



Forest Service  
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# ALABAMA'S NATIONAL FORESTS GREAT ESCAPES

## 1. BOLD DESTINY/BEDFORD V. CASH MEMORIAL TRAIL

The Tuskegee National Forest has the Bold Destiny/Bedford V. Cash Memorial Trail that crosses 13 miles of the northern half of the forest. The trail traverses managed forest land where riders and hikers see planted pines ranging from 1 to 50 years old. At some of the stream crossings, they see hardwoods 80 to 90 years old.

## 2. BARTRAM TRAIL

The 8.5-mile hiking trail was the first trail in Alabama designated as a National Recreation Trail. Visitors can view various types of wild flowers, flowering trees and wildlife habitat while hiking or mountain biking. The trail is considered easy to moderate and can be hiked in one day.

## 3. TASKA RECREATION AREA

Taska Recreation Area offers picnic tables, grills, restrooms, and interpretive kiosks along U.S. Routes 80/29, 3.5 miles east of the city of Tuskegee. The area is a part of the Black Belt Nature and Heritage Trail. Taska Recreation Area is open year round and offers facilities for the physically challenged. Camping is not permitted in this area and off-road vehicles are not permitted in the Tuskegee National Forest.

## 4. PLEASANT HILL TRAIL

The Pleasant Hill Trail is the Tuskegee National Forest's newest trail. The 4-mile trail is open to hikers, campers, and bicyclists. The trail is considered a moderate trail.

## 5. THLOKO OKHUSSEE (BIG POND)

Thloko Okhussee is located along Macon County Road 54 (Vaughn Mill Road). It allows anglers to catch largemouth bass, catfish, and bream. Thloko and Chutkee Pond are four and two acres, respectively, so anglers are restricted to bank fishing. Another option for fishing is available in the Uphapee and Choctafaula Creeks. A valid fishing license is required.

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## 6. UCHEE SHOOTING RANGE

The Uchee Shooting Range allows firearm enthusiasts to practice target shooting from 20, 50, and 100 yards. You must bring your own paper targets and stands. The discharge of firearms anywhere other than the shooting range is prohibited, except during hunting season. Shooting range passes must be purchased before using the range. You may purchase daily passes for \$3 and annual passes for \$30. Please visit the National Forests in Alabama website on where to [buy passes](#) (passes not sold online).

## 7. CAMPING

Primitive camping is allowed anywhere in the forest except during gun deer hunting season when camping is permitted at designated sites only. 11 hunter camps are open year round.

## 8. NATIVE LONGLEAF PINE ECOSYSTEM

Longleaf pine habitats vary in structure from forest, to woodland, to savanna characteristics. Over 25 species of plants and animals are listed as endangered or threatened. Nearly 100 candidate species are known to occur in the fire dominated longleaf pine forests of the south.

## 9. SMOKEY BEAR AND WOODSY OWL

Schedule a time for youth to meet Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl. Resources are available to youth and teachers to learn about fire prevention and caring for the environment. Contact the Tuskegee National Forest District Office for more information.

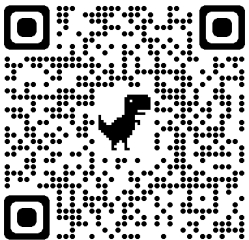
## TUSKEGEE DISTRICT OFFICE

The Tuskegee National Forest District Office is open to the public Monday - Friday from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm to sell maps, recreation passes, and issue special use and firewood permits.

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