



For Immediate Release
April 24, 2017

Bird Walk for Beginners (& History Buffs) at Old Cahawba

Saturday, May 6

8:00 – 10:00 am

Old Cahawba Archaeological Park, Orrville (near Selma)

Learn the basics of bird identification from an experienced birder on this easy two-hour walk-through of historic Old Cahawba Archaeological Park. The first ten participants will also receive a FREE bird nest box kit. This Bird Walk for Beginners (& History Buffs) will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 8:00 to 10:00 AM.

Participants will meet at the visitor's center, rain or shine. Remember to bring your binoculars and bird guide! The activity fee is \$8 per person.

All skill levels are welcome to attend this bird walk. Start the day with our "birds on a stick" activity, a fun way for folks of all ages to challenge themselves at bird identification. Then knowledgeable birders Don and Judy Self of the Alabama Ornithological Society will guide you through the park identifying the birds that abound this time of year. A wide variety ranging from the "large" (such as Bald Eagles and Turkey Vultures) to Barred Owls, Brown Thrashers and Hermit Thrushes on down to White-throated Sparrows, Carolina Wrens & Chipping Sparrows may be seen. So mark your calendars and plan on joining us for a morning of bird watching at Alabama's first state capital.

Directions: From downtown Selma, take Highway 22 (Dallas Avenue) west 8.6 miles. Cross over the Cahaba River and turn left onto County Road 9 and follow this 3.3 miles until it dead ends. Turn left onto County Road 2 and follow this 1.5 miles until you see the Visitor Center on the right. Visitor Center Address: 9518 Cahaba Road, Orrville, AL 36767.

Fee: \$8.00 per person

For more information contact Linda Derry at cahawba@bellsouth.net or call the park at 334-872-8058.

Old Cahawba lies at the confluence of the Alabama and Cahaba Rivers, and from 1819 to 1826 it served as Alabama's first capital. Today, the Alabama Historical Commission owns and operates this significant archaeological site.

Find [Old Cahawba](#) on **Facebook** or visit <http://ahc.alabama.gov/>

About the Alabama Historical Commission

Located in historic downtown Montgomery at 468 S. Perry Street, the Alabama Historical Commission is the state historic preservation agency for Alabama. The agency was created by an act of the state legislature in 1966 with a mission to protect, preserve and interpret Alabama's historic places. AHC works to accomplish its mission through two fields of endeavor: Preservation and promotion of state-owned historic sites as public attractions; and, statewide programs to assist people, groups, towns, and cities with local preservation activities. For a complete list of programs and properties owned and operated by the AHC, hours of operation, and admission fees please visit <http://ahc.alabama.gov/>

####