

Alabama State Park // Profile



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LAKE LURLEEN STATE PARK

Lake Lurleen State Park is named after Alabama's 46th governor.

Wife of Gov. George C. Wallace, and Tuscaloosa County native, Lurleen Wallace was instrumental in funding a major renovation project of Alabama State Parks.




Located nine miles northwest of Tuscaloosa and Northport, this 1,625-acre park is a scenic retreat set on the banks of Lake Lurleen and offers plenty of recreation and relaxation. Facilities include a modern campground, activity building, picnic areas, play areas, pavilions, a beach and bathhouse, fishing piers, RV storage, boat rentals and boat-launch areas.

With the dog days of summer approaching, park visitors are invited to take a dip at the beach area in the heart of the park. After a swim, relax on the beach or enjoy a picnic with the family on the deck of the well-maintained bathhouse. Adjacent to the beach is a playground in case the kids are still restless after playing in the water.

Hiking and camping are excellent in the park, which has approximately 19.5 miles of trails and 91 modern campsites with water and electric hook-up; 35 sites have sewage drain connections. Several trails, ranging

from easy to moderate in difficulty, hug the lake shoreline and are open to both hikers and mountain bikers. Modern bathhouses are conveniently located throughout the park for the campers.

However, the main attraction at the park is the 250-acre Lake Lurleen. The lake measures nearly one and a half miles in length, one-half mile wide, and at its deepest is 48 feet. The lake is stocked with largemouth bass, bream, catfish, and crappie so anglers are sure to reel in a nice-sized catch. Boat-launch areas and ample pier and bank fishing are available. Fishing license expired? No worries, you can renew it at the park office.

The park is conveniently located near many local attractions including: the cities of Northport and Tuscaloosa, The University of Alabama campus, Paul "Bear" Bryant Museum, and the Alabama Museum of Natural History. Each October the Kentucky Art Festival in Northport attracts many artists and craftsmen from across the Southeast. All this and more make Lake Lurleen State Park the perfect place to stay while enjoying the Tuscaloosa area. 

LOCATION: 9 miles northwest of Tuscaloosa and Northport off Co. Rd. 49.

HOURS OF OPERATION:
7 a.m. until sundown (day use).

ADMISSION:
\$2 for Adults (\$3 on weekends); \$1 ages 6-11; \$1 seniors age 62 and over; children under 6 admitted free. Annual passes and gift cards are available.

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:
Fishing, boating, hiking, biking, camping, swimming, and more!

CAMPING: 91 modern campsites overlook the scenic 250-acre lake. All sites have water and electric hook-ups; 35 sites have sewage drain connections.

FISHING: Lake Lurleen is stocked with largemouth bass, bream, catfish, and crappie. Boat and canoe rentals are available. Valid fishing license required.

HIKING / BIKING: Three new multi-use trail loops have been added to the 19.5-mile trail system. Trails are open to both hikers and mountain bikers.

RV STORAGE: 37 RV storage sites available. Call park office for info.

BEACH: Open seasonally. Bathhouse located on the beach.

PAVILION RENTAL:
Four pavilions are available for rent in the park. A small beachside pavilion is available on a first come, first serve basis.

MEETING ROOM:
Lake Lurleen State Park has one meeting room available for rent, which is perfect for any small to medium size gathering. Call park office for rental info.

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