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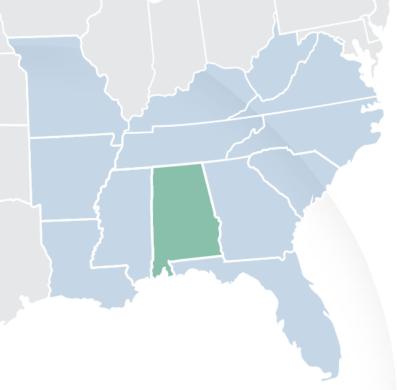
In 2022, more than **28.5 million** people visited Alabama, spending **\$22.4 billion**, which supported more than **238,741** jobs and generated more than **\$1.3 billion** in state and local tax revenues, according to research by Economics Research Services, Inc. These numbers are substantial, but they don't tell the whole story. Communities across Alabama are promoting their cultural, natural, and historic assets to tell their stories, deliver remarkable travel experiences, and drive economic vitality.

The key segments that make tourism an engine of growth for Alabama, include:

National Park Service: There are 11 national parks in Alabama:

- Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument
- Freedom Riders National Monument
- Horseshoe Bend National Military Park
- Little River Canyon National Preserve
- Natchez Trace Parkway (runs across AL, MS, TN)
- Natchez Trace National Scenic Trail (runs across AL, MS, TN)
- Russell Cave National Monument
- Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail
- Trail of Tears National Historic Trail (runs across AL, AR, GA, IL, KY, MO, NC, OK, TN)
- Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site
- Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site





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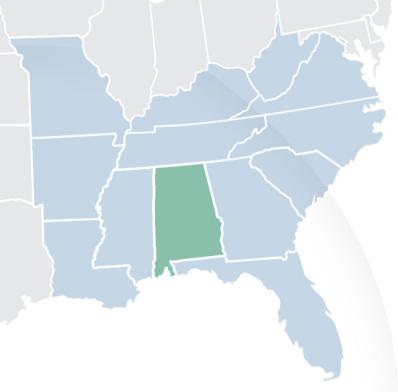
In 2022, **1.3 million** park visitors spent an estimated **\$88.4 million** in Alabama's gateway communities supporting a total of **1,340 jobs** with a payroll of **\$39 million**, according to the *National Park Service Visitor Spending Effects Report*.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Recreation: USACE is one of the nation's leading providers of outdoor recreation. In Alabama, it manages **2** rivers: Black Warrior and Tombigbee.

On these waterways, USACE maintains:

- **73** recreation areas
- **504** picnic sites
- **733** camping sites
- **39** playgrounds
- **6** swimming areas
- **28** trails
- **281** trail miles
- **37** fishing docks and piers
- **66** boat ramps
- 94 marina slips





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In 2022, these natural and recreation sites attracted **1.5 million** visitors, who spent **\$98.8 million** in Alabama's gateway communities, supporting a total of **722** jobs with a payroll of **\$15.9 million**.

U.S. Forest Service: There are **4** national forests in Alabama:

- Bankhead
- Conecuh
- Talladega
- Tuskegee

These forests provide clean air and water, preserve cultural resources and conserve lands for the enjoyment of present and future generations, and support the economies of gateway communities through recreation, timber, energy, and minerals. According to U.S. Forest Service research, these forests annually contribute \$78.7 million to Alabama's GDP and support 890 jobs with a payroll of \$49.4 million.

Alabama also showcases its cultural, historic, and scenic resources and shares its unique contribution to the American story through two congressionally-designated National Heritage Areas:

- Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area
- Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area

