

Facilities

INFORMATION CENTER & COUNTRY STORE

This facility is centrally located within the park & contains an Information area, coin-operated laundry, restrooms, country store, & nature center with live animals. The store is stocked with food, 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 pool is located nearby.

Call the Country Store to make reservations for the Picnic Shelters

Lodge & Mountain Inn Restaurant

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 enhance the mountain atmosphere; there are 2 smaller rooms available for meetings as well. The Mountain Inn Restaurant offers 3 meals a day and a buffet every Sunday. The 25 motel units located next to the lodge feature Cable TV, telephone, and also offer a view from the porch or balcony. DeSoto State Park also has Mountain Chalets, Rustic Cabins, & Log Cabins available for rent at the Lodge.

NATURE-HIKING TRAILS

The 360-yard Azalea Cascade Boardwalk trail is the highlight of over 30 miles of hiking & 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 and shrubs. Please do not disturb the wildlife.

REMEMBER,
TAKE NOTHING BUT PICTURES,
LEAVE NOTHING BUT FOOTPRINTS,
KILL NOTHING BUT TIME.

MAP IS NOT
DRAWN TO
SCALE

DeSoto State Park

Improved Campground

7104 DeSoto Parkway NE
Fort Payne, AL. 35967

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DeSoto.Campground@denr.alabama.gov

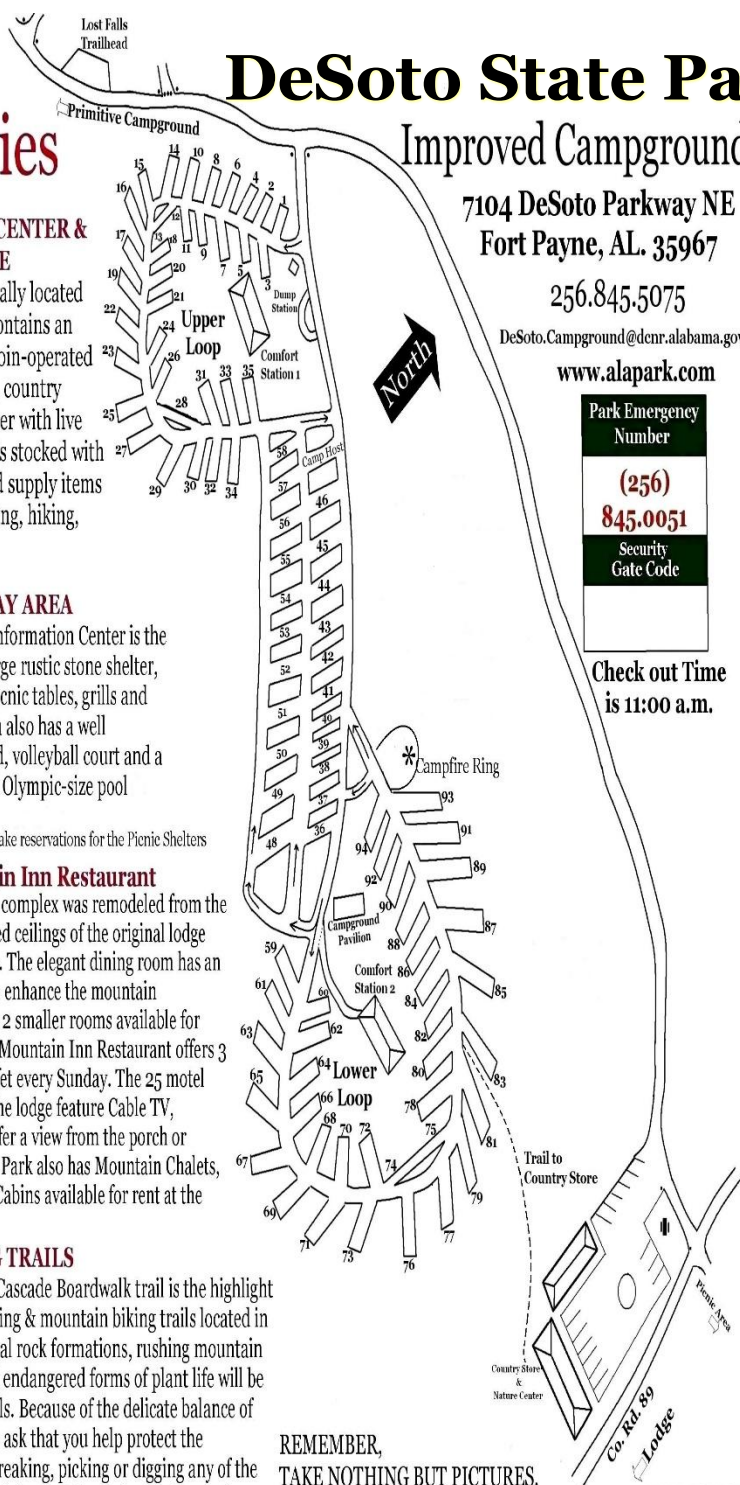
www.alapark.com

Park Emergency
Number

(256)
845.0051

Security
Gate Code

Check out Time
is 11:00 a.m.



DeSoto State Park Primitive Campground

256-845-0051 www.alapark.com/DeSoto



DeSoto State Park's Primitive Campground is comprised of 18 individual wooded campsites, a wall tent site, camping cabin, and 3 large group sites. (Wall tent site, camping cabin, & group sites must be reserved separately)

Each individual campsite has a fire ring and enough room for two tents. A vaulted toilet, picnic tables, grills, trashcans, a picnic shelter, and a water faucet are centrally located in the campground. Campers are allowed access to the Improved Campground (approx. 1 mile away) to use comfort stations showers, flush toilets & laundry rooms.

The primitive area is secured by a padlocked gate; a key to the Primitive Campground gate is issued at time of check-in. The access to the primitive campground is a gravel road. Parking is a short distance from each site, & most sites are considered walk-ins. Campsites are chosen by the individual at the time of check-in.

Reservations can be made by calling DSP or via online reservations. Rates vary by date, availability, and unit amenities. Please visit www.reservealapark.com to check rates and date availability.



DeSoto State Park Primitive Campground

- Quiet time is 10 PM to 6 AM-Please be respectful of other campers
- No alcoholic beverages
- Campsites are on a “first-come, first-serve” basis
Campsites are limited to 8 persons per site (except group campsites)
Only 2 tents are allowed for each campsite
Group sites available for large groups only, by reservations only
- **Entering and exiting...** close and lock the gate behind you
- Checkout or re-register by 11 am.
- When checking out early, drop the key in the drop-box beside the front door at the country store.
- Open-air or tent camping only, no pop-ups, vans, or camper shells allowed.
- Camp within 20 feet of the fire ring in each designated site, please don't break down or move fire rings.
- Park in designated areas. Please don't drive into any campsite or block roadways.
- The picnic tables in the traffic island are for day-use only
No camping or campfires around these picnic tables.
- The picnic pavilion in the primitive area is available for use by registered campers.
- Place all trash in receptacles daily
Do not leave food or trash out overnight.
- Pets must be on a leash
- Ride bikes only on roads and on trails marked with a white diamond blaze (Get a copy of the mountain bike trail map and rules)
Bikers must yield the right-of-way to hikers on trails.
- No unlicensed motorized vehicles are allowed on park property
- No chainsaws or other power tools are allowed in the primitive area. No live trees are to be cut.

Please help us practice Leave No Trace in DeSoto State Park

Plan ahead and prepare.

Travel and camp on durable surfaces.

Dispose of waste properly.

Leave what you find.

Minimize campfire impacts (be careful with fire).

Respect wildlife.

Be considerate of other visitors.



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