

Flock to the River Valley North Alabama Birding Trail



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Visitor Map



For millions of years, the Tennessee River has cut its way through the Cumberland Plateau, carving the Tennessee Valley, one of the most diverse and beautiful landscapes in the south. Dense woodlands and rich waters originally attracted prehistoric peoples and started the long history of the area as a commercial and cultural crossroads. Civil War battles, engineering breakthroughs, and trading links throughout the Mississippi Basin have all contributed to a cultural richness which is complemented by a diversity of birds and other wildlife.

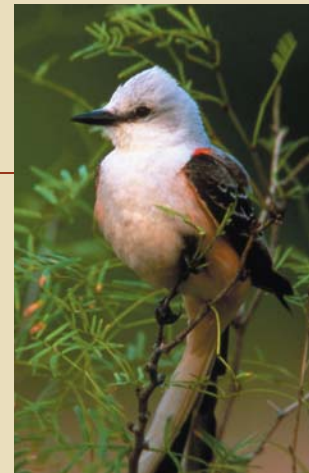
As the habitats vary through the valley, so do the seasons. Spring is heralded by the return of neotropical songbirds that utilize the forested hilltops as rest stops on their journey northward. Summer is filled with breeding woodland species such as flashy Pileated and Red-headed woodpeckers, boisterous Great-crested Flycatchers and Carolina Wrens, and skulking Kentucky and Swainson's warblers. In the fall months, migrant waterfowl, Sandhill Cranes, and a variety of raptors return to spend the winter in the valley or at least pass through on their way farther south. Once winter's chill is in the air, large roosts of Bald Eagles form and can be found with abundant waterfowl and gulls.

Birding opportunities in North Alabama compliment other outdoor recreational activities including hiking, boating, fishing, and caving.

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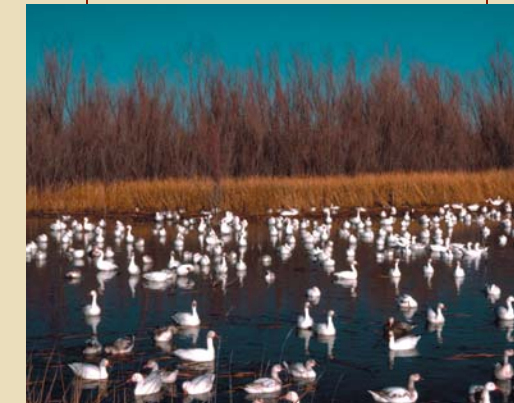


Bald Eagle/Walt Burch

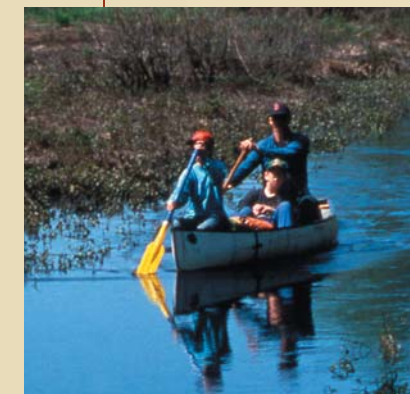


Scissor-tailed Flycatcher/Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Greg W. Lasley

Landscapes in the region range from Tupelo Swamps to blazing fields of wildflowers, and towering forests of oak and hickory to vast sheets of open water replete with loafing waterfowl.



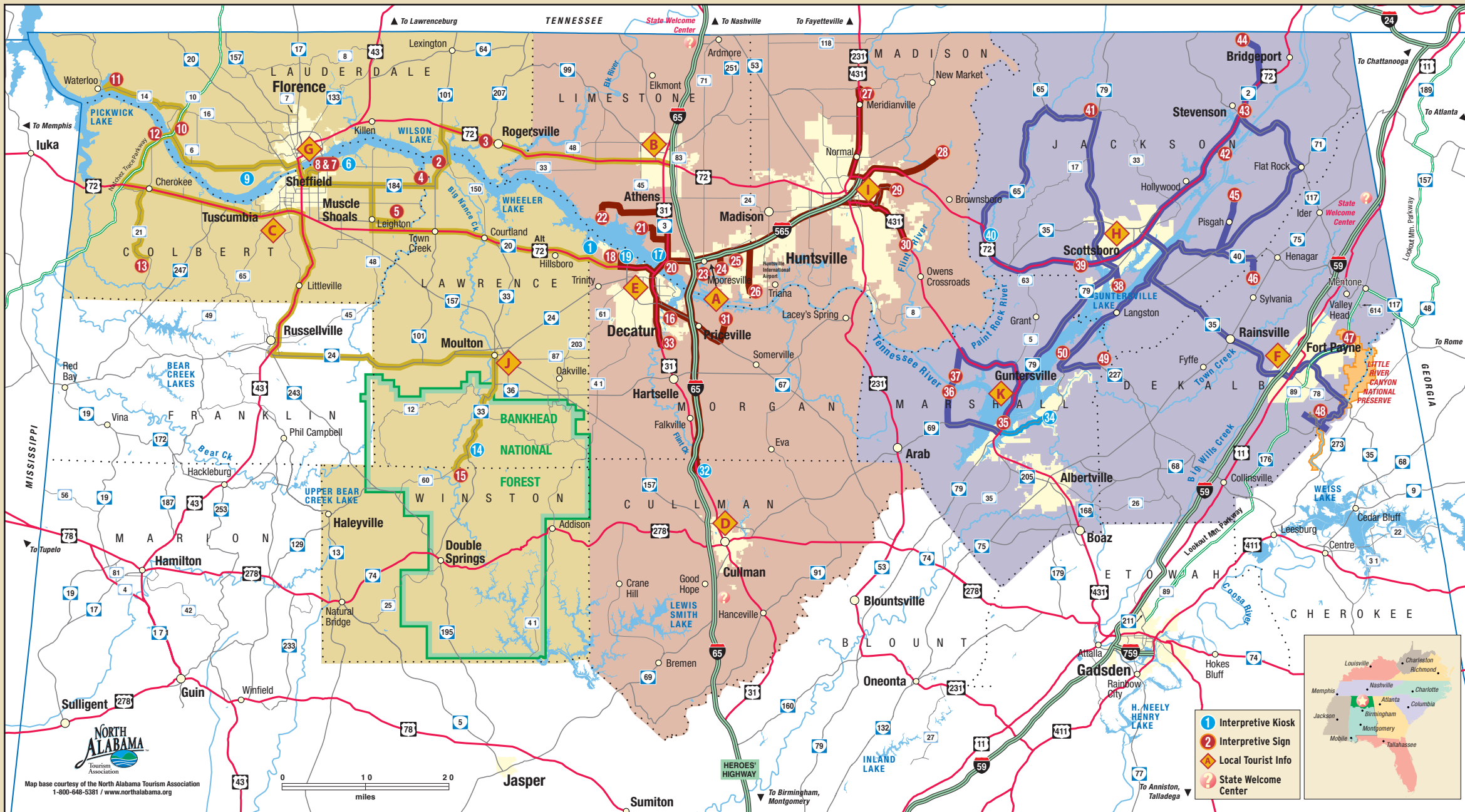
Snow Geese/USFWS, Gary M. Stolz



Guntersville State Park/Teaming with Wildlife



Great Blue Heron/Walt Burch



Northwest Loop

1. Mallard Fox Creek WMA
2. Wheeler Dam South Landing
3. Joe Wheeler State Park
4. Town Creek Marsh
5. Leighton Ponds
6. Wilson Dam Visitor Center
7. Wilson Dam Rockpile Recreation Area
8. TVA Reservation
9. Key Cave National Wildlife Refuge
10. Natchez Trace Parkway Rock Springs Nature Trail
11. Waterloo
12. Natchez Trace Parkway Colbert Ferry
13. Freedom Hills WMA Walking Trail
14. Bankhead National Forest - Firetower
15. Bankhead National Forest - Sipsey Picnic Area

Central Loop

16. Wheeler NWR Visitor Center
17. Decatur Hospitality Nature Park
18. BP-Amoco Environmental Trail
19. 3M Wildlife Area
20. Wheeler NWR White Springs Dike
21. Swan Creek WMA
22. Round Island Recreation Area
23. Wheeler NWR Arrowhead Landing
24. Beaverdam Peninsula Tower
25. Wheeler NWR Beaverdam Swamp Boardwalk
26. Wheeler NWR Blackwell Swamp
27. Winfred Thomas Agricultural Research Station
28. Madison County Public Lake
29. Monte Sano State Park
30. Hays Nature Preserve
31. Wheeler NWR Cave Springs
32. Hurricane Creek Park
33. Wheeler NWR Dancy Bottoms

Northeast Loop

34. Guntersville State Park, Town Creek & Drive
35. Guntersville Peninsula
36. Guntersville Dam South
37. Guntersville Dam North
38. Goose Pond Colony
39. North Sauty Creek WMA/Sauta Cave NWR
40. Roy B. Whitaker Paint Rock River Preserve
41. Skyline Wildlife Management Area
42. Mud Creek Wildlife Management Area
43. Stevenson Town Park
44. Russell Cave National Monument
45. Gorham's Bluff/Coon Gulf
46. DeKalb County Public Lake
47. DeSoto State Park - Azalea Cascade Trail
48. Little River Canyon National Preserve Drive
49. Buck's Pocket State Park, Morgan's Cove and South Sauty Creek
50. Murphy Hill



Wood Duck/William Gates



Prairie Warbler/USFWS, Steve Masloski



Gorham's Bluff/ADCNR Photos



Red-headed Woodpecker/USFWS, Dave Menke