



- **LOCATION:** Madison County near Huntsville in northeast Alabama.
- **HOURS OF OPERATION:** 8 a.m. - Until Sundown
- **ADMISSION:** weekdays-\$2adults/\$1 children, weekends-\$3 adults/\$1 children, children under 6 admitted free.
- **RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:** 14 miles of hiking and biking trails.
- **CABINS:** 14 rustic cabins (\$84.00 per night based on double occupancy)
- **GROUP PAVILIONS:** 1 large and 2 small
- **GROUP LODGE:** 2 banquet rooms, 1 main room, or the entire lodge may be reserved.
- **CAMPING:** 20 RV sites with water, electric, sewer (\$18 per night); 69 RV sites with water and electricity (\$16 per night); 4 pull-through sites (\$21 per night); and 18 primitive sites (\$10 per night for two people).

MONTE SANO STATE PARK

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Monte Sano State Park

Monte Sano State Park is located near Huntsville in northeast Alabama.

In Spanish, Monte Sano means "Mountain of Health." In the late 1800s, visitors from across the United States came for "the season" to experience and enjoy Monte Sano's fresh air, spectacular views and living mineral springs. The Hotel Monte Sano, a luxurious 233-room health resort on the mountain, opened in 1887. Prominent guests traveled up the mountain on the Monte Sano Railway to the resort until it closed in 1900.

In the early 1930s, President Franklin D. Roosevelt established the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) for young men of unemployed families to perform conservation work as part of his New Deal legislation to fight poverty caused by the Great Depression. Monte Sano State Park buildings were constructed by CCC workers out of chiseled rock from the mountain in 1938. Fourteen rustic cabins (11 built by the CCC) perched on the side of the mountain are equipped with kitchens, fireplaces, showers and baths, cable television, outdoor grills and picnic tables and porches for taking in amazing sunrises.

Monte Sano sits on 2,140 acres with spectacular vistas from atop the mountain, especially when the fall leaves show off their colors. In the spring, native azaleas bloom along the 20 miles of hiking trails and 14 miles of biking trails.

The park has 89 improved campsites and a primitive campground. The country store is fully stocked for anything campers may have forgotten. The Monte Sano Lodge, originally built in 1938 by the CCC, was rebuilt in 2002 after burning in 1948. Today the lodge is beautifully furnished and a sought-after venue for meetings, conventions, weddings, receptions, reunions and holiday gatherings.

This year the park celebrates its 75th anniversary with special activities planned to commemorate this occasion. Make Monte Sano State Park one of your next "Stay and Play" destinations.