

Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area

Davidson-Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve is located within a larger area designated by Congress as a National Heritage Area, to recognize the unique history, environment and culture of the surrounding communities. In addition to the nature preserve, the Heritage Area includes Panola Mountain State Park, the Monastery of the Holy Spirit, Flat Rock Archives and AWARE – Atlanta Wild Animal Rescue Effort. To learn more about the Heritage Area visit www.arabiaalliance.org.



Enjoy Your Visit and Stay Safe

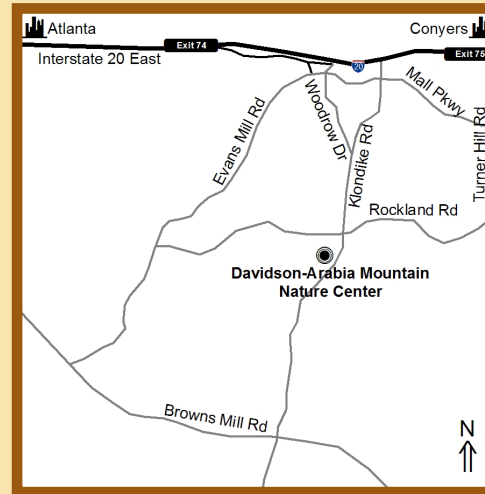
- Bring sunscreen, insect repellent and plenty of water for you and your pet.
- Do not remove any plants, wildlife or artifacts.
- Stay on trails marked with a blaze or cairns (stacked stone markers).
- Do not walk on vegetation or in solution pits/pools on the rock outcrops, whether wet or dry.
- Dogs must be on leash. Dispose of pet waste properly.
- No fires, glass containers, spray paint or amplified sound.
- Pack it in, pack it out. Leave no trace of your visit.

Visit the website for additional information.

Directions:

From Atlanta: Take I-20 east to Exit # 74 - Evans Mill Rd. Bear right at the first Evans Mill off-ramp. Turn left onto Evans Mill and continue straight through the intersection onto Mall Parkway. Turn right at the next intersection onto Klondike Rd. and go 1.5 miles. The Nature Center is on the right, past the roundabout.

From Conyers: Take I-20 west to Exit 75 – Turner Hill Rd. Turn left onto Turner Hill Rd. and follow it until it turns into Rockland Rd. At the intersection of Rockland Rd. and Klondike, turn left. The nature center is on the right.



Hours of Operation

Nature Center Building:

Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sat. and Sun. - By appointment.

Nature Preserve:

Daily, dawn to dusk.

Address:

Davidson-Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve.

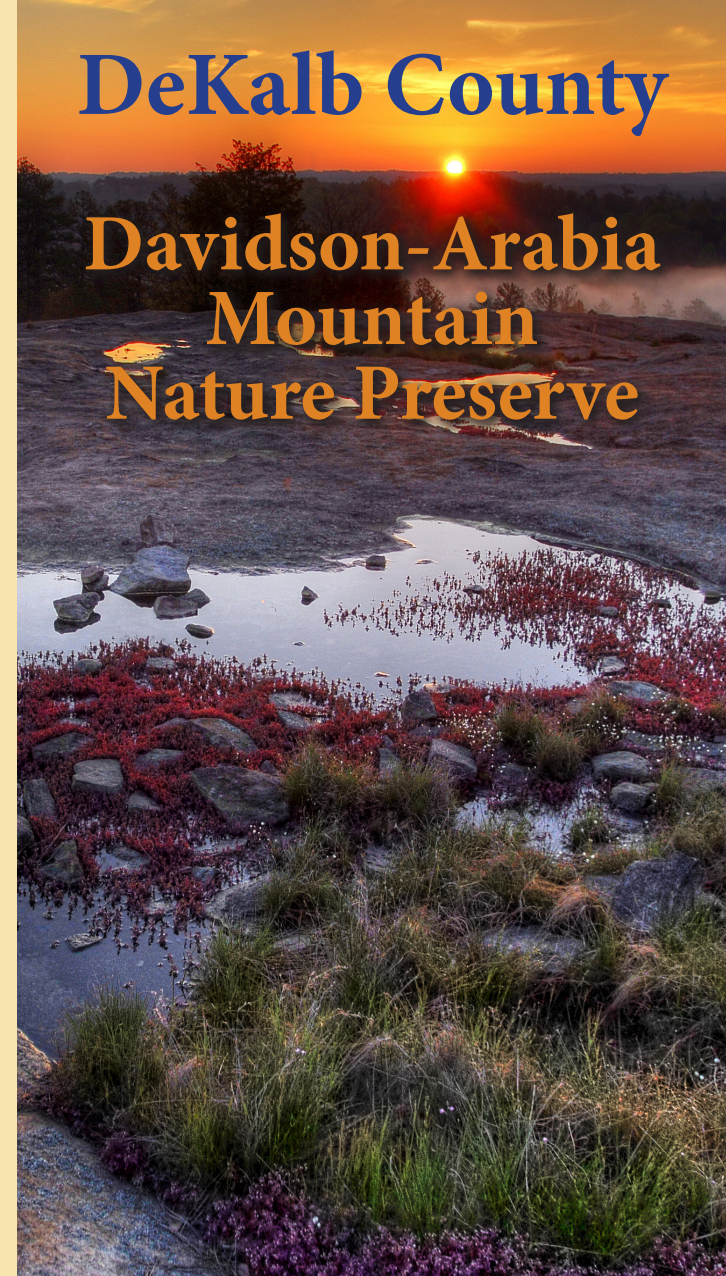
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Natural Wonders

Davidson-Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve is a unique destination for those who want to experience nature and learn about the natural world. While only minutes from Atlanta or Decatur, this 2,500-acre preserve feels as though you are miles and miles away from city life. The nature preserve includes a variety of birds and other wildlife plus spectacular rock outcrops, Arabia Lake, woodland trails, rushing creeks, historic sites, panoramic views, forests and wildflower-filled fields that can be enjoyed year round. Its unique ecology has made it home to many rare and federally protected species. We encourage you to enjoy the nature preserve; take your memories with you but please leave all natural things behind for others to enjoy.



Recreation

Ranger-led interpretive hikes that showcase interesting natural, cultural and historical features of the nature preserve are offered every Friday and Sunday morning, 8:00 a.m. in summer and 9:00 a.m. at other times of the year. Call the nature preserve at 770-484-3060 for a reservation and to confirm the start time. Visitors can also walk the one-mile trail to Arabia Lake or enjoy one of many beautiful forest trails within the nature preserve.

A 15-mile paved hike and bike trail winds through Davidson-Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve and links it to the City of Lithonia, Stonecrest Mall, Panola Mountain State Park and the South River. Grab your bike for a leisurely outing and picnic or for a more challenging workout. Bicycles and skates are allowed on the paved trails, not on unpaved trails or rock outcrops. Visit The PATH Foundation at www.pathfoundation.org for bike trail maps.



Education

Davidson-Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve offers amazing opportunities for environmental education. The ranger staff presents quarterly programs on a variety of topics, including native plants and animals, geology and ecology. Visit www.dekalbcountyga.gov/natural_resources/education to view a list of upcoming programs. Special programs in these or other areas of interest can be scheduled by request for school groups, scout troops, 4-H clubs, and others and can be tailored to different age groups. If you are a teacher, group or club leader interested in scheduling a program, contact the office at 770-484-3060 to obtain a Program Request Form or go to the website noted above.

