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BEST PLACES TO MOVE IN NORTH ALABAMA

2026 RELOCATION & LIFESTYLE GUIDE

Huntsville • Madison • Athens • Decatur • Cullman • The Shoals
Lake Guntersville • Scottsboro • Fort Payne • Mentone & beyond

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Welcome to North Alabama

North Alabama is not one market or one lifestyle. It is a connected region of growing employment centers, river cities, courthouse squares, music landmarks, lake communities and mountain towns. The right place depends on the life you plan to live after closing.

How “best” is used in this guide “Best” means best fit for a stated lifestyle and practical needs—not a ranking of people, schools or protected-class demographics. Cindy can help you compare properties using your budget, housing needs, work location and objective criteria you choose.

Use this guide in three passes

1 SHORTLIST	Choose three or four communities from the fit matrix and profile pages.
2 FIELD TEST	Tour on a weekday and weekend; drive the actual commute; try one grocery trip, one meal and one recreation stop.
3 VERIFY	Confirm parcel-level taxes, schools, utilities, insurance, flood zone, HOA, internet and future development before making a decision.

What you'll find

- 11 community profiles with housing character, daily-life fit, tradeoffs and a local tour plan.
- Curated things to do, shopping areas, locally rooted restaurants, fitness options and regional hospitals.
- Phone numbers, published emails, street addresses and direct website links for trip planning.
- Buyer, seller and out-of-state move checklists, plus Alabama-specific arrival tasks.
- Question-and-answer guidance designed for both quick answers and deeper relocation research.

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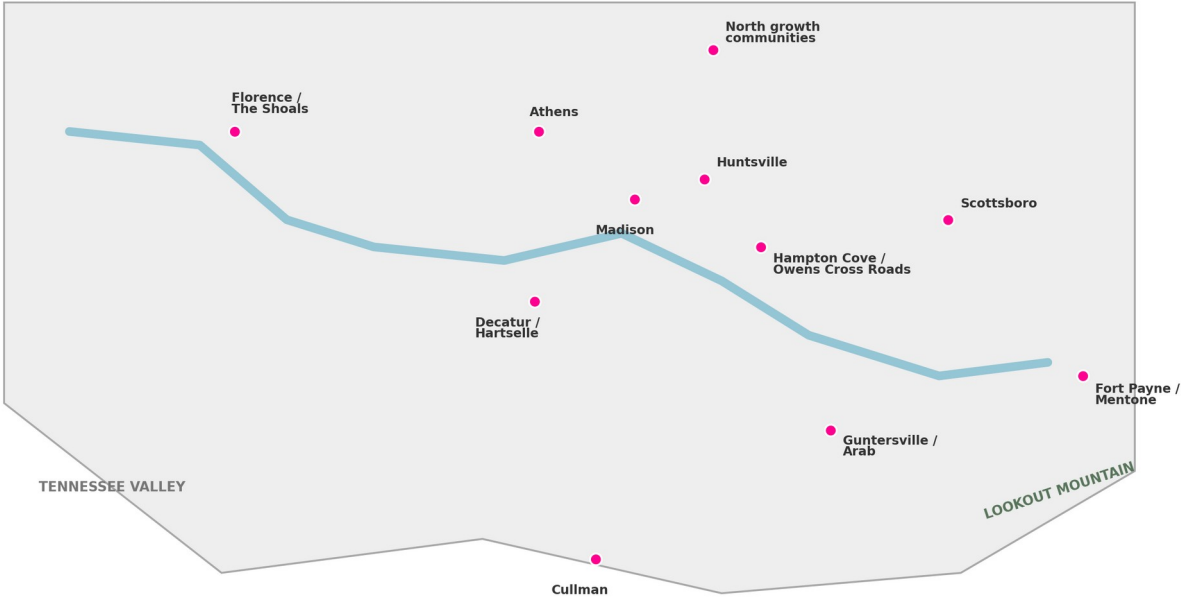
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REGIONAL OVERVIEW

Find Your North Alabama Fit

NORTH ALABAMA • COMMUNITY LOCATOR

Schematic orientation only — distances and boundaries are not to scale



COMMUNITY	STRONGEST FIT	SETTING	VERIFY FIRST
Huntsville	Employment depth + amenities	Urban / foothill	Commute gate, growth, jurisdiction
Madison	Suburban routine + newer homes	West metro	Traffic, city boundaries, HOA
Athens	Historic center + I-65 access	Small city / rural edge	Utilities, growth, dual commute
Decatur / Hartselle	River city + established value	River / small city	Industry, flood, historic rules
Hampton Cove	Views + golf + trails	Foothill suburb	Crossings, drainage, slope
North growth areas	Space + new construction	Suburban / rural	Roads, septic, broadband
Cullman	Self-contained city + I-65	Small city / rural edge	Longer commute, county services
The Shoals	Music + arts + river	Four-city region	Jurisdictions, specialty access
Guntersville / Arab	Lake life + small towns	Lake / inland	Flood, shoreline, commute
Scottsboro	Outdoor access + practicality	Small city / rural	Service radius, broadband
Fort Payne / Mentone	Mountains + waterfalls	Mountain / small town	Access, connectivity, slope

Tip: Mark your top three, then use the One-Day Relocation Field Test before you narrow to neighborhoods.

COMMUNITY PROFILE 01 • INNOVATION, EMPLOYMENT DEPTH & THE REGION’S BROADEST AMENITIES

Huntsville

Lifestyle fit Best matched to buyers who value aerospace/defense/tech access, restaurants, culture, medical depth and trail systems in one city.

Housing character

Historic homes near downtown and Five Points; mid-century neighborhoods in South Huntsville; newer subdivisions and townhomes toward west and north Huntsville; apartments and a smaller condo/loft inventory near activity centers.

What daily life feels like

This is North Alabama’s most urban option, but it still feels connected to mountains, preserves and the Tennessee River. Your exact drive is often shaped more by the Redstone Arsenal gate, shift time and east–west road choice than by mileage alone.

Your first field test

GO • SHOP • EAT • MOVE SEE & DO U.S. Space & Rocket Center • Huntsville Botanical Garden • Lowe Mill ARTS & Entertainment • Monte Sano State Park SHOP & GATHER Bridge Street Town Centre • MidCity District • Stovehouse • downtown boutiques and markets EAT Cotton Row for a polished downtown meal • Stovehouse for a flexible group outing FITNESS / CARE Huntsville Hospital Wellness Center • Heart of the Valley YMCA • Huntsville Hospital • Crestwood Medical Center	VERIFY BEFORE YOU FALL IN LOVE • Test the real commute during your actual work window—especially for Redstone Arsenal, Research Park and downtown. • Check planned roadwork, nearby development, drainage history and any airport or military noise disclosures. • Confirm city limits, school assignment, utilities and trash service for the specific parcel; a Huntsville mailing address can cross jurisdictions.
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Cindy’s relocation note A short list should begin with your work gate, housing era, yard preference and weekend routine—not a ZIP code. Huntsville changes quickly block by block, so touring at morning, evening and weekend hours is unusually valuable.

Want current homes, taxes and drive-time options for this area? [Text Cindy at 678-650-1425](#)

COMMUNITY PROFILE 02 • SUBURBAN CONVENIENCE, NEWER INVENTORY & WEST-METRO ACCESS

Madison & Town Madison

Lifestyle fit A strong match for buyers wanting a suburban rhythm, newer neighborhoods, parks and direct access to the Huntsville employment corridor.

Housing character

A large share of planned subdivisions, newer detached homes and townhomes, plus established pockets near historic downtown Madison. Town Madison adds mixed-use living near Toyota Field.

What daily life feels like

Madison is closely tied to Huntsville’s job centers while maintaining its own city services, parks and gathering places. Dining and retail continue to expand around Town Madison, Clift Farm and U.S. 72.

Your first field test

GO • SHOP • EAT • MOVE SEE & DO Rocket City Trash Pandas at Toyota Field • Dublin Park • historic downtown Madison SHOP & GATHER Town Madison • Clift Farm • U.S. 72 retail corridor EAT Old Black Bear Brewing Company • Prohibition at Town Madison FITNESS / CARE Hogan Family YMCA • Dublin Park facilities • Madison Hospital	VERIFY BEFORE YOU FALL IN LOVE • City of Madison, Huntsville and unincorporated county boundaries can sit close together; verify taxes, schools and services by parcel. • Drive County Line Road, U.S. 72 and I-565 at your real commute times. • Review HOA covenants, future phases, road connections and construction schedules in newer communities.
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Cindy’s relocation note For a Madison search, compare both the municipality and the broader Madison mailing area. They are not interchangeable for taxes, services or school assignment.

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COMMUNITY PROFILE 03 • HISTORIC SQUARE, I-65 ACCESS & ROOM TO GROW

Athens & Limestone County

Lifestyle fit Well suited to buyers who want a smaller-city center, access to Huntsville/Decatur and a mix of historic homes, subdivisions and acreage options.

Housing character

Historic and early-20th-century homes near the square, established city neighborhoods, expanding subdivisions along major corridors, and rural properties outside city limits.

What daily life feels like

Athens combines a classic courthouse-square experience with fast-growing residential areas. I-65 and U.S. 72 help connect the community to Huntsville, Madison, Decatur and Tennessee.

Your first field test

GO • SHOP • EAT • MOVE SEE & DO Alabama Veterans Museum • Richard Martin Trail • events around the historic square SHOP & GATHER Downtown Athens boutiques • U.S. 72 everyday-shopping corridor EAT Ro's Grille • Wildwood Deli FITNESS / CARE Athens-Limestone Hospital Wellness Center • Athens-Limestone Hospital	VERIFY BEFORE YOU FALL IN LOVE • For rural homes, investigate septic, well or water authority service, internet availability and road maintenance. • Ask how future subdivision phases or industrial growth may affect traffic and nearby land use. • Confirm the school district and municipal boundary for each address rather than relying on the city name.
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Cindy's relocation note Athens can be a strategic compromise when two household members commute in different directions. Plot both drives before choosing the east, west or rural side of the market.

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COMMUNITY PROFILE 04 • RIVER-CITY CHARACTER, CENTRAL ACCESS & ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOODS

Decatur & Hartselle

Lifestyle fit A practical fit for buyers seeking historic architecture, Tennessee River recreation, major employers and potentially more house for the budget than core metro locations.

Housing character

Decatur offers historic districts, mid-century neighborhoods and newer pockets; Hartselle adds a compact downtown, established subdivisions and rural edges south of Decatur.

What daily life feels like

Decatur’s identity is tied to the river, industry and a growing family-attraction scene. Hartselle has a smaller-town pace with I-65 access. Both can serve multi-direction commuters.

Your first field test

GO • SHOP • EAT • MOVE SEE & DO Cook Museum of Natural Science • Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge • Point Mallard Park SHOP & GATHER Historic Bank Street • downtown Decatur • downtown Hartselle EAT Big Bob Gibson Bar-B-Q • Simp McGhee’s FITNESS / CARE Decatur Parks & Recreation facilities • Decatur Morgan Hospital	VERIFY BEFORE YOU FALL IN LOVE • Review industrial proximity, rail activity, prevailing traffic patterns and environmental records for the specific property. • Use flood maps and insurance quotes early for river-adjacent or low-lying locations. • Compare city versus county utilities and school assignment; verify historic-district rules before exterior work.
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Cindy’s relocation note Decatur and Hartselle can deliver very different daily routines within the same broader area. Compare neighborhood age, employer access and weekend preferences side by side.

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COMMUNITY PROFILE 05 • FOOTHILL SCENERY, GOLF & EAST-HUNTSVILLE LIVING

Hampton Cove & Owens Cross Roads

Lifestyle fit A natural match for buyers prioritizing mountain views, trail access, golf and a suburban-to-rural feel east of Huntsville.

Housing character

Planned golf-course and foothill neighborhoods, newer subdivisions, established homes along the valley floor and more rural options farther into Owens Cross Roads.

What daily life feels like

The area feels scenic and residential, with U.S. 431 as the main commercial spine. Hays Nature Preserve, Green Mountain and the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail shape the outdoor lifestyle.

Your first field test

GO • SHOP • EAT • MOVE SEE & DO Hays Nature Preserve • Green Mountain Nature Preserve • RTJ Golf Trail at Hampton Cove SHOP & GATHER U.S. 431 / Sutton Road retail • easy access to Jones Valley shopping EAT Tortora’s • Yoshi Sushi Fusion • Grandmother’s House FITNESS / CARE Golf, greenways and nearby wellness clubs • Huntsville Hospital and Crestwood for hospital care	VERIFY BEFORE YOU FALL IN LOVE • Test the mountain/valley crossings and U.S. 431 at peak times; limited routes can make incidents noticeable. • For hillside or low-lying lots, review drainage, slope, retaining walls, flood maps and insurance options. • Verify whether the address is in Huntsville, Owens Cross Roads or unincorporated county for services and schools.
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Cindy’s relocation note Views are only one part of the decision. On every promising property, pair the scenery with a drainage walk, route test and jurisdiction check.

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COMMUNITY PROFILE 06 • SPACE, NEW CONSTRUCTION & NORTH-METRO GROWTH

Meridianville, Hazel Green, Harvest & New Market

Lifestyle fit Best considered by buyers who want more yard, newer construction or a semi-rural setting while staying connected to Huntsville.

Housing character

Fast-growing subdivisions coexist with older homes, farms and acreage. Product ranges from entry-level new construction to custom homes and land.

What daily life feels like

These communities trade a denser amenity base for space and a quieter feel. Daily shopping is concentrated along major roads; Huntsville provides most specialty entertainment and medical care.

Your first field test

GO • SHOP • EAT • MOVE SEE & DO Sharon Johnston Park • Harvest Square Nature Preserve • Hubert Family Farms SHOP & GATHER North Memorial Parkway • U.S. 231/431 and local farm-market corridors EAT A growing mix of local casual spots and familiar everyday options; Huntsville dining remains close enough for nights out FITNESS / CARE County parks and preserve trails • hospitals concentrated in Huntsville and Madison	VERIFY BEFORE YOU FALL IN LOVE • Confirm sewer versus septic, broadband provider and cellular coverage at the property—not just on a coverage map. • Study road-widening plans, subdivision phases and school-capacity updates. • Check whether fire protection, trash pickup and road maintenance are municipal, county, volunteer or private.
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Cindy’s relocation note New-construction incentives can be attractive, but compare the full payment, lot premium, completion timing, future phases and resale competition—not just the advertised rate.

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COMMUNITY PROFILE 07 • I-65 CONVENIENCE, A LIVELY DOWNTOWN & STRONG RECREATION AMENITIES

Cullman

Lifestyle fit A smart match for buyers seeking a self-contained smaller city, a polished downtown and strategic access between Huntsville and Birmingham.

Housing character

Historic and established city neighborhoods, newer subdivisions, townhomes and rural acreage throughout Cullman County.

What daily life feels like

Cullman supports a full local routine—shopping, dining, healthcare and recreation—while I-65 keeps larger-city trips straightforward. The Warehouse District is a signature gathering and shopping area.

Your first field test

GO • SHOP • EAT • MOVE SEE & DO Ave Maria Grotto • Sportsman Lake Park • WildWater Cullman SHOP & GATHER Warehouse District • downtown Cullman EAT 412 Public House • All Steak Restaurant FITNESS / CARE Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center • Cullman Regional	VERIFY BEFORE YOU FALL IN LOVE • If commuting to Huntsville or Birmingham, make the full drive during your real schedule and price the fuel/time tradeoff. • Confirm city/county services, school assignment, septic or sewer and internet access on rural properties. • Review covenants and agricultural activity near acreage homes.
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Cindy’s relocation note Cullman works best when you plan to use it as a real home base, not simply a midpoint. Tour downtown, healthcare, shopping and the commute in the same day.

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COMMUNITY PROFILE 08 • MUSIC HISTORY, RIVER CULTURE, ARTS & FOUR-CITY CHOICE

The Shoals: Florence, Muscle Shoals, Tuscumbia & Sheffield

Lifestyle fit Ideal for buyers drawn to creative culture, university energy, historic homes and Tennessee River recreation without a large-metro pace.

Housing character

Florence offers historic districts, established neighborhoods and river-adjacent options; the other Shoals cities add mid-century homes, quieter streets and a range of price points.

What daily life feels like

The four cities function as a connected region, yet each has its own tax base, schools, utilities and identity. Downtown Florence anchors dining, arts and events; music landmarks are distributed across the Shoals.

Your first field test

GO • SHOP • EAT • MOVE SEE & DO FAME Studios • Muscle Shoals Sound Studio • Frank Lloyd Wright’s Rosenbaum House • Ivy Green SHOP & GATHER Downtown Florence • Seven Points • neighborhood and river-corridor shops EAT Odette • Ricatoni’s Italian Grill FITNESS / CARE YMCA of the Shoals • North Alabama Medical Center • Helen Keller Hospital	VERIFY BEFORE YOU FALL IN LOVE • Compare all four municipalities rather than assuming one city represents the entire Shoals. • Check flood zones, river access rules, insurance and dock/shoreline permissions for waterfront property. • For specialty healthcare or air travel, map the services you use most and the true travel time.
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Cindy’s relocation note The Shoals rewards a multi-city tour. One well-planned day can compare historic Florence, Muscle Shoals convenience, Tuscumbia character and Sheffield value.

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COMMUNITY PROFILE 09 • LAKE LIFE, SMALL-CITY CONVENIENCE & MOUNTAIN-LAKE ACCESS

Guntersville & Arab

Lifestyle fit A compelling match for buyers who want boating, fishing and a slower daily rhythm, with Arab offering an inland alternative close to the lake.

Housing character

Waterfront and water-view homes, established in-town neighborhoods, cabins and rural properties around Guntersville; subdivisions and acreage around Arab.

What daily life feels like

Guntersville revolves around the lake, downtown and City Harbor. Arab provides everyday services and a small-town center with access toward Huntsville, Cullman and Marshall County.

Your first field test

GO • SHOP • EAT • MOVE SEE & DO Lake Guntersville State Park • City Harbor • Guntersville Museum • Cathedral Caverns nearby SHOP & GATHER Downtown Guntersville • City Harbor retail • Arab Main Street EAT Old Town Stock House • Top O’ the River • Midas Burger in Arab FITNESS / CARE Guntersville Recreation Center • Arab Recreation Center • Marshall Medical Centers North and South	VERIFY BEFORE YOU FALL IN LOVE • Order flood-zone and insurance information early; inspect seawalls, docks, slopes and water-access rights with qualified professionals. • Understand TVA/shoreline restrictions, short-term-rental rules and seasonal traffic before buying lake property. • For Arab-to-Huntsville commutes, test U.S. 231 and alternate routes at peak times.
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Cindy’s relocation note For lake property, the most important showing may happen after the house tour: shoreline, dock permits, road grade, flood documents, insurance and year-round access.

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COMMUNITY PROFILE 10 • OUTDOOR ACCESS, LAKE RECREATION & A PRACTICAL SMALL-CITY BASE

Scottsboro & Jackson County

Lifestyle fit Best for buyers who prioritize fishing, golf, caves and outdoor access over frequent big-city amenities.

Housing character

Established city neighborhoods, rural acreage, lake-area homes and cabins across Jackson County.

What daily life feels like

Scottsboro serves as the commercial and medical center for a broad rural county. Lake Guntersville, Goose Pond Colony and Cathedral Caverns create a strong recreation profile.

Your first field test

GO • SHOP • EAT • MOVE SEE & DO Goose Pond Colony Resort • Cathedral Caverns State Park • Lake Guntersville access SHOP & GATHER Unclaimed Baggage • downtown Scottsboro EAT Payne’s Sandwich Shop & Soda Fountain • waterfront dining at Goose Pond FITNESS / CARE Scottsboro Rec*Com • Highlands Medical Center	VERIFY BEFORE YOU FALL IN LOVE • Map work, specialty healthcare and airport drives before committing to a rural or lake location. • Verify broadband, cellular service, septic, well/water authority and emergency-response coverage. • Use flood maps and qualified inspections for waterfront, mountain or low-lying properties.
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Cindy’s relocation note Scottsboro’s value proposition is lifestyle-first. Confirm that the service radius for work, healthcare and shopping fits your real weekly routine.

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COMMUNITY PROFILE 11 • LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN SCENERY, WATERFALLS & CREATIVE SMALL-TOWN CHARACTER

Fort Payne & Mentone

Lifestyle fit A natural fit for outdoor enthusiasts, remote workers with verified connectivity, second-home buyers and anyone drawn to mountain-town character.

Housing character

In-town Fort Payne neighborhoods, rural and mountain homes, cabins and distinctive properties around Mentone and Lookout Mountain.

What daily life feels like

Fort Payne provides everyday services and healthcare; Mentone offers a tiny arts-and-outdoors destination atmosphere. Little River Canyon and DeSoto State Park are central to the lifestyle.

Your first field test

GO • SHOP • EAT • MOVE SEE & DO Little River Canyon National Preserve • DeSoto State Park • Fort Payne Depot Museum • Brow Park SHOP & GATHER Downtown Fort Payne • Mentone’s galleries and locally owned shops EAT Wildflower Café • Vintage 1889 • Roadside 'Que FITNESS / CARE Wills Valley Recreation Center • DeKalb Regional Medical Center	VERIFY BEFORE YOU FALL IN LOVE • Test cell and internet service inside the home; mountain coverage can vary by provider and slope. • Inspect steep driveways, drainage, private roads, retaining walls, wells/septic and winter access. • Confirm rental, zoning and insurance rules before treating a cabin as a short-term rental or event property.
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Cindy’s relocation note Mountain homes are highly individual. Build extra time into due diligence for access, water, septic, drainage, connectivity and insurance before the inspection window starts.

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TURN ONLINE RESEARCH INTO A REAL DECISION

The One-Day Relocation Field Test



TIME	TEST	WHAT TO NOTICE
7:00–9:00	Drive the work route	Use the actual gate, school-drop or shift window. Note bottlenecks, turn lanes and alternate routes.
9:00–11:00	Tour housing patterns	Compare one established neighborhood, one newer community and one wild-card area.
11:00–1:00	Run an everyday errand	Grocery, pharmacy, bank, coffee and a quick lunch reveal more than a landmark tour.
1:00–3:00	Check care + services	Locate hospital/urgent care, parks, gym, library, pet care and any specialty service you use.
3:00–5:30	Tour top homes	Evaluate street, drainage, noise and nearby land use before interiors.
5:30–8:00	Experience the evening	Eat locally, revisit the commute, check lighting and see how the area feels after work.

Score it while the day is fresh

☐	Work and airport access fit our real schedule.
☐	Housing style and maintenance level fit our budget and time.
☐	We can complete weekly errands without friction.
☐	Healthcare, fitness and outdoor access meet our needs.
☐	The verified taxes, insurance, utilities and HOA still fit the payment.
☐	We would choose this routine even without the house we toured today.

Score each item 1–5. A beautiful house should not have to compensate for a routine that does not work.

FROM EVERYDAY ERRANDS TO DESTINATION DISTRICTS

Shopping & Gathering Places

Use this list to plan a field-test loop. Center directories and tenant mixes change; open the linked source before visiting.

PLACE	ADDRESS	CONTACT
Bridge Street Town Centre Huntsville	365 The Bridge Street, Suite 106, Huntsville, AL 35806	256-428-2022 <i>Center website / directory</i> Website / verify details
MidCity District Huntsville	5909 University Drive, Huntsville, AL 35806	<i>Website contact form</i> Website / verify details
Stovehouse Huntsville	3414 Governors Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805	<i>Website directory / contact options</i> Website / verify details
Town Madison Madison	Town Madison Boulevard & Zierdt Road, Madison, AL 35758	<i>Website directory / contact options</i> Website / verify details
Downtown Athens Athens	Courthouse Square, Athens, AL 35611	256-232-2600 stephanie@visitathensal.com Website / verify details
Historic Bank Street / Downtown Decatur	Bank Street NE, Decatur, AL 35601	256-350-2028 dgibson@visitdecatur.org Website / verify details
Warehouse District Cullman	1st Avenue NE / downtown, Cullman, AL 35055	256-739-1891 cullmaneda@cullmaneda.org Website / verify details
Downtown Florence Florence	301 N. Pine Street, Florence, AL 35630	256-760-9648 dfaflorence@gmail.com Website / verify details
Guntersville City Harbor Guntersville	301 Scott Street, Guntersville, AL 35976	256-202-1644 info@cityharborsuites.com Website / verify details
Unclaimed Baggage Scottsboro	509 W. Willow Street, Scottsboro, AL 35768	256-259-1525 info@unclaimedbaggage.com Website / verify details

CURATED STARTING POINTS • NOT PAID PLACEMENTS

Local Restaurants — Huntsville to Cullman

The goal is variety and a sense of place, not a definitive ranking. Reservations, menus and hours can change; call or use the linked site.

PLACE	ADDRESS	CONTACT
Cotton Row Huntsville	100 South Side Square, Huntsville, AL 35801	256-382-9500 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details
Old Black Bear Brewing Co. Madison	212 Main Street, Madison, AL 35758	256-850-4639 info@oldblackbear.com Website / verify details
Prohibition Town Madison	100 Moon Shot Drive, Suite 120, Madison, AL 35758	256-325-4438 contact@prohibitionhsv.com Website / verify details
Ro's Grille Athens	126 N. Jefferson Street, Athens, AL 35611	256-230-2716 rosgrille@gmail.com Website / verify details
Wildwood Deli Athens	113 W. Market Street, Athens, AL 35611	256-206-9384 <i>Social page / call to verify</i> Website / verify details
Big Bob Gibson Bar-B-Q Decatur	1715 6th Avenue SE, Decatur, AL 35601	256-350-6969 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details
Simp McGhee's Decatur	725 Bank Street NW, Decatur, AL 35601	256-353-6284 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details
Tortora's Owens Cross Roads	182 Old Highway 431, Suite B, Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763	256-536-6100 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details
Yoshi Sushi Fusion Owens Cross Roads	3110 Mountain Cove Circle, Suite D, Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763	256-715-1915 yoshisushifusion@gmail.com Website / verify details
Grandmother's House Owens Cross Roads	3980 Old Highway 431 S., Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763	256-725-7444 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details
412 Public House Cullman	412 2nd Avenue SE, Cullman, AL 35055	256-841-6412 412publichouse@gmail.com Website / verify details

LAKE, MUSIC & MOUNTAIN-TOWN FAVORITES

Local Restaurants — The Shoals to Lookout Mountain

PLACE	ADDRESS	CONTACT
All Steak Restaurant Cullman	323 3rd Avenue SE, Cullman, AL 35055	256-734-4322 info@allsteakrestaurant.com Website / verify details
Odette Florence	120 N. Court Street, Florence, AL 35630	256-349-5219 hello@odettealabama.com Website / verify details
Ricatoni's Italian Grill Florence	107 N. Court Street, Florence, AL 35630	256-718-1002 contact@ricatonis.com Website / verify details
Old Town Stock House Guntersville	410 Old Town Street, Guntersville, AL 35976	256-582-1676 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details
Top O' the River Guntersville	7004 Val Monte Drive, Guntersville, AL 35976	256-582-4567 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details
Midas Burger Arab	221 N. Brindlee Mountain Parkway, Arab, AL 35016	256-586-3275 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details
Payne's Sandwich Shop Scottsboro	101 E. Laurel Street, Scottsboro, AL 35768	256-574-2140 <i>Tourism listing / call to verify</i> Website / verify details
Wildflower Café Mentone	6007 Alabama Highway 117, Mentone, AL 35984	256-634-0066 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details
Vintage 1889 Fort Payne	151 8th Street NE, Fort Payne, AL 35967	256-845-3380 info@vintage1889.com Website / verify details
Roadside 'Que Fort Payne	607 Gault Avenue, Suite A, Fort Payne, AL 35967	256-599-1387 justin@roadsideque.com Website / verify details

Relocation tip Try one weekday lunch and one weekend dinner near a neighborhood you are considering. Parking, traffic and closing times quickly show whether the local rhythm fits yours.

THE REGION'S BIGGEST LIFESTYLE ADVANTAGE

Things to Do: Outdoors, Culture & Weekend Life



North Alabama's official regional tourism organization describes a 16-county landscape of waterfalls, lakes, live music, space history and downtowns. These are the anchors to sample before choosing a community.

SPACE + SCIENCE	U.S. Space & Rocket Center • Cook Museum of Natural Science
ART + HISTORY	Lowe Mill • Burritt • Rosenbaum House • Ivy Green • Guntersville Museum
MUSIC	FAME Studios • Muscle Shoals Sound Studio • Huntsville and Shoals live-music calendars
TRAILS + PRESERVES	Monte Sano • Green Mountain • Hays • Harvest Square • Richard Martin Trail
LAKES + WILDLIFE	Lake Guntersville • Goose Pond • Wheeler NWR • Point Mallard
CAVES + WATERFALLS	Cathedral Caverns • Little River Canyon • DeSoto State Park

Build your own lifestyle sample Choose one indoor attraction, one outdoor stop and one downtown meal from the same community profile. That mix reveals year-round livability better than a single highlight reel.

VERIFIED CONTACTS

Attractions Directory — Metro & Tennessee Valley

PLACE	ADDRESS	CONTACT
U.S. Space & Rocket Center Huntsville	1 Tranquility Base, Huntsville, AL 35805	256-837-3400 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details
Huntsville Botanical Garden Huntsville	4747 Bob Wallace Avenue, Huntsville, AL 35805	256-830-4447 info@hsvbg.org Website / verify details
Lowe Mill ARTS & Entertainment Huntsville	2211 Seminole Drive SW, Huntsville, AL 35805	256-533-0399 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details
Monte Sano State Park Huntsville	5105 Nolen Avenue, Huntsville, AL 35801	256-534-3757 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details
Burritt on the Mountain Huntsville	3101 Burritt Drive SE, Huntsville, AL 35801	256-536-2882 <i>Website contact form</i> Website / verify details
Toyota Field Madison	500 Trash Panda Way, Madison, AL 35758	256-325-1403 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details
Dublin Park Madison	8324 Madison Pike, Madison, AL 35758	256-772-9300 <i>City contact options</i> Website / verify details
Alabama Veterans Museum Athens	114 W. Pryor Street, Athens, AL 35611	256-771-7578 info@alabamaveteransmuseum.com Website / verify details
Richard Martin Trail Athens / Elkmont	Mitchell-Coffman Park, 19779 Piney Chapel Road, Athens, AL 35614	256-232-2600 <i>Athens-Limestone Tourism assistance</i> Website / verify details
Cook Museum of Natural Science Decatur	133 4th Avenue NE, Decatur, AL 35601	256-351-4505 <i>Website contact form</i> Website / verify details
Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge Decatur	3121 Visitor Center Road, Decatur, AL 35603	256-350-6639 wheeler@fws.gov Website / verify details
Point Mallard Park Decatur	2901 Point Mallard Circle, Decatur, AL 35601	256-341-4900 pointmallardpark@gmail.com Website / verify details
Hays Nature Preserve Owens Cross Roads	7153 U.S. Highway 431 S., Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763	256-532-5326 <i>City Green Team contact</i> Website / verify details
RTJ Golf Trail at Hampton Cove Owens Cross Roads	450 Old Highway 431, Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763	256-551-1818 HamptonCove@RTJGolf.com Website / verify details
Green Mountain Nature Preserve South Huntsville	13800 S. Shawdee Road, Huntsville, AL 35803	256-534-5263 questions@landtrustal.org Website / verify details
Sharon Johnston Park New Market	783 Coleman Road, New Market, AL 35761	256-532-3698 sjpark@madisoncountyal.gov Website / verify details
Harvest Square Nature Preserve Harvest	111 Allyson Sadie Boulevard, Harvest, AL 35749	256-534-5263 questions@landtrustal.org Website / verify details

VERIFIED CONTACTS

Attractions Directory — Cullman, Shoals & Lake Country

PLACE	ADDRESS	CONTACT
Hubert Family Farms New Market	432 Narrow Lane, New Market, AL 35761	256-759-1099 hubertfamilyfarms@gmail.com Website / verify details
Ave Maria Grotto Cullman	1600 St. Bernard Drive SE, Cullman, AL 35055	256-734-4110 grotto@avemariagrotto.com Website / verify details
Sportsman Lake Park Cullman	1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW, Cullman, AL 35055	256-734-3052 sportsman@co.cullman.al.us Website / verify details
WildWater Cullman Cullman	1707 Main Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055	1-833-838-WILD swim@cprst.org Website / verify details
FAME Recording Studios Muscle Shoals	603 E. Avalon Avenue, Muscle Shoals, AL 35661	256-381-0801 info@famestudios.com Website / verify details
Muscle Shoals Sound Studio Sheffield	3614 N. Jackson Highway, Sheffield, AL 35660	256-978-5151 info@muscleshoalsstudio.org Website / verify details
Frank Lloyd Wright Rosenbaum House Florence	601 Riverview Drive, Florence, AL 35630	256-718-5050 connect@florencealmuseums.com Website / verify details
Ivy Green — Helen Keller Birthplace Tuscumbia	300 N. Commons Street W., Tuscumbia, AL 35674	256-383-4066 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details
Lake Guntersville State Park Guntersville	1155 Lodge Drive, Guntersville, AL 35976	256-571-5440 Guntersville.StatePark@dcnr.alabama.gov Website / verify details
Guntersville City Harbor Guntersville	301 Scott Street, Guntersville, AL 35976	256-202-1644 info@cityharborsuites.com Website / verify details
Guntersville Museum Guntersville	1215 Rayburn Avenue, Guntersville, AL 35976	256-571-7597 guntersvillemuseum@guntersvilleal.org Website / verify details
Cathedral Caverns State Park Woodville	637 Cave Road, Woodville, AL 35776	256-888-0230 CathedralCaverns.StPk@dcnr.alabama.gov Website / verify details

VERIFIED CONTACTS

Attractions Directory — Scottsboro & Lookout Mountain

PLACE	ADDRESS	CONTACT
Unclaimed Baggage Scottsboro	509 W. Willow Street, Scottsboro, AL 35768	256-259-1525 info@unclaimedbaggage.com Website / verify details
Goose Pond Colony Resort Scottsboro	417 Ed Hembree Drive, Scottsboro, AL 35769	256-912-0592 <i>Call for current resort information</i> Website / verify details
Little River Canyon Center Fort Payne	4322 Little River Trail NE, Suite 100, Fort Payne, AL 35967	256-845-9605 <i>National Park Service contact</i> Website / verify details
DeSoto State Park Fort Payne	7104 DeSoto Parkway NE, Fort Payne, AL 35967	256-845-5380 DeSoto.StatePark@dcnr.alabama.gov Website / verify details

Accessibility, fees, reservations, weather closures and seasonal hours vary. Confirm directly before travel.

PLAN THE SERVICE RADIUS BEFORE YOU BUY

Hospitals & Healthcare Orientation

Emergency Call 911 for a life-threatening emergency. This directory is for relocation orientation and does not compare quality, specialties, insurance networks or emergency capability.

Ask each provider and your health plan about network status, specialists, maternity, pediatrics, trauma, rehabilitation and transfer patterns. "Nearest" is not always the same as "right for my care."

PLACE	ADDRESS	CONTACT
Huntsville Hospital Huntsville	101 Sivley Road, Huntsville, AL 35801	256-265-1000 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details
Crestwood Medical Center Huntsville	1 Hospital Drive SW, Huntsville, AL 35801	256-429-4000 <i>Website contact form</i> Website / verify details
Madison Hospital Madison	8375 Highway 72 W, Madison, AL 35758	256-265-2012 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details
Athens-Limestone Hospital Athens	700 W. Market Street, Athens, AL 35611	256-233-9292 wecarealh@alhnet.org Website / verify details
Decatur Morgan Hospital Decatur	1201 7th Street SE, Decatur, AL 35601	256-973-2000 info@dmhnet.org Website / verify details
Cullman Regional Cullman	1912 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058	256-737-2000 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details
North Alabama Medical Center Florence	1701 Veterans Drive, Florence, AL 35630	256-629-1000 <i>Website contact form</i> Website / verify details
Helen Keller Hospital Sheffield	1300 S. Montgomery Avenue, Sheffield, AL 35660	256-386-4196 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details
Marshall Medical Center North Guntersville	8000 Alabama Highway 69, Guntersville, AL 35976	256-571-8000 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details
Marshall Medical Center South Boaz / Arab region	2505 U.S. Highway 431, Boaz, AL 35957	256-593-8310 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details
Highlands Medical Center Scottsboro	380 Woods Cove Road, Scottsboro, AL 35768	256-259-4444 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details
DeKalb Regional Medical Center Fort Payne	200 Medical Center Drive SW, Fort Payne, AL 35968	256-845-3150 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details

KEEP YOUR ROUTINE IN THE MOVE

Gyms, Wellness & Public Recreation

Memberships, pools, classes, childcare, guest policies and municipal eligibility can change. Ask about the feature you need before selecting a home around it.

PLACE	ADDRESS	CONTACT
Huntsville Hospital Wellness Center Jones Valley	1345 Four Mile Post Road, Huntsville, AL 35802	256-265-9355 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details
Downtown Express YMCA Huntsville	228 Holmes Avenue NE, Huntsville, AL 35801	256-319-9622 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details
Hogan Family YMCA Madison	130 Park Square Lane, Madison, AL 35758	256-705-9622 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details
Athens-Limestone Wellness Center Athens	209 Fitness Way, Athens, AL 35611	256-233-9355 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details
Decatur Parks & Recreation Decatur	610 Fourth Avenue SE, Decatur, AL 35601	256-341-4760 hallen@decatur-al.gov Website / verify details
Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center Cullman	1636 Field of Miracles Drive SW, Cullman, AL 35055	256-775-7946 cwac@cprst.org Website / verify details
YMCA of the Shoals Florence	2121 Helton Drive, Florence, AL 35630	256-246-9622 info@ymcashoals.org Website / verify details
Guntersville Recreation Center Guntersville	1500 Sunset Drive, Guntersville, AL 35976	256-571-7590 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details
Arab Recreation Center Arab	761 N. Main Street, Arab, AL 35016	256-586-6793 <i>Website contact form</i> Website / verify details
Scottsboro Rec*Com Scottsboro	701 S. Houston Street, Scottsboro, AL 35768	256-912-0551 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details
Wills Valley Recreation Center Fort Payne	4220 Godfrey Avenue NE, Fort Payne, AL 35967	256-844-6571 <i>Website contact options</i> Website / verify details

Questions worth asking

- Is the pool or track available year-round, and are lap/open-gym schedules predictable?
- Does the facility offer childcare, adaptive programs, senior options or rehabilitation services?
- Are memberships open to nonresidents, and is there a joining fee or contract?
- Can you safely walk, bike or drive there from the homes you are considering?

A PRACTICAL 90-DAY ROADMAP

Moving from Out of State

90–60 DAYS	Set budget with taxes, insurance, HOA and utilities • obtain lender preapproval • choose work/airport radius • create must-have and deal-breaker list.
60–30 DAYS	Tour communities • request live listings • compare insurance early • review school boundaries and service providers • interview movers.
UNDER CONTRACT	Complete inspections and negotiated due diligence • verify title/survey needs • finalize insurance • confirm utilities, internet and closing logistics.
CLOSING WEEK	Wire only after independent verification • complete final walk-through • document meter readings • keep IDs, medications and essentials with you.
FIRST 30 DAYS	Update license/vehicle items • apply for eligible homestead exemption • update voter registration • test severe-weather plan • meet local providers.

Alabama arrival links

ALEA driver license information — A valid out-of-state license generally covers the first 30 days after becoming a resident; verify current transfer documents and fees.

Alabama Department of Revenue — homestead exemptions — Eligibility and local filing procedures vary; apply through the applicable county office.

Alabama Votes — register or update — A move across county lines requires registration in the new county.

Alabama 811 — Call 811 or submit online before digging; use the current notice window shown by Alabama 811.

Wire-fraud safety Never rely on emailed wiring changes. Independently call the closing attorney/title company using a trusted number before sending funds.

PROPERTY-LEVEL FACTS BEAT ASSUMPTIONS

Buyer Due-Diligence Checklist

Before an offer

☐	Confirm target payment using current lender terms, estimated taxes, insurance, HOA and any special assessments.
☐	Verify parcel jurisdiction, city limits, school assignment and service providers.
☐	Ask for insurance quotes early, especially for older roofs, waterfront, wooded or mountain properties.
☐	Review commute at the actual shift time and preferred Redstone/major-employer entrance.
☐	For new construction, compare incentives, completion risk, lot premium and future-phase competition.

During the contract period

☐	Use qualified inspectors appropriate to the property; consider HVAC, roof, sewer/septic, well, pool, structural, drainage and pest concerns as applicable.
☐	Review title, survey, easements, access, covenants, HOA documents and permits with the appropriate professionals.
☐	Check FEMA flood information and obtain a property-specific insurance determination.
☐	Test broadband and cellular service at the address; confirm equipment and installation dates.
☐	Investigate nearby zoning, planned roads, construction phases and nonresidential uses.
☐	Verify utilities and estimated recurring costs directly with providers.

Your contract controls deadlines and remedies. Coordinate immediately with your real-estate, lending, legal, insurance and inspection professionals.

PREPARE FOR LOCAL AND RELOCATING BUYERS

Seller Readiness Checklist

Position the property

☐	Request a current, property-specific market analysis; avoid pricing from automated estimates alone.
☐	Gather survey, warranties, permits, utility history, HOA documents and a list of updates with dates.
☐	Address safety, water intrusion, odors, deferred maintenance and obvious exterior issues before photography.
☐	Make internet provider, commute routes, storage, storm-safety features and outdoor lifestyle easy to understand.
☐	Use professional visuals and a floor plan when they clarify layout for out-of-state buyers.

Plan the move and contract

☐	Decide whether you need possession after closing, a rent-back, sale contingency or temporary housing.
☐	Ask your lender and tax adviser how a simultaneous purchase/sale affects timing and cash needs.
☐	Prepare for inspection, appraisal and repair negotiations with documentation—not emotion.
☐	Create a secure wire-verification plan and never accept changed instructions by email alone.
☐	Leave manuals, keys, remotes and service contacts organized for the buyer.

Cindy can coordinate both sides If you are selling in one market and buying in North Alabama, build one timeline with financing, listing preparation, travel, contingency and possession decisions visible from the start.

HOW TO RESEARCH WITHOUT GUESSING

Schools, Commutes, Weather & Property Risk

SCHOOLS • Start with the district’s official boundary or enrollment office; a city name or ZIP code does not guarantee assignment. • Visit schools and review programs, transportation, capacity and policies that matter to your household. • Do not rely on a single rating. Cindy can provide neutral sources and available listings based on criteria you identify.	COMMUTES • Test the exact employer entrance, shift time and return trip. Arsenal gates, bridges and mountain crossings can change the result. • Check major road projects and keep one alternate route. A short mileage can still be time-sensitive.
WEATHER + INSURANCE • Ask about roof age, deductible structure, prior claims and the availability/cost of coverage before the contract deadline. • Identify the safest available location and use official weather alerts; consider a NOAA Weather Radio.	LAND + WATER • Review flood information, drainage, slopes, retaining walls, easements and road access with qualified professionals. • For septic/well, acreage, waterfront and mountain homes, allow extra time and specialty inspections.

Parcel-level question bank

- Which city/county, school district, utility systems, fire district and postal address apply to this parcel?
- Are there recorded easements, private-road agreements, HOA/architectural rules or rental restrictions?
- What is the source of water and wastewater service? Are capacity, taps or maintenance concerns known?
- What development, road, industrial or commercial projects are approved or proposed nearby?
- What insurance coverage is available today, at what deductible and with which inspections required?
- What will ownership cost after year one when incentives, tax escrows or builder-paid items change?

Fair-housing note Your agent can provide listings and objective resources. Buyers should make their own decisions about schools, crime, demographics, religion, disability access and other personal/community factors using sources they trust.

PLAN A SCOUTING TRIP WITH LOCAL SOURCES

Regional Visitor & Community Information

These offices are useful for current event calendars, visitor maps, attraction updates and local-business directories. They are also the best backup when a venue changes hours or contact information.

PLACE	ADDRESS	CONTACT
Visit North Alabama Regional	P.O. Box 1075, Decatur, AL 35602	256-350-3500 info@northalabama.org Website / verify details
Huntsville/Madison County CVB Huntsville & Madison	500 Church Street NW, Suite One, Huntsville, AL 35801	256-551-2230 info@huntsville.org Website / verify details
Athens-Limestone Tourism Athens / Limestone	101 S. Beaty Street, Athens, AL 35611	256-232-2600 stephanie@visitathensal.com Website / verify details
Decatur Morgan County Tourism Decatur / Morgan	350 Market Street NE, Decatur, AL 35601	256-350-2028 dgibson@visitdecatur.org Website / verify details
Cullman County Tourism Cullman	301 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055	256-734-0454 hheard@cullmantourism.com Website / verify details
Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Florence / Shoals	200 Jim Spain Drive, Florence, AL 35630	256-740-4141 rob@visitflorenceal.com Website / verify details
Colbert County Tourism Muscle Shoals region	719 U.S. Highway 72 W., Tuscumbia, AL 35674	256-383-0783 colberttourism@comcast.net Website / verify details
Marshall County Tourism Guntersville / Arab	1601 Gunter Avenue, Guntersville, AL 35976	256-582-7015 katy@explorelakeguntersville.com Website / verify details
Mountain Lakes Chamber Scottsboro / Jackson	407 E. Willow Street, Scottsboro, AL 35768	256-259-5500 lydia@mountainlakeschamber.com Website / verify details
DeKalb County Tourism Fort Payne / Mentone	2114 N. Gault Avenue, Fort Payne, AL 35968	256-845-3957 dcta@tourdekalb.com Website / verify details

Getting here & around

Huntsville International Airport (HSV) — 1000 Glenn Hearn Boulevard, Huntsville, AL 35824 • 256-772-9395

Huntsville public transportation — Parking & Public Transportation Office: 500-B Church Street, Huntsville, AL 35801 • 256-427-6811

Regional driving — I-65 is the primary north–south spine; I-565 connects Decatur/Madison/Huntsville; U.S. 72 and U.S. 431 link many east–west and lake communities.

FAST, DIRECT ANSWERS

North Alabama Relocation FAQ

What are the best places to move in North Alabama?

The strongest starting list is Huntsville, Madison, Athens, Decatur/Hartselle, Hampton Cove/Owens Cross Roads, the north-Huntsville growth communities, Cullman, the Shoals, Guntersville/Arab, Scottsboro and Fort Payne/Mentone. The best fit depends on work location, housing type, service radius and lifestyle.

Where should I live for a Huntsville aerospace or defense job?

Start by plotting the exact work site or Redstone Arsenal gate. Huntsville, Madison, Hampton Cove, Athens and north-metro communities can all work, but peak routes differ. A real drive test matters more than mileage.

Where is the best lake living in North Alabama?

Guntersville and the Lake Guntersville/Jackson County side are the clearest lake-first choices. The Shoals and Decatur also offer river-oriented living. Waterfront buyers should verify flood, insurance, shoreline/dock rights and year-round access early.

Which places feel most walkable?

Look first at specific downtown pockets in Huntsville, Florence, Athens, Decatur, Cullman and Fort Payne. Walkability is address-specific; most of the region remains car-oriented.

Where can I find a smaller-town feel with interstate access?

Athens, Hartselle and Cullman are strong starting points. Each offers a distinct downtown and access to I-65, with different commute lengths and service patterns.

How do I compare school options?

Verify the assigned district for each parcel, then visit and compare programs, capacity, transportation and policies that matter to you. Do not assume a city name or ZIP code equals a school assignment.

What should I know about tornadoes and severe weather?

Every household should identify its safest available shelter location, use official alerts and factor roof condition, deductibles and insurance availability into the purchase. Property-specific advice should come from qualified safety and insurance professionals.

Should I sell before I buy in North Alabama?

It depends on cash, financing, risk tolerance and timing. Options can include selling first, a home-sale contingency, bridge financing, temporary housing or negotiated possession. Model the timeline before listing or offering.

Need a personalized answer? Send Cindy your work location, target payment, preferred housing style, must-have amenities and move date. She can turn this regional guide into a property-level shortlist.

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Sources, Verification & Use Notes

Contact details were checked against the linked organization, government, healthcare, tourism, city or venue pages on September 6, 2026. Every directory entry includes a live source link so readers can verify current hours, services, fees and contact information.

Primary regional and government sources

- [Visit North Alabama](#)
- [Huntsville/Madison County Convention & Visitors Bureau](#)
- [Alabama State Parks](#)
- [National Park Service — Little River Canyon](#)
- [U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service — Wheeler NWR](#)
- [Alabama Law Enforcement Agency](#)
- [Alabama Department of Revenue — Property Tax](#)
- [Alabama Secretary of State — Alabama Votes](#)
- [Alabama 811](#)
- [Huntsville International Airport](#)

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