

1. **Blakeley Cemetery**- Where many of the earliest settlers of Blakeley are buried. Crosses near entrance are a memorial to soldiers killed during the Battle of Fort Blakeley, April 9, 1865.
2. **Redoubt 6**- One of 9 earthen fortifications along the Confederate line during the Civil War and a focal point of the Union charge during the Battle of Fort Blakeley. The monuments memorialize the service of some of the Union and Confederate forces that fought here.
3. **Harper Campground**- Our individual and family tent campground.
4. **"Old House Site"**- Day use rental area featuring a beautiful ancient Live Oak tree that is a park landmark.
5. **Wehle Center**- The park's primary event center, utilized in special educational programming. Available for rent.
6. **Battlefield**- This cleared area represents about 1/10 of the length of the original battlefield at Blakeley. It features "Redoubt 4," the heart of the Confederate defenses and scene of some of the most intense fighting during the battle. Also visible are original rifle pits, trenches, gun emplacements, and other earthworks. A self-guided Battlefield Tour is available as a separate handout.
7. **Tensaw Campground**- Designed especially for youth groups, this private campground can accommodate two large groups at once.
8. **"Squirrels' Nests"**- These two camping shelters and the surrounding campground are available for small group rental.
9. **Chastang Field**- Our primary horse trailer parking area, this area connects to several trails and is available for rental and camping.
10. **Old Courthouse Site**- The foundation of Baldwin County's first courthouse and jail, ca. 1820, is preserved by a wooden shelter.
11. **Washington Square**- Once the heart of the original town of Blakeley, today it features an octagonal pavilion topped by the steeple from Evangelical Covenant Church, built in the early 1900s in nearby Silverhill, Alabama and later moved here.
12. **E.O. Wilson Boardwalk**- 1/4 mile long waterfront boardwalk along the Tensaw River with observation and fishing decks.
13. **Delta Explorer**- The park's 50-passenger pontoon boat takes regular excursions through the scenic Mobile-Tensaw Delta, the Port of Mobile, and other special trips. Available for charter.
14. **Hiding Tree**- One of the park's most photographed spots, according to legend this large oak with a hollowed base served a hiding place for Confederates after the fall of Fort Blakeley.

# WELCOME TO HISTORIC BLAKELEY STATE PARK!



Thank you for visiting Historic Blakeley State Park, home to some of the richest history and greatest natural diversity in the state of Alabama. This guide is designed to assist you in exploring some of the park's most prominent cultural and natural heritage features. Please be aware that our park encompasses over 2,000 acres of land and well over a dozen miles of trails, so we encourage you to keep this map and guide handy during your visit.



**About the Park:** The park takes its name from the historic town of Blakeley, a riverside trading center founded in 1814. Blakeley was briefly a boom-town and one of Alabama's largest cities before experiencing decline. Only traces of the city remain today. Human inhabitation of the park grounds predates the town by several centuries, though. As far back as 2,500 years ago, Woodland Indians hunted and fished on Blakeley's property. Archaeologists have found traces of their settlements in several areas of the park. In the early 1700s while the Mobile Bay region was claimed by the French, an allied native group from Florida called the Apalachees established a village here. Later, colonial era settlers farmed the property with the permission of British and Spanish authorities before the area came under American control in 1813. The park is most well known nationally as the site of the Civil War Battle of Fort Blakeley, fought on April 9, 1865. The last major battle of the war, it culminated in a dramatic charge all along the three-mile long series of earthworks that comprised Fort Blakeley. Its fall led directly to the capture of Mobile by Union forces.

Today Blakeley offers visitors a chance to explore layers of history within a beautiful natural setting. Please help us preserve Blakeley's storied history for future generations by observing all park rules and leaving only footprints as you enjoy this cultural and natural treasure.



