

# Alabama State Park // Profile



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## FLORALA STATE PARK

Located in the heart of Florala, this park offers the beauty of the Gulf of Mexico on the Alabama-Florida state line.




Stretching along the shores of the beautiful 500-acre Lake Jackson, this compact 40-acre park offers swimming, paddle-boat rentals, a bike path and walking trail, excellent fishing, a scenic picnic area, and a modern lakeside campground. Water skiing and personal watercraft are also allowed on the lake. Visit the park today and see what residents of Florala get to enjoy all year.

The main attraction is Lake Jackson itself. Considered one of the cleanest and clearest bodies of water in Alabama, visitors can spend an entire day swimming, boating and fishing. The lake is inviting year-round for campers seeking to avoid those harsh winter months up north. The park is also a perfect spot for area day-cationers who want the white sands and crystal clear waters of the Gulf without the long drive.

The campground has 28 campsites with 50 amp electrical service, water and sewage, picnic tables and grills, a bathhouse with

coin operated laundry, and a large pavilion available on a first come, first serve basis. The day use area boasts a 200-foot pier, several picnic pavilions, and is connected via the walking trail to the Florala City Wetlands Park, which consists of an elevated platform that meanders under a wetland canopy.

A new addition to the park is the Rodney J. Evans Conference Center and amphitheater. The 10,000 sq. ft. multi-use facility will soon be available for rent for various civic and private functions. The Evans Center will also have a kitchen area, convertible meeting rooms and seat up to 350 people. With completion of the building expected by year's end, local organizations and residents will be able to reserve the conference center in early 2011.

Area attractions include the cities of Florala, Andalusia and Opp, many antique shops, several Victorian-style mansions, art galleries, a Bed and Breakfast and Southern style family restaurants. Contact the Tri Cities Chamber of Commerce at (334) 858-6252 for information about the many festivals and special events the area has to offer. 

**LOCATION:** 22 miles south of Opp, Ala., just off Highway 331.

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

**ADMISSION:** Free

### RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

Fishing, boating, playground, walking-biking trail, camping and swimming.

**CAMPING:** 28 modern campsites overlook the scenic 500-acre Lake Jackson. All sites have water, electric, and sewage hook-ups.

**FISHING:** Boat ramp and piers available. Valid fishing license required.

**HIKING / BIKING:** Multi-use trail runs from the campground to the Florala City Wetlands Park, approximately 1.4 miles in length.

**BEACH:** Open seasonally.

**PAVILION RENTAL:** Several pavilions are available for rent in the park. The campground pavilion is available on a first come first serve basis.

**CONFERENCE CENTER:** The multi-use Rodney J. Evans Conference Center and amphitheater will be available in early 2011. Call the park office for details, 334-858-6425.



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