

Cheaha State Park



A hiker watches the sunset at Cheaha State Park. | Photo courtesy Alabama Tourism Department and Chris Granger

Alabama's highest point sits above the clouds surrounded by approximately 300,000 acres of Talladega National Forest. "We refer to Cheaha State Park as an 'island in the sky,'" says Superintendent Renee Raney. "At 2,407 feet above sea level, we often find ourselves surrounded by a sea of clouds." But the altitude is far from the park's only attraction. Waterfalls, tunnels of mountain laurels, and 300-plus avian species lure nature lovers to the rolling foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. Athletic types come for old-school mountain biking paths and access to the 271-mile Pinhoti Trail. This year brings a new interpretive center as well as renovations to the park's cabins, chalets, hotel, and Vista Cliffside

Restaurant, which is one of the best spots to catch a spectacular sunset over miles of mist.