



Forest Service
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ALABAMA'S NATIONAL FORESTS GREAT ESCAPES

Talladega National Forest "Alabama's Largest National Forest"

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1. BEAUTIFUL WATERFALLS

Cheaha Waterfall: is accessible by a short hike northwest from the Turnipseed Trailhead toward Lake Chinnabee on the Chinnabee Silent Trail.

Devil's Den Waterfall: a popular swimming hole that is accessible by hiking the Chinnabee Silent Trail, located near Lake Chinnabee.

High Waterfall: one of several waterfalls found in the forest. It is accessible by a short hike on the Odum Scout Trail at the south end of the Cheaha Wilderness.

2. CHEAHA WILDERNESS

Take in the majestic views of east-central Alabama from the highest point in the state - Cheaha Mountain! Located in the 7,245-acre Cheaha Wilderness, the mountain rises to 2,407 feet, the highest point (located in Cheaha State Park), and offers numerous overlooks for panoramic views.

3. TRAILS

Chinnabee Silent Hiking Trail: this 6-mile moderate-to-difficult trail has spectacular views of flowing streams, rock outcroppings, and waterfalls. Beginning at Lake Chinnabee, the trail winds beside Cheaha Creek and intersects with the Pinhoti Trail at Caney Head atop Talladega Mountain.

Odum Scout Hiking Trail: this moderate trail extends for 7.5 miles through the eastern slopes of Talladega Mountain in the Cheaha Wilderness Area.

Sylaward Mountain Bike Trail: the hiking and mountain bike trail is located near Sylacauga, Alabama. The 14-mile trail begins at Lake Howard's recreation site (managed by the city of Sylacauga) and meanders back into the Talladega National Forest.

4. KENTUCK ORV TRAIL

Get ready to hit the trails! We offer riding for everyone on wheels, from ATVs to motorcycles to mountain bikes. Our easy-to-moderate trail has 4 loops totaling 23 miles of adventure.

5. PINHOTI NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL

Get ready to explore the great outdoors! The Pinhoti Trail is a 140-mile journey through the Talladega National Forest in eastern Alabama, from Piedmont to Sylacauga. Along the way, you'll traverse through mountains and valleys, discovering a wealth of history and legend. The trail winds through rugged pine and hardwood forests, ridge tops, shady hollows, and mountain streams, and don't forget to take the side trails through the Cheaha Wilderness and to Cheaha State Park!



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6. LAKES

Lake Wills: the 225-acre lake is about 4 miles east of Sylacauga. Visitors may use natural and artificial bait for fishing. A boat ramp with parking for 10 vehicles and trailers is available. Manual or electric power boats are permitted.

Lake Virginia: the 89-acre lake is nestled about 5 miles east of Sylacauga. It offers bass, bream, and catfish fishing for the avid angler. Manual or electric power boats are permitted.

Lake Chinnabee: this 17-acre lake is an excellent getaway for individuals and families interested in fishing, hiking, and picnicking. A 2-mile trail encircles the lake.

7. TURNIPSEED CAMPGROUND

This site has 10 designated campsites and pit toilets available during the open season, typically from March 1 through November 30.

8. SHEPHERD BRANCH SHOOTING RANGE

Located about 8 miles southeast of Talladega on Alabama State Highway 77, the range has four benches for firearms at 25, 50, and 100-yard ranges.

9. HOLLINS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

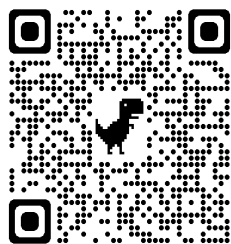
Approximately 21,000 acres are managed jointly by the Forest Service and the Alabama Department of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. It is accessible by Forest Service Roads 600, 601, 601D, 607, 615, 616, 687, and State Route 148.

TALLADEGA DISTRICT OFFICE

The Talladega Forest District Office is open to the public Monday – Friday from 7:30 am until 4:00 pm to sell maps and recreation passes and issue special use and firewood permits.

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