



SHOAL CREEK PRESERVE

Shoal Creek Preserve (dedicated by Forever Wild resolution as The Billingsley-McClure Shoal Creek Preserve) in Lauderdale County consists of 298 acres of fallow fields, mature upland hardwood stands and scenic creek bottoms. Waterways on the tract include Indian Camp Creek, Lawson Creek, Jones Branch and Shoal Creek.

The tract was purchased, in-part, through a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant awarded by the Alabama Department of Economics and Community Affairs, as well as financial and in-kind contributions from the City of Florence and Lauderdale County.

Recreational opportunities include horseback riding, hunting, hiking and wildlife observation.

Directions:

From Florence, turn north onto Lauderdale Co. Rd. 47 towards St. Florian. In St. Florian, turn left onto Co. Rd. 61/Butler Creek Road. The tract is located roughly 2 miles down the road on the right.

Coordinates to the parking lot:

N 34.907033
W -87.620799



Red Bat

Alabama is home to 16 species of bats. Of these, two species (the Gray Bat and the Indiana Bat) are considered endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Red Bat (*Lasiurus borealis*) is one of the most common bats in Alabama. The Red Bat is found in forested areas and is insectivorous, eating a wide variety of night-flying insects.



Black Racer

