



WALLS OF JERICHO

The Walls of Jericho in Jackson County consists of 8 acquisitions (Nos. 34, 36, 52, 60, 76, 97, 98, and 110) covering 25,194 acres comprised of mountainous and wooded terrain, hosting caves, springs, rocky bluffs, grassy coves, riparian forests and portions of the headwaters of the Paint Rock River. These tracts act as additions to Skyline Wildlife Management Area and physically link Skyline and Crow Creek Wildlife Management Areas together along Coon Creek.

Through partnerships with The Alabama Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, the Alabama Forestry Commission, the Alabama Forest Resource Center, these tracts were acquired in part with funds provided by the U.S. Forest Service Forest Legacy grant program.

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

Directions to Walls of Jericho trailheads:

From Scottsboro, take US 72 West approximately 4.8 miles to AL-79. Turn right on to AL-79 and travel north approximately 25 miles to the horseback riding trail parking lot. Travel another mile north on AL-79 to the hiking trail parking lot.

Directions to Henshaw Cove parking lot:

From Scottsboro, take AL-35 North approximately 4 miles. Turn right onto AL-79 and travel north for 12 miles. Turn left onto AL-146, then turn right onto Jackson Co. Rd. 9. The road to the parking lot will be 2.4 miles ahead on the right.

Coordinates to the parking lots:

Hiking Trail
N 34.976624
W -86.080372

Horseback Trail
N 34.963198
W -86.088628

Henshaw Cove
N 34.892818
W -86.173446

The Painted Creekshell (*Villosa taeniata*) is one of 45 mussel species that are known from the Paint Rock River watershed in which the Walls of Jericho is found. Alabama ranks first in the nation for mussel diversity, with approximately 180 species.



Painted Creekshell



Mourning Cloak

