Park Places

Find Alabama parks and discover why they matter.

SS24.3.3a "Locate state and national parks within Alabama and explain their historical and economic significance."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB For each park, underline where it is in Alabama, circle a detail about its history, and write 1 beside a detail showing how visitors help nearby jobs or businesses.

Three Parks in Alabama

1. Where in Alabama can you find a park high above the trees? Cheaha State Park is in east-central Alabama, near the town of Delta. It sits on Cheaha Mountain, the state's highest point. During the 1930s, workers in the Civilian Conservation Corps built stone buildings there. Today, visitors hike and stay in cabins. Their spending helps support nearby jobs.

2. Travel south to Gulf State Park, near Gulf Shores on Alabama's coast. The park opened in 1939, giving families a place to enjoy and care for the shore. Today, visitors walk trails, swim, and stay at the park. Many also buy food in nearby towns. That spending helps local restaurants and stores, especially when many people visit in summer.

3. Another kind of park is a national park site. The National Park Service cares for Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site in east-central Alabama, near Tuskegee. During World War II, Black pilots trained at Moton Field there. Their service helped change unfair rules in the U.S. military. Today, visitors learn this history, then may spend money at nearby shops and restaurants.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Where is Cheaha State Park in Alabama? What did workers build there in the 1930s?

2. Where is Gulf State Park in Alabama? Why is 1939 an important year for the park?

3. Where is Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site in Alabama? What happened there during World War II?

4. Where are Cheaha State Park and Gulf State Park? Tell how visitors to each park help the local economy.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a four-sentence postcard inviting a friend to visit one state park and the national park site. Tell where each is in Alabama, share one history detail about each, and suggest one way your visit could support a nearby business.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

For each park, underline where it is in Alabama, circle a detail about its history, and write 1 beside a detail showing how visitors help nearby jobs or businesses. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Where is Cheaha State Park in Alabama? What did workers build there in the 1930s?	**It is in east-central Alabama near Delta. Civilian Conservation Corps workers built stone buildings there.**
2	Where is Gulf State Park in Alabama? Why is 1939 an important year for the park?	**It is on Alabama's coast near Gulf Shores. The park opened in 1939.**
3	Where is Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site in Alabama? What happened there during World War II?	**It is in east-central Alabama near Tuskegee. Black pilots trained at Moton Field there.**
4	Where are Cheaha State Park and Gulf State Park? Tell how visitors to each park help the local economy.	**Cheaha is in east-central Alabama near Delta, and visitors' spending supports nearby jobs. Gulf is on the southern coast near Gulf Shores, and visitors buy food that supports local restaurants and stores.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Come with me to Cheaha State Park near Delta in east-central Alabama, where workers built stone buildings in the 1930s. Then let's visit Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site near Tuskegee in east-central Alabama, where Black pilots trained during World War II. We could buy lunch at a restaurant near the site to support a local business. Would you like to join me?

Accept either state park in the postcard if the student locates both chosen sites, gives an accurate history detail for each, and suggests a purchase that could support a nearby business.