

ALABAMA'S 25 MUST-TREAD TRAILS



NORTH

01. Monte Sano State Park – Huntsville

Explore 22 miles of hiking/biking trails of varying difficulty, including several newly opened bike trails.

02. Black Creek Trails – Gadsden

Bring the entire family to the main Black Creek Trail. Along this crushed-gravel pedestrian path used by cyclists, runners and walkers, you'll find amazing views of the Black Creek Gorge as well as lookout pavilions and resting benches.

03. Chief Ladiga Trail – Cleburne and Calhoun Counties

Hike for 33 miles along this trail between Anniston and the Georgia state line. There, the route connects to the 62-mile Silver Comet trail, which ends in Atlanta.

04. Coldwater Mountain Trails – Calhoun County

Discover everything a rider could wish for: red-dirt trails in a backcountry setting, gravity runs and technical lines. You'll also find scenic, entry-level trails for novice riders and a set of subtrails called the Three Bears Trails.

05. Walls of Jericho – Stevenson

Hike the 6+ miles of the Walls of Jericho to explore the place where the Cumberland, the longest hardwood forested plateau on earth, meets Alabama. Here, you'll find a vast variety of flora and fauna, as well as exposed limestone formations.

06. Richard Martin Rail Trail – Limestone County

Take this roughly 10-mile, one-way trail past Civil War battle sites, bucolic farmland, and amazing scenery packed with wildlife and foliage. No trip here would be complete without a stop at the friendly town of Elkmont.

07. Sipsey Wilderness – Winston County

Explore the 25,000-acre Sipsey Wilderness, including the 19-mile Loop Trail, to discover why this area is known as "the Land of a Thousand Waterfalls." Hike, bike, boat and ride horseback in Alabama's first designated national wilderness area.

08. Sunset Drive Trail – Marshall County

Take in the area's well-preserved historic homes as you stroll along the banks of beautiful Lake Guntersville on the Tennessee River on this 3.66-mile paved recreational trail.

CENTRAL

09. Pinhoti Trail – Coosa, Talladega, Cleburne, Calhoun and Clay Counties

Discover Alabama's premier long-distance hiking trail – over 160 miles – connecting with Georgia, the Benton MacKaye Trail and the Appalachian Trail. For shorter hikes, check out the Chinnabee Silent Trail loop in Talladega, the path from Adam's Gap to Cheaha State Park, and the trails around Flagg Mountain.

10. Cheaha State Park – Clay County

Find something for everyone here – including Alabama's highest point at 2,407 feet. In addition to the Pinhoti Trail and Chinnabee Silent Trail listed above, the park offers a short, scenic walk on Bald Rock Boardwalk or the Rock Garden Trail.

11. Cahaba Blueway – Jefferson, Bibb and Dallas Counties

Discover one of the most beautiful, biologically diverse rivers in North America as you hike along the Cahaba River's 191 miles through the heart of Alabama. In May, don't miss seeing the famed Cahaba lilies blooming in the Bibb County section.

12. Hatchet Creek Canoe/Kayak Trail – Coosa County

Canoe and kayak through breathtaking wilderness, populated by only a few streamside cabins. Take note that the creek has one Class II+ drop.

13. Red Rock Trails System – Jefferson County

Explore over 100 miles of trails that connect Jefferson County. Made up of six major corridors, the trails follow the Birmingham area waterways, providing a true wilderness experience, while other sections feature urban sidewalks.

14. Ruffner Mountain Nature Preserve – Birmingham

Experience Alabama's natural landscape, including a mixed-age hardwood forest, on this 0.9-mile trail over relatively level terrain. You can also find several hiking trails at Ruffner Mountain's main entrance.

15. Red Mountain Park – Birmingham

Wind through 1,500 forested acres on 16 miles of multiuse trails that are ideal for both hiking and biking.

16. Oak Mountain State Park – Shelby County

Take the 4-mile Blue Trail – one of Oak Mountain State Park's most popular trails – to King's Chair Overlook for panoramic views. Within Alabama's largest state park, you'll find more than 50 miles of trails for hikers and bikers.

17. Vulcan Trail – Birmingham

Enjoy a nature retreat without leaving the city. This 2.2-mile out-and-back trail provides a paved path for walking, jogging and casual hiking. Along the way, take in exceptional views of downtown Birmingham and the Vulcan statue.

SOUTH

18. Yoholo Micco Trail – Eufaula

Walk along the path of an abandoned rail line on this stunning trail, just over 4 miles one way.

19. Forever Wild Trails at Beaver Creek – Dothan

Hike or ride 14+ miles of naturally wooded trails. Break your adventure into 1- to 2-mile loops or tackle the entire trail system. Explore the mile-long section of bridges through beautiful wetlands with scenic views of Beaver Creek.

20. Chewacla State Park Trails – Auburn

Bring your bike or hiking boots and spend the day on any or all of the multiuse trails.

21. Cherokee Ridge Alpine Trails – Tallapoosa County

Discover the best of Alabama's natural beauty. Whether taking a stroll along Lake Martin or hiking through rock formations, you'll find everything from old-growth hardwoods and clear streams to birds and wildlife in unspoiled habitats.

22. Black Belt Prairie Trails – Livingston

Take your pick of several trails – ranging from 0.5 to 2.5 miles – to explore one of southwest Alabama's most outstanding birding sites, located around Lake Livingston on the campus of the University of West Alabama.

GULF

23. Hugh Branyon Backcountry Trails – Orange Beach

Discover nine distinct ecosystems – including longleaf pine sand ridges, coastal dunes and freshwater marshes – along 28 miles of multiuse paved trails. On foot or by bike, you'll see freshwater lakes, coastal swamps and wetlands.

24. Perdido River Canoe Trail – Baldwin County

Hike 17.9 miles through beautiful Southern pine forests and Atlantic white cedar bottoms or grab your bike for an adventure on world-class biking trails. For your convenience, you can easily access the trail from three parking areas.

25. Bartram Canoe Trail – Mobile and Baldwin Counties

Paddle along this scenic trail located in the Mobile-Tensaw Delta, our nation's second-largest river delta. Here, you'll discover a vast wetland with estuarine marsh, cypress-tupelo swamp and bottomland hardwood ecosystems.



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