Cheaha State Park is proud to be a Leave No Trace Gold Standard Site as designated by the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics. Join us as we strive to practice the Leave No Trace Seven Principles:
1. Plan Ahead and Prepare
2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

To Cheaha Lake and Lower Campground:
From Country Store, turn right onto Hwy 281. Travel 1.5 miles and turn right onto Cheaha Road. Travel 1.2 miles. Cheaha Lake will be to your right; Lower Campground will be to your left. See map on reverse.

Information presented on this map is for reference, and subject to change without notice. Be alert to park signage and other markers. In case of emergency, dial 911.

*The Pinhoti national Recreational Trail is more than 335 miles and extends beyond Cheaha State Park and USFS boundaries.
Welcome to Cheaha State Park

Located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, Cheaha is the perfect gateway to the largest network of public lands in the state of Alabama, including the Talladega National Forest. Within the 2,799 acres of Cheaha State Park, visitors can hike, bike, watch wildlife, camp, fish, swim, geocache, rock climb, rappel, or just enjoy the view from the highest point in Alabama. Serving as the oldest continuously operated State Park, Cheaha offers up its history, a fulldate natural history featuring unique natural areas with a wide array of wildlife species, archaeological evidence of Native American life, and the later work of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Country Store and Registration

Select from a wide variety of souvenirs like t-shirts, toys, jewelry, and more. The Cheaha Country Store also carries grocery items along with firewood, ice, and gasoline. All overnight guests check-in at the Country Store.

In the case you need additional shopping or dining options, the city of Oxford is approximately 15 miles away. Directions to the Oxford Exchange retail center with nearby dining: After leaving the Cheaha Country Store, turn left on Hwy 281 N and travel 9.7miles. Turn left toward Co Rd 24, then turn right at the “T” onto Co Rd 24. Travel 3.6 miles and turn left onto Friendship Rd. Travel 1.7 miles and turn right at the traffic light onto Leon Smith Parkway. Travel 1.5 miles and the Oxford Exchange will be on your right.

Indoor Overnight Accommodations

Enjoy the scenic beauty of Cheaha with the modern comforts of home in one of 11 cabins, 5 chalets, or 30 hotel rooms.

Bluff Side Cabins (1-4), located on the Mt. Cheaha’s western bluff, feature a wood burning fireplace, kitchenette, combined living room and sleeping area with queen bed, bathroom, outside grill and fire pit, and stunning sunset views. These cabins sleep two.

Pet Friendly Cabin (16) features one bedroom with queen bed, dining and sitting area with wood burning fireplace, and a small kitchenette. This cabin sleeps two.

4-Capacity Cabins (7-10) feature a semi-open floor plan with two queen beds, a full kitchen, full bathroom, dining room, and a fireplace. These cabins are ADA accessible, and pet friendly. Each cabin sleeps four.

Cheaha State Park Hotel offers 30 double, king, and king deluxe rooms.

Deluxe Cabins (5-6), also known as the honeymoon cabins, are located in a wooded setting secluded from the main loop. They feature a screened porch with swing, queen size bed, sitting area, and kitchen. They also include a full-size bathroom with a whirlpool tub, wood-burning fireplace, and a small kitchenette. This cabin sleeps two.

Chalets (11-15) feature two bedrooms with a queen size bed in each room, one full bathroom, kitchen, and fireplace. Each chalet has vaulted ceilings and panoramic views from large windows. Chalet 11 is ADA accessible, and chalets 12-14 are pet friendly. Each chalet sleeps four.

Cheaha State Park Hotel located on the mountain’s top and at Cheaha Lake, the open-air pavilion with seating for over 100 people. There is also a small picnic pavilion with cooking area for BBQs just behind the lodge.

Talk your time is 4:00pm and check-out time is 11:00am. For reservations, call 256-488-5111 or book online at www.alapark.com.

Group and Banquet Facilities

Al Alexander Activities Building

This space is arranged Chapel-style with pews, and is well suited for educational and other programs. Speakers, piano and organ are also available for use.

Bald Rock Group Lodge

Built by the Civilian Conservation Corps as the original park hotel and restaurant, this facility is perfect for banquets, corporate retreats, weddings, and meetings. The lodge Bald Rock Group Lodge houses 12 private rooms, each accommodating up to 22 overnight guests, a 72-seat dining room, a large conference room, a catered kitchen, a small conference room with seating for 12 and a large conference/banquet hall with seating for over 100 people. There is also a rock patio and a small picnic area with a cooking area for BBQs just behind the lodge.

Cleburne Room

Meeting room adjacent to the park’s restaurant with a stunning view of the Talladega National Forest. Catering is available, and the room capacity is 50 people.

Picnic Pavilions

Located on the mountain’s top and at Cheaha Lake, the open-air pavilions are popular for family reunions, birthday parties, informal business retreats and casual weddings or receptions. The two stone pavilions are complimented by working fireplaces.

Cheaha Lake & Picnic Area

Located across the street from the lower campground, visitors can enjoy this spacious, lakeside shady area with tables, grills, and playground. The six-acre Cheaha Lake was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps, and makes for a great place to enjoy the beach, swim, rent a paddle boat or kayak, or fish. A day-use admission fee is charged to enter the park. Overnight guests may fish and access all of the lake’s amenities at no charge. All eligible anglers 16 years of age and older must have a valid State of Alabama Fishing License in order to fish. No gasoline motors allowed in the lake.

Hiking Tips

Wear appropriate clothes and footwear for the season. Tennis shoes and hiking boots are recommended no matter what terrain. Pack plenty of water and snacks in your day pack. Take a trail map or ask for directions before you go. Stay on the trail. Consider the physical requirements of the trails and recognize your limits. Trails close at sunset, so allow time to finish your hike. Watch your step; be aware of rocks, roots and stumps that line the mountainous terrain.

Additional maps from the USFS are available upon request which highlight favorite hiking destinations in the Talladega National Forest. Do you want to support the trail system at Cheaha State Park? Join the Dirt Pass Trail Crew program at the Cheaha Country Store, and your donation will go directly for use towards the trail resources.

Camping

Cheaha offers four campgrounds to meet your camping needs:

- **RV Camping:**
  - Lower Campground
  - Upper Campground

- **Tent Camping:**
  - Semi-Primitive
  - CCC Primitive

**Upper and Lower Campgrounds** feature 72 improved campsites with 20, 30, or 50 amp electrical, water and sewer hook-ups. All sites have picnic table and grill or fire ring.

**Semi-primitive sites** are located near Alabama’s highest point. Each site includes a picnic table, fire ring, and use of a shared water spigot. Campers may also access the bathhouses in the Upper Campground.

**CCC Primitive Campground** is located near Cheaha Lake and sites include a fire ring, and use of a shared water spigot. Campground vault toilet available.

Check-in time is 4:00pm and check-out time is 11:00am. Firewood is available for purchase at the Country Store. Pets are welcomed, but must be kept on a leash (6’ or less) at all times. Quiet hours are from 10:00pm to 6:00am.

For reservations in any of the campgrounds, call 256-488-5111 or book online at www.alapark.com.

Museums

Learn more about the park, the natives who first called it home, and the young men who built it. The **CCC Museum** is located in the Observation Tower and the **Walt Farr Indian Relic Museum** is located at the entrance of the park, near the Country Store.