

CHALLENGING ACTIVITIES



Rock climbers can be occasionally seen on the canyon walls.

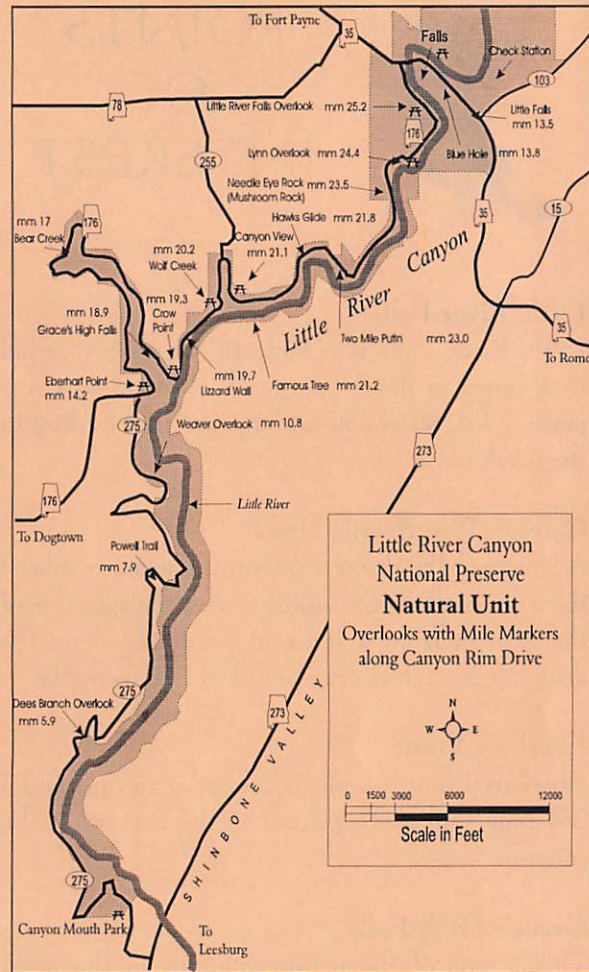
Kayaking is very difficult and is only for the **EXPERIENCED**.

Whitewater paddlers use the canyon about six months each year in late fall/winter/early spring. The rapids on Little River are a Class III+ to a VI (VI being the most dangerous).

Hunting is permitted in the Preserve in designated areas in accordance with applicable laws.

CAMPING

Camping is permitted at three designated sites from May 1 until August 31. Elsewhere, camping is by permit only. For permit information call our office (256-845-9605). DeSoto State Park, located within the Preserve boundaries has a campground (256-845-5075).



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LITTLE RIVER CANYON NATIONAL PRESERVE

One of the deepest/most



*extensive canyon and gorge
systems east of the
Mississippi.*

SCENIC WONDERLAND



Little River Canyon National Preserve is located in northeast Alabama in Cherokee and DeKalb Counties.

The nation's longest mountaintop river and one of the southeast's deepest canyons create an awe-inspiring backdrop for northeast Alabama's Little River Canyon National Preserve. It is a living classroom inhabited by people from prehistoric time to the present.

The Preserve is also a geological and biological wonderland. Formed by a river whose waters are among the nation's purest, the canyon's cliffs tower up to 600 feet above the canyon floor and enclose vast biodiversity including an abundance of rare and endangered species. Little River Canyon National Preserve is an extraordinary resource, rich with history and a future that promises conservation, education and recreation for all.



FEES

Little River Canyon National Preserve charges no fees. All that we ask is that you help us keep the area clean and free of litter. Also, be safe and use good judgement in visiting and enjoying the Preserve. For more information about the Preserve, please visit our web site at <http://www.nps.gov/liri/>



POINTS OF INTEREST

Little River Falls

Little River Falls is a fantastic 45-foot waterfall that varies in flow year round. It offers a 50-car parking lot, restrooms and a paved trail leading to the overlook.

Canyon Rim Scenic Drive

A rim road (Highway 176) on the western side of the canyon allows the visitor to view the splendor of the canyon from a series of overlooks along the drive. Picnic tables are at most of the overlooks.

Eberhart Point

Eberhart Point has picnic tables, restrooms and a 3/4 mile trail leading down to the bottom of the canyon.

Grace's High Falls

This is one of the many waterfalls in the park. Although it dries up in late summer, the falls is very pretty in spring and fall.

Mushroom Rock

Mushroom Rock (Needle Eye Rock) is a most unusual rock formation in the center of Highway 176.

Canyon Mouth Park

Canyon Mouth Park is a day use area that is perfect for a family outing. Restrooms, pavilion, picnic tables, beach area, hiking trail and barbeque grills are available.



RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Little River Canyon National Preserve supports numerous recreational pursuits, ranging from the simple and passive to the extremely challenging. A canyon rim drive provides easy access to superlative scenic views. DeSoto State Park operates overnight and food service facilities inside the boundary of the Preserve.

- Bike Riding
- Canoeing
- Horseback riding
- Hunting
- Bird Watching
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Kayaking
- Picnicking
- Photography
- Rockclimbing
- Swimming

- ◆ *We do not have hiking trail maps at this time.*
- ◆ *We do not have guided river rides within the Preserve.*
- ◆ *We do not provide or rent kayaks, canoes, horses, bikes, etc.*
- ◆ *Leashed dogs are welcome.*
- ◆ *Swim at your own risk.*
- ◆ *Alabama game and fish licenses are required.*