

## THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA MUSEUMS

The University of Alabama Museums include the **Alabama Museum of Natural History**, **Moundville Archaeological Park** and the **Gorgas House**. These museums maintain extensive research collections and provide public education programs and exhibits that reflect the history and culture of Alabama. Please visit the web site at [museums.ua.edu](http://museums.ua.edu).

The **Alabama Museum of Natural History** has two facilities for its collections and exhibits. Smith Hall, built at the turn of the century, has galleries and a grand exhibition hall containing displays of fossils, rocks and minerals from the Coal Age, the Dinosaur Age and the Ice Age, as well as a changing exhibits gallery. Hours are Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., except for University holidays. Admission is charged. The Scientific Collections Facility, open to scholars and researchers, holds some of the largest scientific collections in the region. For information, call (205)348-7550 or visit the web site at [amnh.ua.edu](http://amnh.ua.edu).

**Moundville Archaeological Park** is a 320-acre National Historic Landmark containing more than 20 preserved prehistoric Indian mounds, the Jones Archaeological Museum, a campground, picnic areas, a boardwalk nature trail, a conference center and an Indian Village exhibit with life-size dioramas depicting everyday activities. The park is open daily 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. The museum is open 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., except for University holidays. Admission is charged. For information, call (205)371-2234 or (205)371-2572 or visit the park web site at [moundville.ua.edu](http://moundville.ua.edu).

The **Gorgas House**, built in 1829, is one of four buildings which survived the burning of The University of Alabama during the Civil War in 1865. Designed as a dining hall for students, it later became known as the Gorgas House because former Confederate general Josiah Gorgas, who served briefly as president of The University of Alabama, and his wife, Amelia Gayle Gorgas, moved there in the late 19th century. The building is now a house museum and an education center, open to the public Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., except for University holidays. For information, call (205)348-5906 or visit the web site at [gorgashouse.ua.edu](http://gorgashouse.ua.edu).

The University of Alabama Museums are available for **rent after-hours** for receptions and special events.

The University of Alabama Museums' **Office of Archaeological Services** operates the Erskine Ramsay Archaeological Repository at the David L. DeJarnette Archaeological Research Center. This state-of-the-art facility holds one of the largest and rarest historical and archaeological collections in the country. Researchers from all over the world use The University of Alabama Museums' collections as a basis for scholarly papers and books. Artifacts from the collections are on display in museums throughout the Southeast. For information, call (205)348-7774 or (205)371-2266 or visit the web site at [archaeology.ua.edu](http://archaeology.ua.edu).

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NOTE: For information on the Paul W. Bryant Museum, see page 153, The University of Alabama Sports Buildings and Facilities.