

EXPERIENCE ALABAMA'S LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN & DEKALB COUNTY Suggested Waterfall Tour Travel Itinerary

# Day 1: DeSoto Falls & DeSoto State Park

Start your day at **DeSoto Falls**, one of Alabama's most beautiful and iconic waterfalls that plunges over 104 feet into a lush pool. There are picnic areas around the falls where you can enjoy a relaxing picnic surrounded by nature. Next, head to **DeSoto State Park** and take a light hike to **Indian Falls**. This easy-to-access waterfall is nestled within the park's scenic woodlands. There is a bridge to view the waterfall from above, and a short trail to the bottom of the waterfall that is only about a quarter of a mile long.





Afterwards, head across the street to enjoy a stroll along the Talmadge Butler Boardwalk Trail. The Boardwalk is 360 yards long and ends with a 20' octagon deck over a pool formed by Azalea Cascades, a smaller but beautiful waterfall. Enjoy the serenity of the forest, and if you're feeling adventurous, venture off the boardwalk and explore an adjacent trail. As the day winds down, settle in at your chosen accommodations. Opt for a peaceful night under the stars at DeSoto State Park Campground, or enjoy a cozy stay at one of Mentone's charming bed and breakfasts, such as The Hatter Country Inn, Mentone Inn, Andiamo Lodge, Bee on the Brow, or Mentone Mountain View Inn. Whichever you choose, you'll find the perfect setting to relax and unwind.







# MORNING

- DeSoto Falls
  - Visit DeSoto Falls, a 104-foot waterfall plunging into a lush pool.
  - Enjoy a picnic at the nearby picnic areas surrounded by nature.

#### AFTERNOON

- DeSoto State Park
  - Head to DeSoto State Park and begin with a light hike to Indian Falls. (It is a 10 minute drive from DeSoto Falls to DeSoto State Park)
  - View the waterfall from the bridge above or take the short quarter-mile trail to the base.
  - Cross the street and enjoy a stroll along the Talmadge Butler Boardwalk Trail.
  - End at the Azalea Cascade viewing point. (optional: venture off of the boardwalk on a trail)

### EVENING

- Accommodations
  - End your day by checking into your preferred lodging.
  - Spend a peaceful night under the stars at DeSoto State Park Campground or stay at one of Mentone's delightful Bed & Breakfasts.



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#### Day 2: DeSoto State Park & Little River Canyon National Preserve

Begin your day with a cozy breakfast at the **DeSoto State Park Lodge**, or enjoy a homemade meal if you stay at a local bed and breakfast. Afterwards, gear up to explore more of DeSoto State Park. Drop by the **Country Store** for souvenirs, snacks, and maps before taking a moderate hike to visit both **Laurel Falls** and **Lost Falls**. These falls are a bit more remote, but they offer peaceful settings and scenic beauty. The hike to both falls is about 2-3 miles round trip (you can pick up a free map or <u>download here</u>).



Afterwards, head to <u>Little River Canyon National Preserve</u>. On your way into the park, stop at <u>The</u> <u>Rim of the Canyon Cafe</u> to refuel and grab a delicious homemade lunch. Less than a mile down the road lies <u>Little River Falls</u>, located at the head of Little River Canyon. It's an easily accessible waterfall with a fantastic view from the overlook. If you're feeling adventurous, there are trails nearby to explore the canyon area. In the south end of the parking area, you will find the trail to <u>Little Falls</u>, another waterfall found within the preserve. There is a 1 mile, semi strenuous hike from the parking area to the falls, but it is definitely worth it! Depending on the time of year, Little Falls is a popular swimming area. Once you are done exploring this magnificent waterfall, enjoy a scenic drive along <u>Little River Canyon Rim Parkway</u>. There are seven scenic overlooks along the rim of the canyon that allow you to see the breathtaking views & the sparkling Little River below. Be sure to stop at <u>Grace's High Falls</u> (seasonal), Alabama's tallest waterfall at 133 feet. In the evening, head into <u>Fort Payne</u> for dinner at a local restaurant. You'll find plenty of dining options like <u>Vintage</u> 1889 or <u>Little River Burgers & Brews</u> to refuel you. As nightfall approaches, return to your previous accommodations or enjoy a night in downtown Fort Payne by staying in <u>The Lofts on Gault</u>.







# MORNING

- DeSoto State Park
  - Start your day with breakfast at DeSoto State Park Lodge or your Bed & Breakfast.
  - Stop by the Country Store for souvenirs, snacks, and maps.
  - Take a moderate 2-3 mile hike to visit Laurel Falls and Lost Falls (maps available at the DeSoto State Park Store or <u>download</u> <u>here</u>).

#### AFTERNOON

- Little River Canyon National Preserve
  - Stop by The Rim of the Canyon Cafe for lunch and to refuel
  - Visit Little River Falls, easily accessible with a stunning view from the overlook.
  - Optional: Explore nearby trails for more adventure. (Little Falls)
  - Enjoy a scenic drive along Little River Canyon Rim Parkway
  - Visit Grace's High Falls (seasonal), Alabama's tallest waterfall

#### EVENING

- Dinner in Fort Payne
  - Head into Fort Payne for dinner at local favorites like Vintage
    1889 or Little River Burgers & Brews.
  - Return to your previous accommodations or enjoy a night in downtown Fort Payne by staying in The Lofts on Gault.



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# Day 3: High Falls

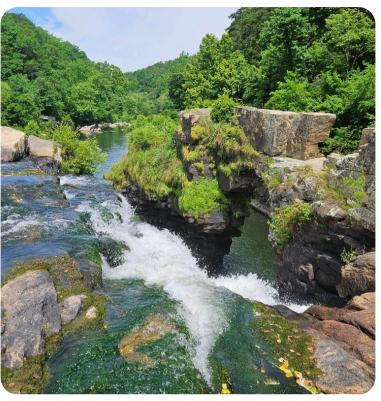


Start your morning with breakfast and a delicious cup of coffee in Fort Payne at **The Bakehouse Downtown** or **The Spot Coffee Shop** before ending your waterfall tour at **High Falls**. This 35-foot waterfall, located on **Sand Mountain** near **Geraldine**, spans 300 feet across and also features a spectacular natural bridge. Surrounded by a beautiful park area, High Falls is perfect for relaxing and enjoying the final moments of your trip. In the evening, enjoy a late lunch or early dinner in Geraldine at a local spot such as **James BBQ** or **Tickled Pink**. Depending on your location, you might enjoy another evening in Fort Payne or head back home.









## MORNING

- High Falls on Sand Mountain
  - Breakfast and coffee in Fort Payne at The Bakehouse
    Downtown or The Spot Coffee Shop before heading to High Falls.
  - Visit High Falls, a 35-foot waterfall that spans 300 feet across with a natural bridge.
  - Enjoy the peaceful surroundings of the park area, perfect for relaxing.

#### AFTERNOON

- Late Lunch/Early Dinner in Geraldine
  - Enjoy a late lunch or early dinner in Geraldine at James BBQ or Tickled Pink.

## EVENING

- End of Trip
  - Depending on your location, either enjoy another evening in Fort Payne or begin your journey home.