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## WINE TASTING TIPS

- SEE the wine: the color, the clarity, and intensity.
- SWIRL the glass to release the aromas.
- SMELL the wine. This begins your tasting experience; discover the qualities and aromas of the wine like spicy, nutty, fruity, floral, or anything else you can use to describe what you are experiencing. There is not a right or wrong answer.
- SIP the wine. Take a small amount of the wine in your mouth along with a small bit of air, almost slurping the wine in – this will aerate the wine, further releasing more aromas onto your palate.
- SAVOR the wine. Swish the wine around, hitting every part of your mouth.
- SCORE the wine. Create your own scoring system and take notes. This reflects your personal experience of the wine. Keep a wine journal that you can take with you to the gift shop after your tasting or to the wine store at home in the future to make your purchasing choice easy.

# ALABAMA WINE TRAIL

## Uncork ALABAMA



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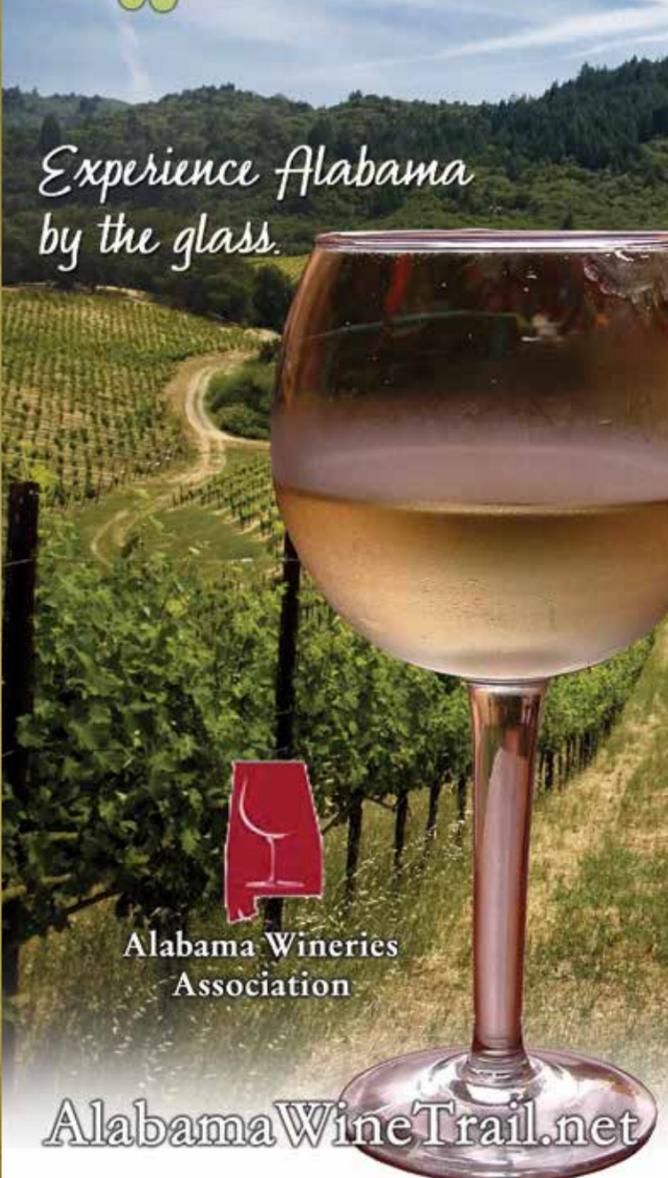
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careful when you turn not to break it up. While fish is frying, combine sauce ingredients. When fish is done, remove to plates or serving platter. Deglaze pan with the sauce, stirring briskly until it begins to thicken just slightly. Pour sauce decorously over the fish and serve.

NOTES:  
Other mild, tasty vinegars could be substituted. If all you have is wine or cider vinegars, use two Tbs of that and two Tbs of some kind of unsweetened fruit pulp or juice.

ALABAMA CATFISH PECANTE with ALABAMA MUSCADINE WINE

Yield: 2 Servings  
1 1/4 lb Catfish fillet; about 1" thick  
1 1/2 tb Butter  
1/3 c Roasted Alabama pecans; coarsely crushed  
2 tb Raspberry vinegar  
2 tb Balsamic vinegar  
1/4 c Muscadine wine  
1 pn Nutmeg  
1 pn Salt

Heat butter in frying pan until foaming subsides, reduce heat to medium to medium low and fry fish five minutes per side, being

## SAVOR THE FLAVOR OF ALABAMA

**NORTH ALABAMA TRAILS OF INTEREST**

North Alabama offers a number of trails and themed-routes to help enhance your visit to the region. These include:

- North Alabama Birding Trail: A total of 50 diverse birding sites that are compiled from recommendations from wildlife biologists, bird enthusiasts, and conservation groups.
- North Alabama BBQ Trail: Features 14 purveyors of this southern delicacies.
- North Alabama Hallelujah Trail: The Trail is composed of 32 churches that are at least 100 years old that represent sacred spaces that are integral to the story of the region.
- Alabama Bass Trail: A collection of 11 "Lunker" lakes throughout Alabama.
- Enjoy the Drive on I-65: A selection of must see attractions easily accessible from Interstate 65 including everything from space ships and miniature cities, to a wave pool and caverns.
- From Mountains to Music: A selection of don't miss sites along Interstate 59 and U.S. Highway 72 including skyline chalets and thundering waterfalls, to famous musicians and Civil War sites.

For free brochures, maps and information, contact the Alabama Mountains Lakes Tourist Association or visit our web site. [NorthAlabama.org](http://NorthAlabama.org) 800-648-5381

**WINE TRAIL EXCURSIONS**

Spend the day in Alabama's wine country and taste traditional wines plus our southern favorites. Break the day with a great meal along the way or bring a picnic and finish the day at a bed and breakfast or area hotel.

The Alabama Wineries Association has organized a number of excursions for your enjoyment. Maps and details are available at [www.AlabamaWineTrail.net](http://www.AlabamaWineTrail.net). Before you start out on any wine adventure, organize your trip by collecting specific directions and phone numbers for each winery, have an Alabama road map just in case, and bring along your camera to capture wine country moments.

**Shelby Trail Excursion**  
Just south of Birmingham, the Shelby County Wine Trail I-65 and visit three or four of Alabama's wineries. Stops along this route include:

- Hidden Meadow Vineyard
- Great Muscadine Specialty
- Morgan Creek Vineyards
- Blueberry and Muscadine Specialty Wines
- Ozan Vineyard & Winery
- Traditional, Dessert and Scenic Vineyard
- Vizzini Farms Winery
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- Traditional Wines and Specialty Wines
- Award Winning Muscadine & Specialty Wines

September "Grape Stomp" at Morgan Creek Vineyards.



**ALABAMA WINERIES ASSOCIATION, LLC**

The Alabama Wineries Association was formed in 2007 to create, produce, and administer promotional events for the wineries of Alabama and the locally crafted wines.

The first event, called the Alabama Wine Festival, was held at Pepper Place in Birmingham on May 19, 2007. At that time, six wineries were represented and gave the visitors an opportunity to sample and purchase Alabama wines. This year's annual event is slated to take place on June 14th. Wineries from all over Alabama will be featuring their varieties.

Visiting wineries is a very popular hobby for many wine lovers -- not just for the wine, but also for the special events and scenic views offered by touring Alabama wine country. Events range from musical entertainment to special tastings and delicious food offerings from local producers. By following the Alabama Wine Trail, wine lovers will learn where Alabama wineries are located and where to find the wines. The wine trail enthusiast will also receive a commemorative Wine Trail glass at the last stop on the trail. Check out complete event listings on your favorite wineries' web sites, or contact the Alabama Wineries Association for information about festivals featuring joint wine tastings hosted in all areas of the state.

Pick up a **Passport** at the first participating winery and get it stamped at all participating wineries. Collect a memorable souvenir glass at the last stop.

Contact the Alabama Wineries Association at: [www.alabamawinetrail.net](http://www.alabamawinetrail.net)



# ALABAMA WINE TRAIL

## 1 JULES J. BERTA VINEYARDS

The Mad Hungarian Winery features estate grown wines such as Chardonnay, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Syrah, fruit wines such as strawberry, watermelon, and locally grown muscadines. Open M-Sa 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Located seconds off US Highway 431 northbound turn right at mile marker 283 (from Boaz); southbound turn left at mile marker 284 (from Guntersville).  
**Jules and Becky Berta**  
 1409 Darden Ave., Albertville, AL 35951  
 (256) 891-5115, [www.julesbertavineyards.com](http://www.julesbertavineyards.com)  
[bertavineyards@hotmail.com](mailto:bertavineyards@hotmail.com)

## 2 MARAELLA WINERY

Maraella Winery began growing the grapes for their Cabernet Sauvignon in Hokes Bluff, Alabama in 2005. In 2010, the Lee Family harvested over 8 tons of grapes used to produce 140 cases of top quality wine. Hours: F 1-6 p.m. and Sa 1-6 p.m.  
 5296 Old US Hwy. 278E  
 Hokes Bluff, Alabama 35903  
 (256) 504-8225, (256) 494-1000, [www.maraella.com](http://www.maraella.com)

## 3 WILLS CREEK VINEYARDS

Wills Creek Vineyards offers several varieties of muscadine and grape wines and a family tradition spanning many generations of wine making that immigrated from Switzerland with the wine maker. Winery and gift shop open M-Sa 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. I-59 Exit #188, turn opposite of Nockalula, straight at the 4-way stop, right at "T" onto Hwy. 227 for 4 miles, winery is on the right.  
**Jahn & Janie Coppey**  
 10522 Duck Springs Road, Attalla, AL 35954  
 (256) 538-5452, [www.willscreekwinery.com](http://www.willscreekwinery.com)  
[willscreekwinery@wildblue.net](mailto:willscreekwinery@wildblue.net)

## 4 WHITE OAK VINEYARDS

White Oak is a family owned farm winery featuring a selection of artisan wines. No charge for wine tastings and tours. Come and walk through our flower gardens, sit and relax at the Koi pond. Bring a picnic basket if you would like to spend a pleasant afternoon with the owners. Muscadine Champagne, Muscadine wines, Fruit wines (peach & blueberry), and elegant dry wines (Cabernet, Norton, Chardonnay, Blanc de Noir). Open F 1-6 p.m. and Sa 10 a.m.-6 p.m. I-20 Exit #191, north onto Hwy. 431, right onto Hwy. 78 for 4 miles, left onto Hwy. 9 for 1 1/2 miles, left onto Dry Hollow Rd., winery is 2nd on left.  
**Randal Wilson & Dana Davis**  
 1484 Dry Hollow Rd., Anniston, AL 36207  
 (256) 231-7998, [www.whiteoakal.com](http://www.whiteoakal.com), [rwilson@hotmail.com](mailto:rwilson@hotmail.com)

## 5 THE FRUITHURST WINERY CO.

The Fruithurst Winery is nestled just north of the town of Fruithurst, AL. Its name comes from one of the original wineries in the state. Surrounded by fifteen acres of muscadine vineyards, now owned and operated by two cousins, it carries the elegance and culture of what was then and will forever be the vineyard village. M-F 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. and Sa 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. From Birmingham: I-20 West to last AL Exit. (Ranburn/Muscadine). Turn left, go under interstate then turn right onto Co. Rd. 49. Go 3.2 miles and turn left to stay on Co. Rd. 49. Cross highway 78 & stay on Co. Rd. 49. Go 2.9 miles and turn right at stop sign to stay on Co. Rd. 49. Then, go 1.8 miles to the winery.  
**Josh & Dylan Laminack**  
 27091 County Rd. 49, Fruithurst, AL 36262  
 (256) 463-1003, [www.thefruithurstwineryco.com](http://www.thefruithurstwineryco.com)  
[thefruithurstwineryco@gmail.com](mailto:thefruithurstwineryco@gmail.com)

## 6 BRYANT VINEYARD

Bryant Vineyard has a history of award-winning wines that define the goal "to produce only the finest wines" and is capable of competing with any in the country. Open Th-Sa 10 a.m.-5 p.m. or weekdays call for an appointment. I-20 Exit #165, south on County Rd. 207 for 12.3 miles, right onto Renfro Rd. for 1.4 miles, right onto Griffitt Bend Rd. for 1.4 miles.  
**Kelly & Susan Bryant**  
 1454 Griffitt Bend Rd., Talladega, AL 35160  
 (256) 268-2638 or (256) 493-1260, [kabryant71614@aol.com](mailto:kabryant71614@aol.com)

## 7 MORGAN CREEK VINEYARDS

Morgan Creek Vineyards is a state of the art facility that features nine different wines from a dry Muscadine to a Sweet Blueberry. Winery and gift shop. Open M-Sa 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Annual "Grape Stomp" in September. From Birmingham: 280 East for 26 miles, right onto AL 25 for 1/2 mile, right onto County Road 444, left on Dead Hollow Road.  
**Charles & Mary Brammer**  
 181 Morgan Creek Lane, Harpersville, AL 35078  
 (877) 672-2053, (205) 672-2053, [www.morgancreekwinery.com](http://www.morgancreekwinery.com)  
[info@morgancreekwinery.com](mailto:info@morgancreekwinery.com)

## 8 VIZZINI FARMS WINERY

Second generation Italian winemakers, Vizzini Farms offers a variety of wines such as Merlot, Sangiovese, Viognier, Chardonnay, Pinot Grigio, Cabernet Sauvignon, Peach Dessert Wine, Apple Riesling, and Black Raspberry Merlot. The winery provides catering for events such as: weddings, luncheons, rehearsal dinners, meetings, etc. Gift shop, restaurant and winery open M-Th 10 a.m.-5 p.m., F-Sa 10 a.m.-9 p.m. I-65 Exit 234, winery is past BP Station.  
**Tom & Deborah Vizzini**  
 800 Highway 87, Calera, AL 35040  
 (205) 685-0655, [www.vizzinifarmswinery.com](http://www.vizzinifarmswinery.com), [vizzinifarms@earthlink.net](mailto:vizzinifarms@earthlink.net)

## 9 HIDDEN MEADOW VINEYARD

Guests are invited to relax on the porch or deck overlooking the Hidden Meadow and Vineyard while sampling southern muscadine and fruit wine at its best. Each of the wines is crafted on site from the Muscadine, Concord, Niagra and Cynthiana grapes grown on the four acre vineyard. F-Sa 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Directions from I-65, take exit 219 west to Jemison (3 miles), turn right at first light (Hwy. 31), turn left at next light (Hwy. 191), go two miles turn right on County Road 25, in about 1/4 mile turn right on county Road 606 and look for the winery sign on the left.  
**Bill & Janette Baily**  
 664 County Road 606, Jemison, AL35085  
 (205) 688-4648, [www.hiddenmeadowvineyard.com](http://www.hiddenmeadowvineyard.com)  
[info@hiddenmeadowvineyard.com](mailto:info@hiddenmeadowvineyard.com)

## 10 OZAN VINEYARD

Enjoy hand-crafted, barrel aged wines in an estate winery setting at Ozan Vineyard, which is along I-65. The winery offers Cabernet, Merlot, Chardonnay plus Native American wines Norton (aka Cynthiana), Muscadine, and Chilton County Peach. Open F-Sa 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m., or groups by appointment. (Visit our website for details on the Shelby County Wine Trail.) I-65 Exit #228, take Hwy. 25 North, right at County Road 306, then right at County Road 301 (1 mile from interstate).  
**The Patrick Family**  
 173 Highway 301, Calera, AL 35040  
 (205) 668-6926, [www.ozanwine.com](http://www.ozanwine.com), [contact@ozanwine.com](mailto:contact@ozanwine.com)

## 11 WHIPPOORWILL VINEYARDS

Whippoorwill Vineyard wines are made from 100% sun ripened Muscadines and Scuppernongs. Each bottle of wine contains the essence of these magnificent fruits, fermented without diluting, to create the finest wine you will taste or drink. M, Th, and Sa 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Closed Tu, W, and Su. Take Notasulga/Tuskegee exit off I-85, go north (left) on Hwy. 81 to Notasulga then go west (Left) on Hwy. 14. About 5 miles turn left on County Road 31. It's 1/2 mile on left.  
**Tim Watkins or Chad Ledbetter**  
 4282 County Rd. 31, Notasulga, AL 36866  
 (334) 401-9246; [www.WhippoorwillVineyards.com](http://www.WhippoorwillVineyards.com)

## 12 HODGES VINEYARDS

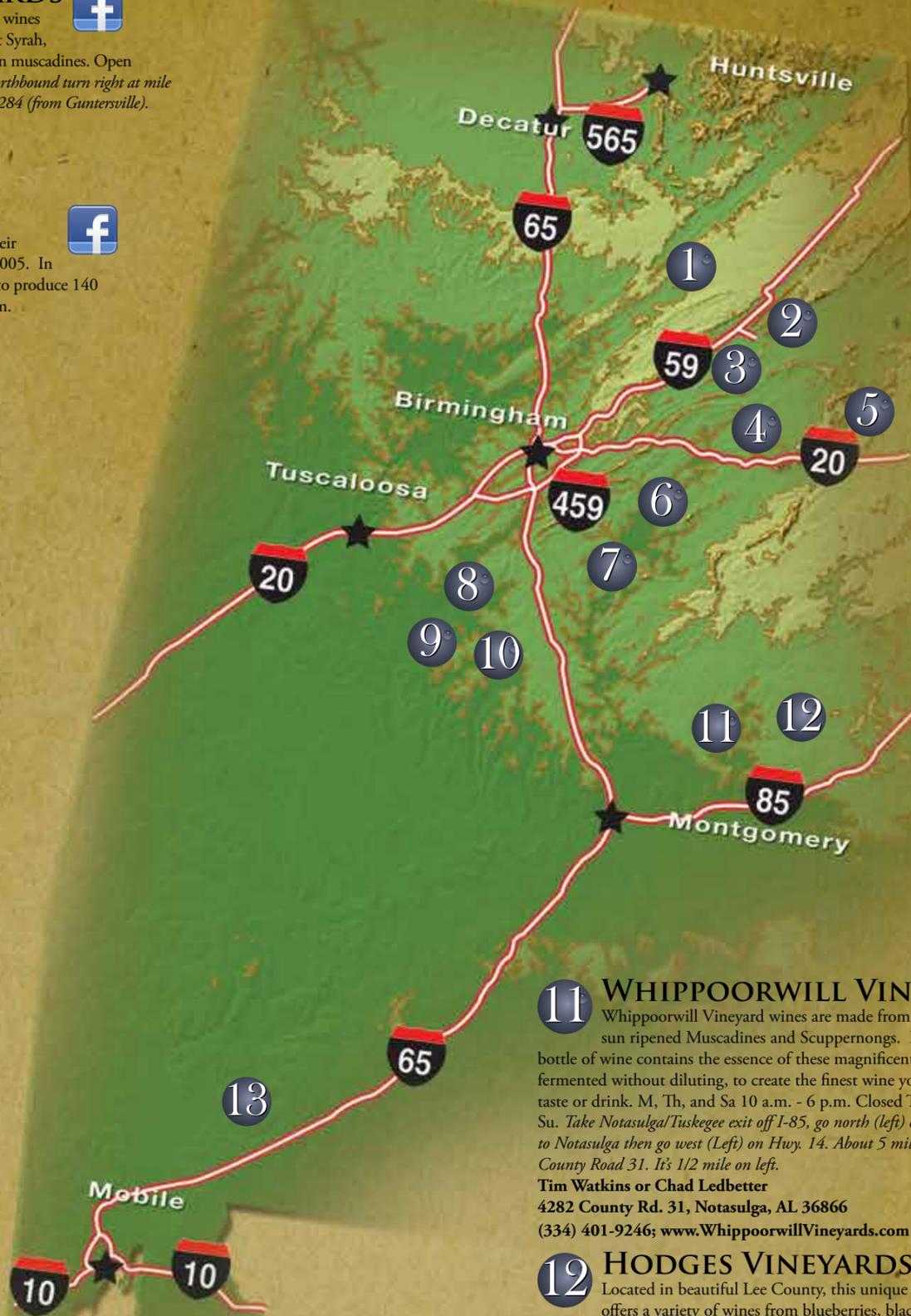
Located in beautiful Lee County, this unique winery offers a variety of wines from blueberries, blackberries, apple wine, and three different muscadine wines: Carlos, Noble, and Syrah. Winter Hours F-Sa 10 a.m.-dusk, Su 1 p.m.-dusk. Summer Hours - Th-Sa 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Su 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Wine tasting provided at no charge on F and Sa 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Su 1 p.m.-5 p.m. FREE tours are available M-Su 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Appointments are required for large groups. Directions from Birmingham, take Hwy. 280 South, turn right at mile marker 94 and go 4 1/2 miles to winery. Directions from Opelika: on I-85, take Hwy. 280 North, turn left at mile marker 94 and go 4 1/2 miles to winery.  
**Elke & Earl Hodges**  
 230 Lee Road 71, Camp Hill, AL 36850  
 (256) 896-4036, [www.hodgesvineyards.com](http://www.hodgesvineyards.com), [info@hodgesvineyards.com](mailto:info@hodgesvineyards.com)

## 13 PERDIDO VINEYARDS

Perdido Vineyards is Alabama's first farm winery specializing in muscadine table wines. Winery open M-Sa 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Groups of more than 10 welcome by appointment. I-65 Exit #45, 22100 County Rd. 47.  
**Jim & Marianne Eddins**  
 22100 County Road 47, Perdido, AL 36562  
 (251) 937-9463, [www.perdidovineyards.com](http://www.perdidovineyards.com)  
[jimeddins@murdercreek.com](mailto:jimeddins@murdercreek.com)

## EVENTS ALONG THE WINE TRAIL

April - Wine & Rhododendron Festival, White Oak Vineyard  
 April - Wine Release and Festival, Ozan Vineyard  
 Mid-April through October - Wine & Jazz events, Vizzini Farms Winery  
 May - "Vineyard Blessing," Jules J. Berta Vineyards  
 Mid-May - Shelby County Arts and Wine Trail events  
 September - "Grape Stomp" Morgan Creek Vineyards  
 September - Go Grilling with Alabama Wines, check individual websites for details  
 October - Harvest Festival, Wills Creek Vineyards  
 December - Muscadine Champagne Release & Holiday Gifts, White Oak Vineyard



Please confirm times with Wineries before traveling long distances. Free Official Alabama Highway maps are available at all Alabama Welcome Centers or by visiting [www.Alabama.travel](http://www.Alabama.travel)

