

# WELCOME TO DESOTO STATE PARK

## NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE...HERE IS WHAT TO SEE & DO



### SEE AND ENJOY THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF DESOTO STATE PARK ATOP LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

#### PICNIC & PLAYGROUND

Located east of the Information Center is the picnic area with a rustic CCC-constructed stone shelter, picnic tables, grills, and restrooms. This area also has a playground, volleyball court, and ball field. Select sports equipment is available for rent at the Country Store. Two smaller picnic pavilions are also available.

#### SWIMMING POOL

An Olympic-size pool with restrooms. Fee required  
(Seasonal: Memorial Day to Labor Day)

#### RUSTIC CABINS

Our rustic CCC-built cabins are constructed of native logs and stone and are furnished for light housekeeping. They are air conditioned, electrically heated, have cable TV, and feature screened porches and fireplaces.

#### LOG CABINS

These beautiful cabins were opened the Spring of 2006 and have been popular ever since. Featuring hardwood floors, 2 bedrooms, large living area, and full kitchen. Log Cabins are air conditioned, electrically heated, have cable TV, with large porch.

#### CHALETS

These Modified "A" frame type chalets are furnished for light housekeeping and have central air & heat. Chalets are complete with one bedroom, a sleeping loft with 2 twin beds, cable TV, screened porch, and sun deck.

#### CAMPING

An excellent camping facility is located near the Country Store in the mountain forest away from the main road. The campground has two comfort stations and an area for interpretive programs. There are well spaced and shaded pull through and back-in sites, suited for large camping units, smaller campers, & tents. A dump station, campground pavilion and hiking trails are also available in the area. DeSoto's Primitive Camping area is located not far from the Improved Campground. Features well-spaced campsites, with 2 pit latrines and communal water pump. Access to Showers.

#### COUNTRY STORE & NATURE CENTER

The country store/information center is centrally located within the park and contains a reception-information area, coin-operated laundry, restrooms, country store, nature center, and a craft and gift shop. The store is stocked with food and supply items necessary for camping and picnicking.

#### HIKING & MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAILS

There are over 20 miles of hiking & mountain biking trails in the park area with footbridges spanning rushing mountain streams. Many unusual rock formations and rare and endangered forms of plant life can be found along these trails. An ADA accessible Boardwalk Trail highlights DeSoto's trail system. Our Rhododendron Trails are located along the west fork of Little River and east of the picnic and cottage areas. Along these trails are found many of the park's waterfalls. Rhododendron & Mountain Laurel historically bloom in late May & early June.

#### DeSOTO FALLS

DeSoto Falls is located seven miles north of the Country Store/Lodge just off DeKalb County Road 89. In addition to a beautiful 92 foot waterfall plunging into a canyon, the historic A. A. Miller Dam above the falls creates a mountain lake, which provides swimming, fishing and boating.

#### LITTLE RIVER CANYON NATIONAL PRESERVE

The Little River Canyon begins ten miles south of the Country Store/Lodge. Little River flows into the canyon, which is one of the deepest canyons east of the Mississippi. Little River Canyon is approximately 17 miles long and has an average depth of 400 feet, being 700 feet at its deepest point. Little River Canyon Rim Parkway, a 22 mile scenic drive, follows the west rim of the canyon, with picnic tables available at the scenic overlooks. Little River Falls and overlook begins the scenic canyon drive at AL. Hwy 35 and 176. Umbrella Rock adds an unusual feature to the canyon tour. Grace's High Falls, one of the highest waterfalls in Alabama, is located on the south side of Bear Creek Canyon. It can be seen only from the north side of Bear Creek Canyon and is very beautiful in the Spring and early Summer. Call the NPS office at 256.845.9605 or see [www.nps.gov/liri](http://www.nps.gov/liri) for more info.

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FOR CAMPING RESERVATION - 256-845-5075 OR 1-800-760-4089

FOR INFORMATION ON THE LODGE, RESTAURANT, CABINS, CHALETS, OR MOTEL:

### DESOTO STATE PARK LODGE

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