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This facility is centrally located within the Park and contains an information area, coin operated laundry, restrooms, Country Store, and Nature Center with live animals. The store is stocked with snacks, souvenirs, and supply items necessary for camping, hiking, and picnicking.

Picnic and Play Area

Located east of the Information Center is the picnic area with a large rustic stone shelter, 2 smaller shelters, picnic tables, grills, and restrooms. This area also has a well equipped playground, volleyball court and a ball field. A seasonal Olympic size swimming pool is located nearby. (Fee for swimming)

Lodge and Cabins

This restaurant-motel complex was remodeled from the stone walls and beamed ceilings of the original Lodge built during the 1930s. The elegant dining room has an extra-large fireplace to

Facilities

enhance the mountain atmosphere, and there are two smaller rooms available for meetings as well. The 25 motel units located next to the lodge feature cable TV, telephone, Wi-Fi, and also offer a view from the porch or balcony. DeSoto State Park also has Chalets, Rustic Cabins and Log Cabins available for rent at the lodge.

Nature Hiking Trails

The 360-yard Azalea Cascade Boardwalk Trail is the highlight of over 25 miles of hiking and mountain biking trails located in the Park. Many unusual rock formations, rushing mountain streams and rare and endangered forms of plant life will be found along these trails. Because of the delicate balance of nature in the Park, we ask that you help protect the environment by not breaking, picking or digging any of the plants, wildflowers, or shrubs. Please do not disturb the wildlife.

Campground Rules

- Place your camping permit card on the campsite number sign.
- Vehicles must be parked in the drive for the campsite.
- Only one camping unit per site.
- To check out, place the camping permit card in the box at the campground gate.
- CHECK-OUT TIME IS 11:00 AM.** If you wish to remain longer, please check at the Registration Desk.
- Motorcycles, motorbikes and other small motorized vehicles are restricted to roadways and must be licensed.
- Pets must be kept on a leash no longer than 6 ft. or under positive physical restraint. Pets are not allowed in any facility.
- Please deposit your garbage and recyclable aluminum cans in the receptacles provided.
- Trees, shrubs, plants, and wildflowers shall not be defaced, injured, or removed.
- Washing of cars or RVs is not permitted.



Severe Weather

If severe weather threatens, all park users should keep informed of the latest updates through television and/or radio. Tune your radio to FM 105.1, 96.9, or 98.3. DeSoto State Park is located in Fort Payne, Alabama, DeKalb County. The nearest automated weather sirens are in Fort Payne and are activated by the National Weather Service in the event of a Tornado Warning. If this siren is activated, DeSoto State Park and the surrounding area are under a **TORNADO WARNING**. Please respond accordingly. The park does not require, but recommends campers leave the camping unit and move to a substantial building. Bathhouses are located in the Upper and Lower Loops, and are more substantial than your camping unit.

Points of Interest

- DeSoto Falls Area** – 7 miles north of the Information Center off of DeSoto Parkway.
- Little River Canyon** – Begins 10 miles south of the Information Center.
- Little River Falls** – Near junction of AL Highway 35 and Little River Canyon Rim Parkway (AL Hwy. 176)
- Umbrella Rock** – At the center of the Little River Canyon Rim Parkway.
- Grace's High Falls** – On the south side of Bear Creek Canyon (seasonal).
- Rhododendron Trails** – Along the west bank of the Little River and east of the picnic and cottage area.
- Little River** – Forms in NW Georgia and NE Alabama and flows down Lookout Mountain, leaving the mountain at Little River Canyon Mouth Park and flowing into Weiss Lake.
- Historic Sallie Howard Memorial Chapel**
- The Hosiery Museum** – 512 Gault Ave., Mon - Wed - Fri 10-3

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