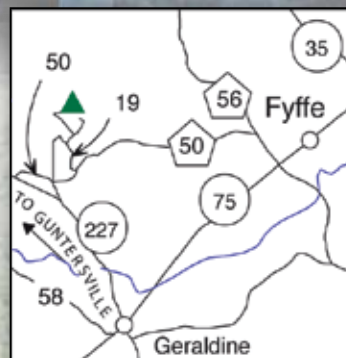


Mystery and folklore surround this Alabama State Park...

... ranging from how it originally got its name to the type of people that visit this park. There are several wise tales that explain how the name "Bucks Pocket" came to be. One legend has it that renegade Cherokee Indians living nearby trapped a buck deer on a high ledge. Rather than be taken alive the buck deer jumped to his death on the rocks below, henceforth creating the name "Bucks Pocket." Another tale has it that an old farmer by the name of Buck once owned this land and ran cattle on it with fences built across the canyon. People would come by and ask his wife where Mr. Buck was and she would tell them he

was over in his pocket. It has even been said that the property where the park is located was once a huge battleground for buck deer that roamed the area by the hundreds.

As another story goes, Buck's Pocket is where all the unsuccessful candidates for public office go to lick their wounds after an unsuccessful election. Whether some or any of these tales are true makes for good conversation. What we do know is true is that Buck's Pocket is secluded in a natural pocket of the Appalachian Mountain chain and is a 2,000 acre nature lover's dream. Uniquely located, the park's picnic area offers a canyon rim natural vista into the pocket below.



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The Park Buck's Pocket State Park is a narrow gorge cut into Sand Mountain by South Sauty creek. It features dense woods and high bluffs with nice views.

The Campground The pocket itself, on an upstream tributary of Lake Guntersville, hosts an improved campground with 36 sites.

If you haven't invested in an RV yet the park has rental units available set up in the campground. The campground comes complete with tables, grills, shelters, laundry, bathrooms, showers and a playground.

Hiking The featured hiking trail at Buck's Pocket is Point Rock Trail. The trail leads from the park office on the floor of the canyon to the overlook. It follows Little Sauty Creek up the canyon. In fact it crosses through the creek at two points (this is a wet weather creek so it is dry most of the time). The creek bed is littered with large boulders which make for nice scenery. At several points you have to climb over these boulders. Most of the trail is shady. The trail becomes steep for the last hundred feet of its climb. It reaches the top of the canyon and flattens out. The Primitive Campground trail follows South Sauty Creek until it flows into Lake Guntersville. This trail is an easy walk along an old road. The road keeps its distance from the creek, so this walk would be good for a large group or horseback riding.

The Overlook The overlook is a large rock outcropping with an excellent view down the canyon. You can hike to the overlook. A paved road also leads to the overlook.

Location Buck's Pocket is located east of the Tennessee River, just south of Langston. From Guntersville, follow Hwy. 227 through Guntersville State Park. Just past the state park you'll need to turn right, though the highway number stays the same. Turn left onto Route 19 and follow it to Route 152, which leads through the park. Once you leave Hwy. 227 follow the signs guiding you to the park. Once you get to the park the road splits. Keep to the left, the right takes you to the Point Rock overlook.

Fishing A boat launch and fishing area are also provided seven miles down stream at Morgan's Cove on Lake Guntersville.

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