

UNPLAN YOUR TRIP

Alabama's North Region

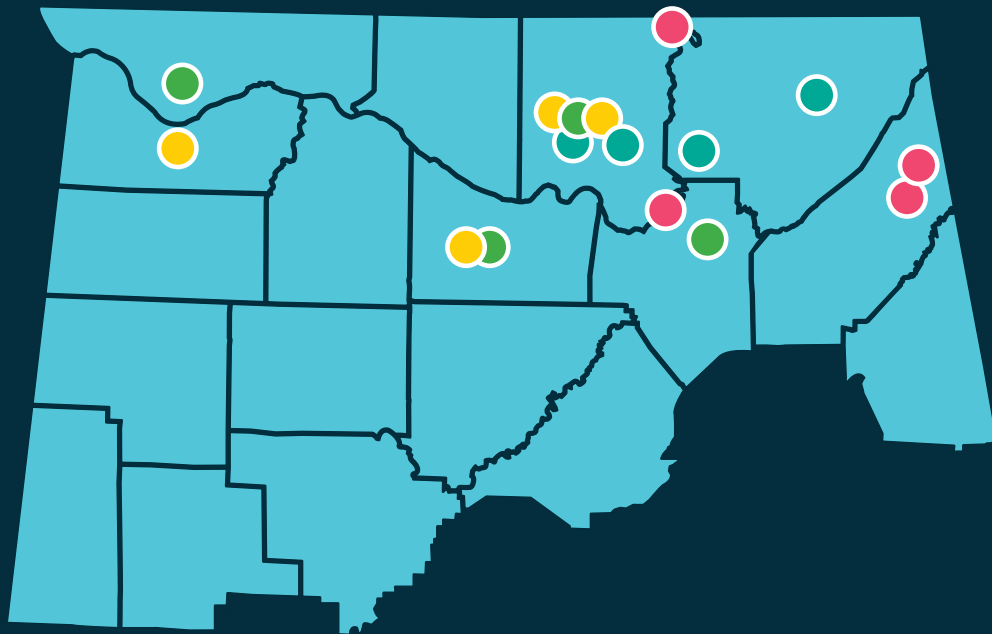


Sweet Home Alabama

ALABAMA'S NORTH REGION

This isn't your typical travel guide. Instead of telling you exactly where to go and when, we're giving you the ingredients for discovery.

Pick an UnPlanned Path and uncover hidden gems between your scheduled stops.



What Do You Have Planned?

Click a category and go beyond your scheduled must-sees. Local secrets and surprises are waiting to be discovered!



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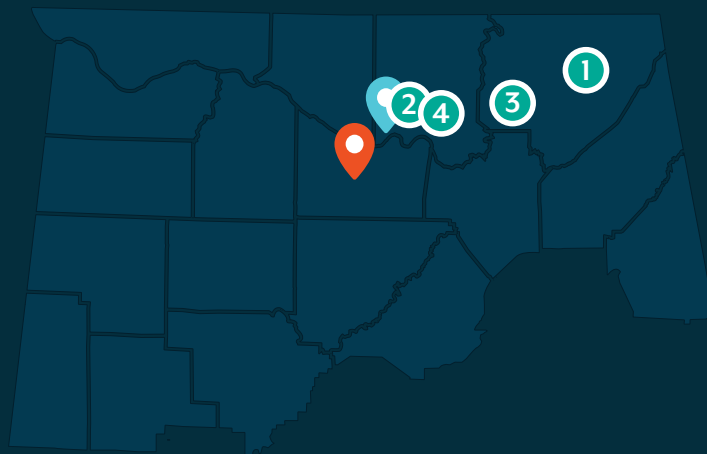
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SCIENCE & EXPLORATION

YOU PLANNED for cosmic adventures and rocket science. But Alabama had other out-of-this-world discoveries...

Planned Stops

-  **U.S. SPACE & ROCKET CENTER**
-  **COOK MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE**



UnPlanned Discoveries



1 YOU STUMBLE UPON UNCLAIMED BAGGAGE

Shop the nation's only lost luggage store where misplaced bags become a treasure hunt for forgotten finds.

 Website  @unclaimedbag



2 YOU DISCOVER HUNTSVILLE BOTANICAL GARDEN

Explore 118 acres of themed gardens where nature comes alive through beautiful blooms, a butterfly house and peaceful walking paths.

 Website  @hsvgarden



3 YOU FIND CATHEDRAL CAVERNS STATE PARK

Journey underground to discover the Mystery River and massive rock formations that make you feel like you're on another planet.

 Website  @cathedralcavernsstatepark



4 YOU UNCOVER BURRITT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Climb to historic heights where 1800s farm life meets mansion elegance and panoramic views stretch for miles.

 Website  @burrittonthemountain

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Museum Closed? Explore historic markers on the grounds of Helen Keller's birthplace in Tuscumbia.

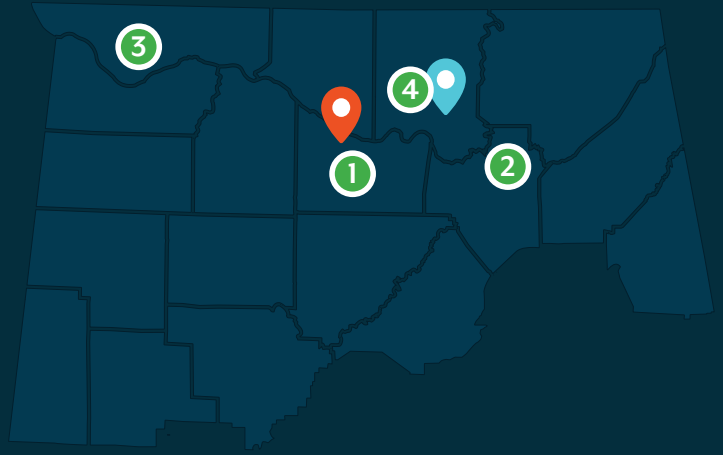
Too Tired? Relax at Eatin' in the Attic, featuring vintage vibes and a candy store full of sweet treats.

BBQ PITS & LOCAL POURS

YOU PLANNED for authentic Alabama barbecue and craft cocktails. But Alabama had some secret spots to dig into...

Planned Stops

-  **STOVEHOUSE**
-  **BIG BOB GIBSON BAR-B-Q**



UnPlanned Discoveries



1 YOU FIND EATIN' IN THE ATTIC

Step into a quirky restaurant with vintage charm and comforting flavors where a candy store makes for a perfectly sweet ending.

 Website  @the_eatin_in_the_attic



2 YOU STUMBLE UPON RETREET RESORT

Take a night to cook a meal for yourself in a luxury tree house. This resort overlooking Lake Guntersville is one of Alabama's most unique outdoor escapes.

 Website  @retreetresort



3 YOU DISCOVER ODETTE

This contemporary neighborhood gem in historic Florence serves elevated American cuisine with global influences and a Southern soul.

 Website  @odettealabama



4 YOU UNCOVER PIZZELLE'S CONFECTIONS

Voted the No. 1 chocolate shop in the country in 2024 and 2025, this women-owned local business crafts every sweet treat with passion and precision.

 Website  @pizzellesconfections

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Long Wait? Explore downtown Huntsville's historic architecture while you wait for a table.
Too Full? Browse unique treasures at Unclaimed Baggage to work up an appetite.

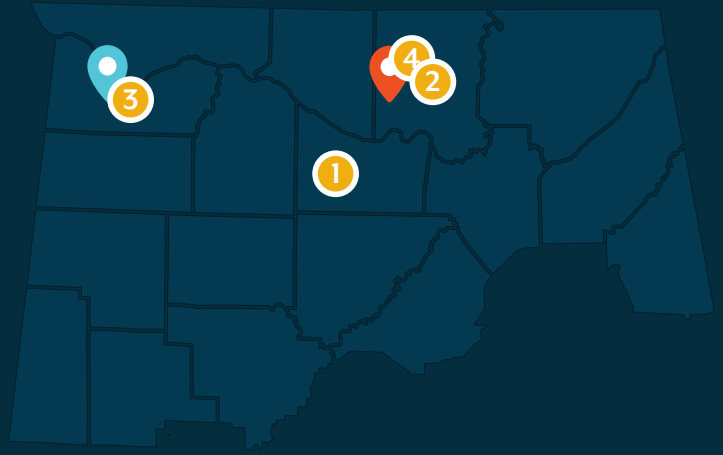
ART & MUSIC

YOU PLANNED for legendary music history and all-star entertainment. But Alabama had other showstoppers in store...

Planned Stops

 MUSCLE SHOALS SOUND STUDIO

 ORION AMPHITHEATER



UnPlanned Discoveries



1 YOU STUMBLE UPON MOCO MURAL TRAIL

Follow this trail through Morgan County and see how local and visiting artists have transformed buildings into canvases to tell stories of Alabama.

 Website  @visitdecaturnal



2 YOU DISCOVER THE VAN BRAUN CENTER

This multi-venue complex surprises with concerts, shows and performances in its arena, concert hall and playhouse.

 Website  @vonbrauncenter



3 YOU FIND FAME RECORDING STUDIOS

Step into the legendary studios where the "Muscle Shoals Sound" was born and music history was made by icons like Aretha Franklin.

 Website  @fame_recording_studios



4 YOU UNCOVER THE CAMP

A bar and restaurant that features live music and entertainment every night, The Camp keeps the good vibes going all year long.

 Website  @explorethecamp

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Sold-out Show? Check out Stovehouse for live music and local artisan shopping in a historic setting.

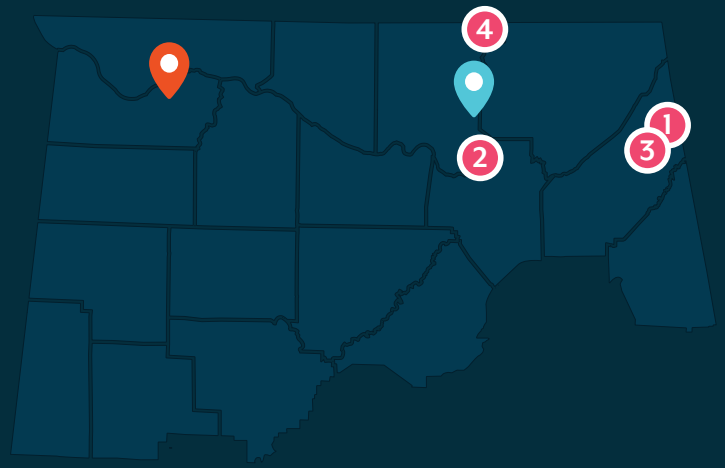
Too Loud? Take a stroll through Huntsville Botanical Garden and enjoy peaceful pathways to scenic spots.

GOLF & OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

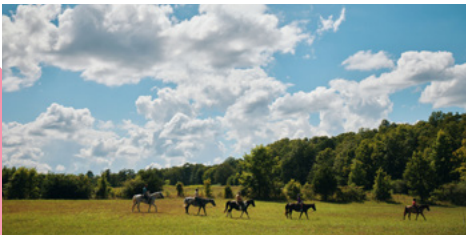
YOU PLANNED for scenic hikes and mountain trails. But Alabama had wilder adventures waiting...

Planned Stops

-  MONTE SANO STATE PARK
-  RTJ GOLF TRAIL AT THE SHOALS



UnPlanned Discoveries



1 YOU FIND SHADY GROVE HORSE RANCH

Experience Alabama's countryside from horseback, with guided trail rides revealing scenic vistas you can't reach on foot.

 Website  @SG Horse Ranch



2 YOU STUMBLE UPON RTJ GOLF TRAIL AT HAMPTON COVE

Tee off at this championship course where every swing comes with mountain views, Southern hospitality and the perfect opportunity for an after-round cocktail.

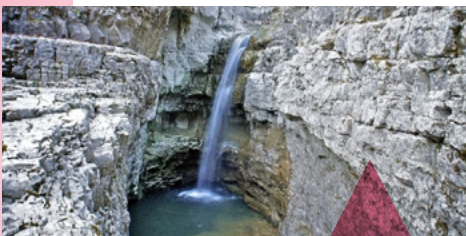
 Website  @rtjgolftrail



3 YOU UNCOVER DESOTO STATE PARK

Explore waterfalls, hiking trails and scenic overlooks in this mountain paradise where adventure awaits around every bend.

 Website  @desotostatepark



4 YOU DISCOVER WALLS OF JERICHO

Discover this hidden gorge where towering limestone walls create a natural amphitheater for exploration and photography.

 Website

IMPROMPTU PIVOTS

Trail Closed? Take a scenic drive through Little River Canyon for breathtaking views from your car.

Bad Weather? Duck into the Cook Museum of Natural Science for hands-on indoor exploration.