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AREA OF ALABAMA

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Temperatures are milder than most expect, with winter highs at approx. 49° and lows of 35°; mid-summer highs are approx. 91° and lows of 68°.

LOCATION

Colbert County is less than a day's drive from anywhere in the mid-South and the lower mid-West! Birmingham is only 95 miles southeast via I-65; Memphis is approximately 125 miles to the west via U.S. Hwy 72; Nashville is 100 miles to the north via the Natchez Trace; and Atlanta is only 200 miles east.

POPULAR ATTRACTIONS (Details on back)

- Helen Keller Home
- Alabama Music Hall of Fame
- Three Muscle Shoals Recording Studios
- Spring Park with Musical Water Show
- National Register Historic Districts
- Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail
- Tom Hendrix Wall - Native American memorial wall
- Rattlesnake Saloon

OUTSTANDING GROUP SERVICES

The Colbert County Tourism Bureau is a full service agency with more than 30 years experience in itinerary planning. We provide one-stop shopping for your group tour, including:

- Customized Itineraries & Special Meal Events
- Hotel Rooms/Special Group Rates
- Welcome Receptions, Step-On Guide, Send-Offs
- All booking handled for your convenience!

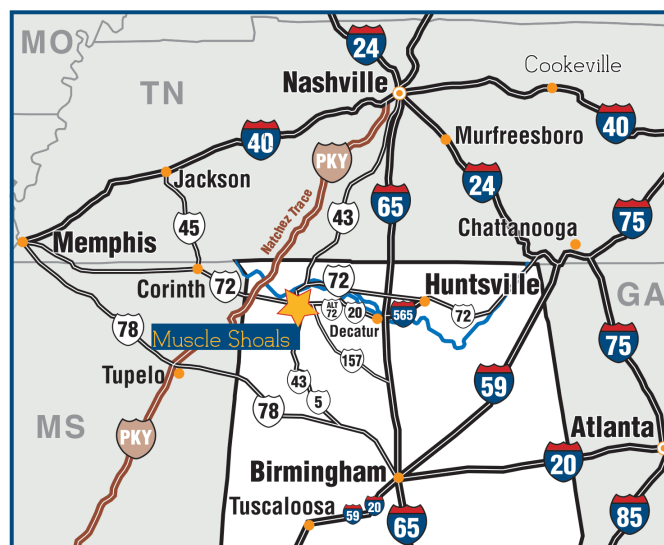
CUSTOM TOURS ARE OUR SPECIALTY!

Themed Itineraries Include:

"Famous Places" "Architectural Treasures"
"Music, Miracles, and More" "Culinary Delights"
"Girlfriend Getaways" "Rock of Ages Trail"
"We rocked the World Muscle Shoals Music"
"Golf for Guys and Gals"

GEOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTION

The rushing waters of the Tennessee River accent the northern boundary of Colbert County while wooded, rolling hills and serene nature areas embrace the remainder.



AREA ROAD NETWORK

Highways: U.S. 43, 72/Alt. 72, AL 157

Nearby Highways: U.S. 31 (50 miles east), U.S. 78 (55 miles south)

Scenic: Natchez Trace Parkway

Interstate 65 (approx. 50 miles east of Colbert County)

RESOURCE MATERIALS AVAILABLE:

- Official Comprehensive Visitors Guide
- Individual Attraction Brochures
- Official State Highway Maps
- Local & Regional Locator Maps
- Rock of Ages (Historic Churches) Trail Brochure
- Site Inspections and FAM Tours (upon request)
- Informative Website

MUSCLE SHOALS AREA OF ALABAMA ATTRACTIONS



Helen Keller Home

HELEN KELLER HOME, "IVY GREEN" www.helenkellerbirthplace.org; Home and gardens are open M-Sa 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The dramatic life and times of Helen Keller are preserved at her birthplace and childhood home. This antebellum plantation home was built in 1820, shortly after Alabama statehood. Keller was born in the quaint cottage which sits a short distance from the main house. Original furnishings are highlighted by hundreds of Miss Keller's personal mementos. The well pump where Helen Keller grasped the meaning of words stands in tribute to the "miracle" that took place at "Ivy Green."

"THE MIRACLE WORKER" OUTDOOR DRAMA

Authentic costumes and absorbing acting are hallmarks of the annual presentation of William Gibson's moving drama, "The Miracle Worker" performed on the grounds at Helen Keller's home on weekend evenings, June through mid-July. The two-hour play recounts the efforts of teacher Anne Sullivan to open the world of communication to the blind and deaf child, whose life later inspired the world.

ALABAMA MUSIC HALL OF FAME

www.alamhof.org; Open Tu-Sa 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Muscle Shoals is home to the world-renowned recording industry which produced Clarence Carter, Aretha Franklin, Percy Sledge, the Rolling Stones, Rod Stewart, the Osmonds, Liza Minnelli, and many more! Visitors may also discover the state's rich musical heritage, including artists Jim Nabors, Jimmy Buffet, Emmylou Harris, Tammy Wynette, Sonny James, Alabama, Bobby Goldsboro, Hank Williams, Hank Williams, Jr., Gold City, Lionel Richie and the Commodores, with hundreds more representing all styles of music. Get on board the Alabama tour bus and walk through the 12' tall juke box playing music by Alabamians. Your group may make its own "hit" recording at Muscle Shoals!

MUSCLE SHOALS SOUND STUDIO

3614 Jackson Highway; Undergoing restoration, daily tours will resume Spring 2016

The home of the rhythm section dubbed the "Swampers" in Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Sweet Home Alabama." The Rolling Stones, Bob Seger, Rod Stewart, Paul Simon and many others created some of the most popular hits of the 60's and 70's in this studio.

CYPRESS MOON STUDIOS (Second location of Muscle Shoals Sound Studio)

www.cypressmoonproduction.com; Open M-F 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sa 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., or groups by appointment

Located in a converted Naval Reserve building on the Tennessee River, many important artists created gold and platinum here, including, Bob Dylan, Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Oak Ridge Boys, Julian Lennon, Little Milton and many more. Concerts held in Legendary Studio A.

BIRTHPLACE OF W.C. HANDY, "FATHER OF THE BLUES"

Open Tu-Sa 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

This two-room log cabin where Handy was born and a museum pay tribute to the composer of "St. Louis Blues," "Memphis Blues," "Beale St. Blues" & more.

FAME RECORDING STUDIOS

www.fame2.com; Tours M - F 9 a.m. & 4 p.m., or for groups by appointment.

"Mustang Sally" by Wilson Pickett was just one of the many hits produced at this recording studio during the 1960's and '70's when the famous "Muscle Shoals Sound" developed and Muscle Shoals became known as the "Hit Recording Capital of the World."

TUSCUMBIA SPRING PARK

www.tuscumbiarailway.com; Open daily.

Stroll along Cold Water Falls, stretching 80 feet wide and 48 feet tall. Over 4.3 million gallons of water bubble from the natural spring daily.

Light and Water Show, choreographed to music is presented year-round displaying 51 flumes of water jetting 150 feet into the air. Park includes train, carousel, children's roller coaster, picnic pavilion, dining, and concessions.

NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS OF TUSCUMBIA & SHEFFIELD

Visit the historic towns of Tuscumbia and their array of specialty shops and eateries located in some of Alabama's oldest commercial buildings, explore nearby churches and antebellum and Victorian era homes nearby.

ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL OF ALABAMA

Situated with breath-taking views of the Tennessee River, the two courses of the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail of the Shoals offer world-class golfing. A clubhouse serves meals during daylight hours.

BELLE MONT MANSION

www.preserveala.org; Open: Th-Sa 12 p.m. - 4 p.m., or groups by appointment

Circa 1828 Belle Mont Mansion is one of Alabama's most distinguished homes, featuring neoclassical architecture of Jeffersonian-Palladian style. Owned by the Alabama Historical Commission, on-going restoration.

COON DOG CEMETERY

www.coondogcemetery.com; Open daylight hours.

More than 300 coon dogs have been laid to rest in the scenic "Freedom Hills." Unique headstones and epitaphs pay tribute to man's best friend. Key Underwood's raccoon hunting dog Troop was the first dog buried here on Labor Day in 1937.

LAGRANGE COLLEGE SITE PARK & ANTEBELLUM CEMETERY

www.lagrangehistoricsite.com; Park open daily. Museum open Su 1-4 p.m.

Site of the first chartered college in Alabama, destroyed during the War Between the States. Along with an antebellum cemetery, the park is dedicated to recreating life on LaGrange Mountain. Period structures relocated to the park include a log-cabin museum, country store, chapel, and outbuildings.

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT ROSENBAUM HOME

Open Tu-Sa 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun 1-4 p.m.

This former residence, an example of Usonian architecture by Frank Lloyd Wright, is Alabama's only structure designed by the most influential architect of the twentieth century.

TUSCUMBIA RAILWAY DEPOT

www.tuscumbiarailway.com; Groups by appointment.

Now a railway museum, this restored 1888 Railroad Depot was used as a passenger station and division headquarters building by the Memphis and Charleston and Southern Railway. It marks the site of the first railway west of the Allegheny Mountains, chartered in 1830. Through this station, Annie Sullivan and Helen Keller often traveled.

TOM HENDRIX' WALL (TE-LAH-NAY'S WALL)

www.visitflorenceal.com/things_to_do/toms-wall; Open daily, daylight hours
Memorial stone wall built by hand to honor Hendrix' great-great grandmother, Te-lah-nay. Largest memorial to a Native American woman and largest un-mortared wall in the U.S., stretching 1 1/4 miles.



Alabama Music Hall of Fame



Spring Park



Belle Mont Mansion



Coon Dog Cemetery



Historic LaGrange



Tuscumbia Depot Museum



The "watering hole under the rock" is a popular destination that offers a unique dining experience under a Native American Indian rock bluff shelter. The menu includes a variety of unique burgers and snacks. The Rustler Burger is listed as one of the "100 Dishes to Eat in Alabama Before You Die".

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