



Learning Campus

AT GULF STATE PARK

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Located in Alabama's beautiful Gulf State Park, the Learning Campus serves as an educational basecamp for visiting school groups, post-secondary students, teachers, researchers, scout troops, adult learners, and other nature enthusiasts. It provides an opportunity for learning through immersive programming and hands-on experiences to connect with the natural and cultural heritage of the park and Alabama, inspiring visitors to live well and in harmony with the world around them. Sustainably designed and operated facilities include indoor and outdoor classrooms, a laboratory, meeting space, overnight accommodations, and dining.

GULF STATE PARK EDUCATIONAL ASSETS

- Learning Campus: An educational basecamp offering programs focused on the nine local ecosystems, regional cultural heritage, and sustainability through public and private classes, field excursions, eco-arts, lab work, guided hikes, bikes, and activities.
- Interpretive Center: Alabama's most environmentally-friendly building; pursuing LEED Platinum and full Living Building Challenge certifications; the facility generates its own energy and water and offers interactive interpretive exhibits.
- Nature Center: A living museum of plants and animals that are native to the Gulf Coast; educational programs; environmental films; guided nature, beach and pier walks and weekly activities schedule.
- Fishing & Educational Pier: The largest pier on the Gulf of Mexico; saltwater fishing, wildlife watching and interpretive signage.
- Hugh S. Branyon Backcountry Trail: 28 miles of hiking and biking trails through the 6,150 acres and nine ecosystems of the park; look for alligators, bobcat, raccoons, gopher tortoise, marsh rabbits, coyote, bald eagles, osprey, great blue herons and more.
- Over 2 miles of pristine sugar white beaches, home to nesting sea turtles, nesting shorebirds and the endangered Alabama beach mouse.
- Three lakes: Lake Shelby (592 acres); Middle Lake (193 acres); Little Lake (39 acres).
- Additional activities: Birding, geocaching, bicycling, kayaking, paddleboard, guided tours (hike, bike, kayak, Segway).
- Nearby partners include Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge, Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Graham Creek Nature Preserve, Dauphin Island Sea Lab & Estuarium, Fort Morgan & Fort Gaines, GulfQuest National Maritime Museum of the Gulf of Mexico, Pensacola Naval Aviation Museum and many others.



LODGING

The Bunkhouse features a common building and two sleeping cabins. The common building includes a check-in desk, gathering spaces, kitchen and a screened porch. The two sleeping cabins are capable of housing up to 64 people. Each sleeping cabin is comprised of 32 beds (16 bunk beds), in addition to four individual bathrooms, four individual showers and laundry facilities.

Bed linens, pillows, and towels provided.



MEETING ROOMS

The Learning Campus offers seven unique meeting rooms of varying sizes, with the flexibility of welcoming up to 200 people.

CAPACITY CHART

	Area, Sq Ft	Dimensions	Capacity
Conservation Hall Prefunction	560		
Conservation Hall	3400	48'x72'	200 Theater
Triple C Meeting Room	675	22'x32'	20 U-shape
Sweetbay Porch	980	25'x40'	32-48 (8 tables)
Longleaf Porch	625	22'x30'	20-30 (5 tables)
Loblolly Classroom	600	20'x25'	18 Classroom
Loblolly Lab	400	16'x25'	8 Classroom
Interpretive Center	920	23'x40'	14-28 (7 tables)



Woodside Restaurant

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Woodside Restaurant, located steps away from the Learning Campus, provides a friendly and casual dining experience. Your group can enjoy our air-conditioned dining room, our screened porch, or dine beneath the pines at one of our picnic tables on the deck. Hitting the trails to explore the park? Picnic meals can be arranged to go.

Open Daily | Call 251.923.3100

(Discuss your food and beverage options with your Learning Campus sales representative)