



DeSoto State Park and park partners like Little River Canyon National Preserve, Jacksonville State University Field School, Little River Arts Council and more, team up to bring you many fun events throughout the year.

Campfire Talks, Classes, Demonstrations, Guided Interpretive or Fitness Hikes, Tours, Outdoor Adventures, Workshops.....topics covering art, science, nature, and much more!

Most programs are free or charge a small supply fee.

DeSoto State Park also adds community events such as classes, festivals, workshops, local craft shows, etc to our calendar so that we can help our guests and visitors make their visit to Lookout Mountain, Alabama even more memorable.

For more events on Lookout Mountain, see [www.discoverlookoutmountain.com](http://www.discoverlookoutmountain.com)



Alabama State Parks, a division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, operates and maintains 21 parks encompassing approximately 48,000 acres of land and water. These parks rely on visitor fees and the support of other partners like local communities to fund the majority of their operations.

For more information on Alabama State Parks, visit [www.alapark.com](http://www.alapark.com)

## DeSoto State Park's Campfire Talk Series



Campfire Talks are a series of educational & entertaining programs located in the great outdoors. Campfire programs are held almost every Friday & Saturday evening (May –October) in DeSoto's James L. Wynn Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground. All programs are open & free to everyone. *Seating is limited, so bring your own comfortable chair if you wish. In case of bad weather, programs are moved inside.*

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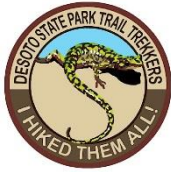
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# October 2020

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(\*October events subject to change\*)

## Zipline Aerial Adventures

In DeSoto State Park has partnered with Screaming Eagle Ziplines and Aerial Adventures to offer a sky trail in the trees. Get a bird's eye view of the forest floor below and of the unusual rock formations. Enjoy six ziplines that range from 100 to 350 ft in length and seven sky bridges that range from 50 to 150 in length. A spiral staircase tower begins the trek and allows for a bird's eye view from up to 55 ft in the air. All adventure seekers will have great views and a fun and exhilarating aerial challenge. Make some special memories & enjoy a real adventure! Must wear a closed toed shoe to participate on the aerial adventure tours.

Date: Open 7 days a week

Times: 9:00am, 10:00am, 1:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:00pm, 4:00pm (Central Time Zone)

Where: DeSoto State Park, Fort Payne. Country Store & Information Center- On County Road 89 (DeKalb County)

Fee: \$49.00 (\$53.90 after taxes). Ages 8 to adult. Minimum weight: 50 lbs, Max weights: Girls 250 lbs and under. Guys 285 lbs and under.

For more details, email [info@desotoziplines.com](mailto:info@desotoziplines.com) Call Screaming Eagle for reservations: 256-886-3761



## Yoga on the Mountain: Neverland Trail Yoga Hike

DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama

Interested in starting your day in a positive way? Experience yoga while enjoying the beauty that is DeSoto State Park! Join instructor Destin Padgett and park naturalist Brittney Hughes for a great outdoor experience of strengthening yoga poses AND hiking along beautiful trails. This hike will be a mix of trail hiking with an outdoor yoga session. Combining hiking and yoga practice in the great outdoors confers benefits unmatched in any other

setting. You get the light cardio and strength-building that hiking offers, the toning, flexibility, and relaxation that yoga offers, and the powerful connection to Mother Nature that being outdoors offers.

What to know: Yoga poses are alignment based which makes them perfect for those beginning or continuing their yoga practice. Wear closed-toe shoes & weather appropriate clothes; bring a hike-friendly yoga mat or towel if you wish (most poses will be standing poses), water and a snack. We will be coming out at dusk for this one, bring a headlamp if you wish.

About the hike: This hike is approximately 3 1/2 miles round trip, moderate. Trail weaves thru hardwood forest with sandstone outcroppings, streams, wetlands, and an old homeplace along the trail.

Date: October 16, 2020

Time: 4:00 pm

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. Meet at DeSoto's Country Store on Co. Rd. 89-will caravan to Lost Falls Trailhead

**Fee: \$10.00 per person. Pre-registration is required, so we know how many to expect. Hike is open to ages 8 to adult. Email [Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov) for more info or to pre-register. See [www.alapark.com/DSP-Yoga](http://www.alapark.com/DSP-Yoga) for class dates**

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## MILLER'S BEND PADDLE SHACK

DeSoto State Park-Alabama

Miller's Bend Paddle Shack in DeSoto Falls Picnic Area will be open this weekend, to help you begin your scenic kayak trip up the West Fork of Little River.

Rent sit-on-top kayaks to enjoy a peaceful flatwater paddle on Little River overlooking beautiful DeSoto Falls. Your adventure can be up to 4 miles round trip, or as long as you want to make it! Paddle trips are perfect for individuals or groups. Life vests & paddles are provided.

Dates: October 16th-18th, 2020

Time: Friday: 2:00-6:00 pm, Saturday & Sunday 10:00-6:00 pm (CST).

Kayaks are also available by reservation Monday-Thursday: Appointment only during the times of 10 AM-6 PM, \$50 Minimum

Location: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. DeSoto Falls Picnic Area, 7 miles from the main park area of DeSoto State Park.

Coordinates: 34.549124, -85.589668.

Opens for the Season: March 21st-October 25th, 2020

Fee: Single sit-on-top kayak: \$15.00 per hour. Tandem sit-on-top kayak: \$25.00 per hour. Corel's: \$10 per hour. Call DeSoto State Park's Lodge for info-256.845.5380 [www.alapark.com/kayak-little-river](http://www.alapark.com/kayak-little-river)



## Trail Trekker Hike Series: Neverland/Vizzneyland

DeSoto State Park, Fort Payne, Alabama

Can you say "I Hiked Them All"? DeSoto State Park challenges you to become a DeSoto State Park Trail Trekker! Hike the designated 22 miles of trails in DeSoto, (whether on your own or in a group, no time limit) and collect your prize, a Trail Trekkers Patch. Just log your hikes in the Trail Trekker log and record the date for each trail listed. Sign completed form and turn in to DeSoto State Park Country Store or Lodge to receive your patch!

This hike series is designed for those that prefer some company out on the trails with experienced park staff or volunteers. Each month there will be a different hike so you can start marking them off towards your patch!

Neverland Loop & Vizzneyland Loop -Hike is approximately 4 1/2 miles round trip, moderate along mountainous terrain.

Date: Friday, October 16, 2020

Time: 12:00-3:00 pm (central time zone)

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. Meet at DeSoto's Country Store & Information Center, will caravan to Lost Falls Trailhead

Free, pre-registration is required so to know how many to expect. Hike is open to ages 8 to adult. Email [Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov) for more info or to pre-register.

For listing of all hikes planned so far, see [www.alapark.com/parks/desoto-state-park/hiking](http://www.alapark.com/parks/desoto-state-park/hiking)

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## Sunset Simmer-Down Paddle Trip

DeSoto Falls Picnic Area-Alabama

DeSoto State Park staff offers this relaxing guided sunset paddle trip on the scenic Little River. Enjoy the peace and quiet of nature as we paddle upstream on the 'coke bottle clear' waters of the West Fork of Little River. Learn about this outstanding water source with its clear water, plant & animal life, and about the history of the area around DeSoto Falls in Dekalb County, Alabama.

What to know: This trip is approximately 4 miles round trip on flatwater, spans a 4-hour period and includes kayak & personal flotation device.

What to bring: Appropriate clothing, headlamp or flashlight, bug spray, snacks, and drinking water.

Date: October 17, 2020

Time: 4:00 pm-8:00 pm

Where: Meet at DeSoto Falls Picnic Area-Miller's Bend Paddle Shack (about 7 miles from main park area of DeSoto State Park) Coordinates: 34.549124, -84.589668

Fee: \$30.00 for single kayak rental (tandem kayaks are available on a limited basis for \$50.00)

Pre-registration closes October 15<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 pm. To register, email: [Paige.Norsworthy@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:Paige.Norsworthy@dcnr.alabama.gov). Please provide date of paddle, a phone number; indicate number of boats, and what type requested for the trip.



## Trail Trekker Hike Series: Blue & Orange Trails

DeSoto State Park, Fort Payne, Alabama

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log and record the date for each trail listed. Sign completed form and turn in to DeSoto State Park Country Store or Lodge to receive your patch!

This hike series is designed for those that prefer some company out on the trails with experienced park staff or volunteers. Each month there will be a different hike so you can start marking them off towards your patch!

Blue & Orange Trails-Hike is approximately 3 miles round trip, moderate along mountainous terrain.

Date: Sunday, October 18, 2020

Time: 12:00 noon-2:00 pm (central time zone)

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. Meet at DeSoto's Country Store & Information Center

**Fee: Free, pre-registration is required so to know how many to expect. Hike is open to ages 8 to adult. Email [Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov) for more info or to pre-register.**

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## MILLER'S BEND PADDLE SHACK

DeSoto State Park-Alabama

Miller's Bend Paddle Shack in DeSoto Falls Picnic Area will be open this weekend, to help you begin your scenic kayak trip up the West Fork of Little River.

Rent sit-on-top kayaks to enjoy a peaceful flatwater paddle on Little River overlooking beautiful DeSoto Falls. Your adventure can be up to 4 miles round trip, or as long as you want to make it! Paddle trips are perfect for individuals or groups. Life vests & paddles are provided.

Dates: October 23rd-25th, 2020

Time: Friday: 2:00-6:00 pm, Saturday & Sunday 10:00-6:00 pm (CST).

Kayaks are also available by reservation Monday-Thursday: Appointment only during the times of 10 AM-6 PM, \$50 Minimum

Location: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. DeSoto Falls Picnic Area, 7 miles from the main park area of DeSoto State Park.

Coordinates: 34.549124, -85.589668.

Opens for the Season: March 21st-October 25th, 2020

Fee: Single sit-on-top kayak: \$15.00 per hour. Tandem sit-on-top kayak: \$25.00 per hour. Corcl's: \$10 per hour.

Call DeSoto State Park's Lodge for info-256.845.5380 [www.alapark.com/kayak-little-river](http://www.alapark.com/kayak-little-river)

## Black Bears in Alabama

Did you know Black Bears are Alabama's State Mammal?

Black bears are native to Alabama and their population is on the rise. Historically found in the southwest area of the state, bears have also been migrating into northeast Alabama from northwest Georgia over recent years. Following in their wake are myths, tall tales, and misconceptions. Join Auburn University graduate student Hannah Leeper to learn more about bears, ask questions, and hear about current black bear research happening in Alabama.

Date: Friday, October 23, 2020

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: DeSoto State Park Lodge- (Weather plan: will be moved to CCC pavilion in picnic area in case of rain) Plenty of room to spread out on deck for social distancing.

Fee: Free & open to everyone. Limited seating, bring your own chair if you wish, as this program will be outside on the Lodge deck (in case of rain, program might be cancelled so be sure to check with the park before coming-256.845.5380)

For any info about session, contact DeSoto State Park Naturalist Brittney Hughes:

[Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov)

## Adventure Hike-DeSoto Falls Basin

DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama

Set out on an adventure hike with DeSoto State Park staff to the bottom of one of Alabama's tallest waterfalls, DeSoto Falls!

About the hike: This hike is approximately 1.5 miles total but considered moderate to strenuous due to the mountainous terrain and elevation. Will be hiking on rocky terrain down to the West Fork of Little River and walking upstream to the view of DeSoto Falls.

Date: October 24, 2020

Time: 12:00 noon-2:30 pm

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. Meet at DeSoto Falls Picnic Area (about 7 miles from main park area of DeSoto State Park) Coordinates: 34.549124, -85.589668.

Fee: Free, pre-registration is required so to know how many to expect. Hike is open to ages 8 to adult. Email [Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov) for more info or to pre-register.

Things to bring: Plenty of water and/or sports drink, snacks/lunch, hiking poles/staff (optional), sturdy shoes (open toe shoes are not recommended)

WEATHER: Please be sure to dress appropriately according to seasonal temperatures/weather. As with all outdoor events, if it is stormy or very poor trail conditions, we may have to cancel. If the weather is questionable, please call the park before you leave home to check if the hike is still on (256.845.0051)

Please note: Hike conditions will be posted the day before the hike on DeSoto's Facebook page

Directions to Desoto State Park:

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*\*After much deliberation the decision has been made to cancel most Spookapalooza activities for 2020. This decision has been made after reviewing current CDC guidance, reviewing the plans of other local organizations, and discussions among our park staff and state level leadership.*

*While we will still be hosting a Campsite Decorating Contest and a Pumpkin Carving Contest, all other events including trick-or-treating will not take place this year.*

*While we understand that this decision may not be popular among many of our overnight guests and day use visitors, it has been made with your safety in mind.*

*We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and look forward to seeing you all at Spookapalooza 2021.*

## **Spookapalooza Spooktacular Campsite Contest**

Campers in DeSoto State Park have been decorating their campsites with Halloween decorations for years.....this year, there will be a campsite decorating contest! Decorate your site with the most original and creative Halloween décor you can find ... you might win a prize! The best decorated sites will win great prizes like free camping and more-there will be a 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winner, as well as 'Spookiest' to boost that competitive spark!

Winners will be announced on Sunday, November 1st via DeSoto's Facebook/Instagram. Feel free to share your Spookapalooza photos with us using (#desotostatepark) Winners will be contacted via email or phone from their reservation.

Regulations: We ask that decor remains on the individual sites and does not bleed over into others sites, roadways, trails, etc. Décor must be completely removed from site at camper checkout-PLEASE no glitter/confetti, paint, toilet paper or other materials that cause damage to the park. Please help us observe Leave No Trace in the park where we can, especially with picking up litter.

Date: Halloween Weekend 2020

Where: DeSoto State Park in Fort Payne, Alabama. Improved Campground

Email [Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov) for any details.

## Spookapalooza Pumpkin Carving Contest

DeSoto State Park is glad to host the 9th Annual Spookapalooza Pumpkin Carving Contest!

Entries will be judged on overall appearance, creativeness, neatness, and originality. Entries can have any theme or design, i.e., Halloween, nature, fall season, etc. All ages may enter contest.

Date: Entries must be turned in no later than 12:00 noon on Saturday, October 31st to be judged.

Turn in at DeSoto's Country Store on County Road 89-table will be set up on porch. Winners will be announced on Saturday, October 31st via DeSoto's Facebook/Instagram(#desotostatepark)

Where: DeSoto State Park in Fort Payne, Alabama.

All entries will be on display during DSP's Spookapalooza festivities.

Entries may be picked up at the DSP Country Store on Sunday, November 1st

Free and Open to all ages. Email [Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov) for any details.

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## November 2020

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### Yoga on the Mountain: Daybreak Class

DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama

Interested in starting your day in a positive way? Relax in a beautiful place! Join us for a fun yoga class along the banks of Little River in the DeSoto Falls picnic area.

Experience the peace & quiet of nature as instructor Destin Padgett guides you with relaxing, alignment-based poses. Perfect for those beginning their yoga practice or for those wanting to try something new!

Classes are open to local residents and park visitors alike. No pre-registration required!

Date: Friday, November 6, 2020

Time: 8:00-9:00 am

Where: DeSoto State Park, Fort Payne, Alabama. DeSoto Falls Picnic area, 7 miles from the main park area.

Fee: 5.00 per participant per class (cash or checks). Bring mat/towel & water if you wish.

If weather is questionable- check with DSP Lodge before coming: 256.845.5380

See [www.alapark.com/DSP-Yoga](http://www.alapark.com/DSP-Yoga) for class dates

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### Serious Skills Series: Dutch Oven Campfire Cooking Demo

Hosted by DeSoto State Park. The Serious Skills series is a variety of classes and workshops that provide opportunities to discover a hidden talent or learn a new skill for personal enrichment.

Classes are open to local residents, overnight guests and park visitors.

Dutch ovens have been in use for hundreds of years; especially when our country was expanding and families were on the move. Unable to bring their large cook stoves with them, women learned how to cook entire meals from stews & soups to bread & desserts, in their Dutch ovens. Learn the basics about Dutch ovens, how to clean & care for your cookware, AND cook (& eat!) dinner & dessert at the same time!

Starts around 4:00 p.m, located at the DeSoto State Park Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground. This is a demonstration, so the best part is when food is just coming off the fire!

Seating is limited, so bring your own comfortable camp chair if you wish. Drop in whenever you like & check out the food!

Date: November 7, 2020

Time: 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground (gate will open to the public)

Fee: Free & open to everyone; Great for all ages!

Call 256.997.5025 for email [Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov) for details.

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### Trail Trekker Hike Series: Gilliam Loop Trail/Unfinished Bridge

DeSoto State Park, Fort Payne, Alabama

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This hike series is designed for those that prefer some company out on the trails with experienced park staff or volunteers. Each month there will be a different hike so you can start marking them off towards your patch! Gilliam Loop Trail plus short hike to unfinished bridge-Hike is approximately 4.5 miles round trip, moderate along mountainous terrain. No major inclines

Date: Sunday, November 8, 2020

Time: 12:00 -3:30 pm (central time zone)

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. Meet at DeSoto's Lodge, will caravan to Gilliam Loop Trailhead

Fee: Free, pre-registration is required so to know how many to expect. Hike is open to ages 8 to adult. Email

Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov for more info or to pre-register.

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Experience the peace & quiet of nature as instructor Destin Padgett guides you with relaxing, alignment-based poses. Perfect for those beginning their yoga practice or for those wanting to try something new!

Classes are open to local residents and park visitors alike. No pre-registration required!

Date: November 8, 2020

Time: 8:00-9:00 am

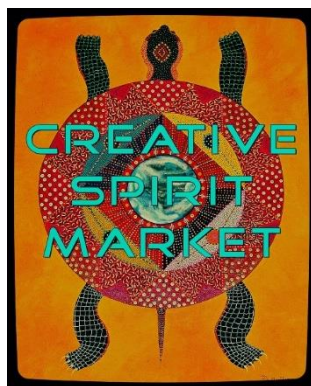
Where: DeSoto State Park, Fort Payne, Alabama. DeSoto Falls Picnic area, 7 miles from the main park area.

Fee: 5.00 per participant per class (cash or checks). Bring mat/towel & water if you wish.

If weather is questionable- check with DSP Lodge before coming: 256.845.5380

See [www.alapark.com/DSP-Yoga](http://www.alapark.com/DSP-Yoga) for class dates

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## Creative Spirit Market

Hosted by DeSoto State Park & Little River Arts Council

Adding a new twist to a typical art fair, this event is designed as an open air showcase, with artist demonstrations, locally & regionally created fine & folk art, premium hand-crafted goods, live acoustic music, as well as pick up & take kid's art. Shoppers can browse and watch artists in their creative process, listen to music, plus purchase goods from fine and folk artists such as painters, potters, quilters, weavers & basket makers, fabric spinners, culinary artists and craftsmen. Some unique and one-of-a-kind gifts will be available for purchase. Stop by and get some early gift-

shopping in!

Dates: November 14 & 15, 2020 (Second weekend of November)

Times: 10:00 am-3:00 pm each day

Location: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. Country Store/Picnic Area on County Road 89

Fee: Event is free & open to everyone. If parking in the picnic area, 2.00 per vehicle apply. Rain or shine event. [www.littleriverartscouncil.org/creative-spirit-market](http://www.littleriverartscouncil.org/creative-spirit-market)

FAQ: [www.alapark.com/creative-spirit-market](http://www.alapark.com/creative-spirit-market)

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## Adventure Hike-DeSoto Falls Basin

DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama

Set out on an adventure hike with DeSoto State Park staff to the bottom of one of Alabama's tallest waterfalls, DeSoto Falls!

About the hike: This hike is approximately 1.5 miles total but considered moderate to strenuous due to the mountainous terrain and elevation. Will be hiking on rocky terrain down to the West Fork of Little River and walking upstream to the view of DeSoto Falls.

Date: November 21, 2020

Time: 9:00 am-11:30 am

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. Meet at DeSoto Falls Picnic Area (about 7 miles from main park area of DeSoto State Park) Coordinates: 34.549124, -85.589668.

Fee: Free, pre-registration is required so to know how many to expect. Hike is open to ages 8 to adult. Email Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov for more info or to pre-register.

Things to bring: Plenty of water and/or sports drink, snacks/lunch, hiking poles/staff (optional), sturdy shoes (open toe shoes are not recommended)

WEATHER: Please be sure to dress appropriately according to seasonal temperatures/weather. As with all outdoor events, if it is stormy or very poor trail conditions, we may have to cancel. If the weather is questionable, please call the park before you leave home to check if the hike is still on (256.845.0051)

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# December 2020

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## Adventure Hike-DeSoto Falls Basin

DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama

Set out on an adventure hike with DeSoto State Park staff to the bottom of one of Alabama's tallest waterfalls, DeSoto Falls!

About the hike: This hike is approximately 1.5 miles total but considered moderate to strenuous due to the mountainous terrain and elevation. Will be hiking on rocky terrain down to the West Fork of Little River and walking upstream to the view of DeSoto Falls.

Date: December 12, 2020

Time: 11:00 am-1:30 pm

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. Meet at DeSoto Falls Picnic Area (about 7 miles from main park area of DeSoto State Park) Coordinates: 34.549124, -85.589668.

Fee: Free, pre-registration is required so to know how many to expect. Hike is open to ages 8 to adult. Email [Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov) for more info or to pre-register.

Things to bring: Plenty of water and/or sports drink, snacks/lunch, hiking poles/staff (optional), sturdy shoes (open toe shoes are not recommended)

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**For even more fun local events, see**  
[www.alapark.com/Events](http://www.alapark.com/Events)

**DeSoto State Park~Fort Payne, Alabama**



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**Contacts for event planning/programs:**

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<b>JSU Field Schools</b>	256.845.3548	Niki Wayner <a href="mailto:fieldschool@jsu.edu">fieldschool@jsu.edu</a> <a href="http://www.jsu.edu/epic/field_schools/">www.jsu.edu/epic/field_schools/</a>
<b>Little River Canyon National Preserve</b>	256.845.9605	Matt Switzer <a href="mailto:Matt_switzer@nps.gov">Matt_switzer@nps.gov</a> <a href="http://www.nps.gov/liri/index.htm">www.nps.gov/liri/index.htm</a>
<b>Russell Cave National Monument</b>	256.495.2672	Mary Dawson <a href="http://www.nps.gov/ruca">www.nps.gov/ruca</a>