



Horseshoe Bend

....[The Creek] had erected a breast-work, of greatest compactness and strength—from five to eight feet high, and prepared with double rows of port-holes very artfully arranged...an army could not approach it without being exposed to double and cross fire from the enemy who lay in perfect security behind it.

—Andrew Jackson, Major General, Tennessee Militia



Red Stick warriors defend the barricade against Jackson's attack

Horseshoe Bend National Military Park was established to preserve and protect the site of the last major battle of the Creek Indian War (1813-1814) which took place within the horseshoe-shaped bend of the Tallapoosa River in what is now Alabama.

The Creek Indian War consisted of 17 battles or skirmishes with the final and most significant battle fought at Horseshoe Bend on March 27, 1814. In this battle 3300 frontier troops and Indian allies under the command of Andrew Jackson defeated 1,000 Creek Warriors, led by Chief Menawa, who had fortified themselves behind a seemingly impregnable log barricade. More than 800 Creek Indians were killed, ending both the Creek War and the power of the Creek Nation. As a result of the battle, 23 million acres of Creek land were subsequently added to the United States and opened for settlement. This cession, three-fifths of Alabama and one-fifth of Georgia, paved the way for Alabama's statehood five years later.



How to get here:

Horseshoe Bend National Military Park is located on Alabama State Highway 49 in Tallapoosa County. The park entrance is located approximately 12 miles north of Dadeville and 5 miles south of New Site.

The best way to reach the park from the south is from US Highway 280 which connects Opelika to Birmingham. Travelers from the north can take Interstate 20 to Alabama State Highway 9 south to Alabama State Highway 49 south.

About your visit:

A visit to Horseshoe Bend begins at the Visitor Center at the entrance to the battlefield area. Visitors will find orientation to the park and its stories through exhibits, a film, a bookstore, and information desk. The facility is accessible to those with mobility impairments and includes restrooms, water fountains, and a beverage vending machine. Ask for a copy of the park map and guide in order to explore the battlefield area accessed by a 3-mile Battlefield Tour Road. Additionally, a 2.8-mile nature trail winds through the Alabama forest and provides foot access to key battle views, as well as views of the Tallapoosa River bend that gives the area its name. There are two picnic areas in the park with covered pavilions, charcoal grills, and picnic tables that are available on a "first come, first served" basis. The park boat ramp is open to the public from dawn to dusk daily.

Hours of operation:

Visitor Center 9:00-4:30 Daily
Tour Road 8:00-5:00 Daily

No Admission Charged

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