tu-Sa 10 a.m.-4 p.m. March - Oct. Hours adjusted in Nov. & Dec. due to Santa's Village. Closed Jan. & Feb. 109 Gates Ave SE, Huntsville, Ala.; (256) 564-8100; www.earlyworks.com.

Burritt on the Mountain

Perched on a mountaintop, is the former home of Dr. William Henry Burritt. 19th century farmsteads with daily living history activities, and a large nature preserve traversed by trails. Admission. Atop Monte Sano Mountain, 3101 Burritt Drive; (256) 536-2882; www.burrittonthemountain.com

Springhill Suites

745 Constellation Place Drive SW, Huntsville, Ala.; (256) 512-0188.



Burritt on the Mountain



Cook Museum of Natural Science



Alabama Constitution Hall Village



Muscle Shoals Sound Studio

Day 3 - Canyons & Waterfalls

Day 3 Itinerary - Thursday, August 15, 2019

Cities: Fort Payne and Mentone

- 8:00 a.m. Depart for driving along the rim of Little River Canyon National Preserve
Optional activity: rappelling
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch at Local Joe's restaurant
- 5:00 p.m. **Flights departing Birmingham, Ala. Airport**

Destinations

DeSoto State Park

DeSoto State Park offers overnight accommodations such as rustic cabins, modern chalets, campgrounds, and motel rooms. Hiking and Biking trails, swimming pool, playground and picnic area are just part of what awaits you in this park. Voted as one of America's top 10 state parks by Camping Life Magazine in its April 2006 issue! View majestic scenery, waterfalls, and canyons. Walk the 1,000-ft. Talmadge Butler Boardwalk Trail. 7104 Desoto Pkwy NE, Fort Payne, Ala.; (256) 845-0051. www.alapark.com/desoto-state-park

Little River Canyon National Preserve

Enjoy scenic vistas and waterfalls along the beautiful Little River Canyon National Preserve. Bring your camera - you will want to capture the beauty of this area forever. Follow a 23-mile drive along the canyon's rim for spectacular vistas into the 700-foot deep gorge, the deepest gorge in the eastern United States. Visit Little River Falls off Hwy. 35 in Fort Payne, Alabama. A world of nature all around you, and it's FREE. Little River is perfect for whitewater kayaking, canoeing, hiking trails, rock climbing, and rappelling. (256) 845-9605. www.nps.gov/liri

Local Joe's Restaurant

4967 Rainbow Dr, Rainbow City, AL 35906-8607



DeSoto State Park lodge



Little River Canyon



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