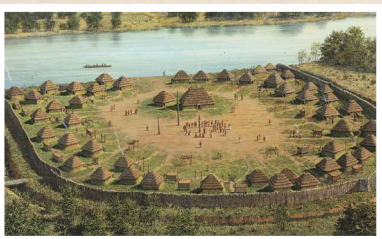


# Old Cahawba



- 1** ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - Built in Cahawba 1854; moved away 1887; returned 2006 but placed on higher ground to avoid flooding. Notice the vertical "board and batten" siding, typical of Gothic Revival style.
- 2** ARTESIAN WELL - Hidden behind the relocated church, this well, like most of Cahawba's artesian wells, flowed continuously since the 1850s, then suddenly and mysteriously went dry in the 1990s.
- 3** NATURE TRAIL - This paved walkway takes you through a uniquely southern habitat, on a 1/2 mile loop that includes a scenic overlook on Clear Creek. Also, a spur trail leads to an accessible canoe launch for the Cahaba River. SELF-GUIDING BROCHURE AVAILABLE
- 4** SALTmarsh GRAVESTONES - These gravestones are the dislocated remains of the Saltmarsh family cemetery. If the actual location of this graveyard is ever found, these stones will be returned.
- 5** RAILROAD EMBANKMENT - Before the Cahaba, Marion, and Greensboro Railroad met success in 1858, this earthen embankment was part of an earlier failed attempt in the 1830s to build a railroad.
- 6** GRAVE OF MARY ELIZA PERINE - Mary Eliza died in childbirth in 1838, and was buried behind her home.
- 7** STATEHOUSE PAVILION - This marks the site of Alabama's first Capitol building which collapsed in the 1830s.
- 8** SITE OF INDIAN VILLAGE - Remnant of a moat that once surrounded a fortified 16th century Native American village.
- 9** SITE OF "CASTLE MORGAN" - A cotton warehouse converted into a prison for captured federal soldiers during the Civil War. Walk the perimeter of the 200 x 125 foot prison by noticing changes in the ground elevation caused by discarded brick rubble from the prison walls.



- 10** CROCHERON COLUMNS 1843 - Ruins of the R. C. Crocheron home that overlooked the two rivers and was attached to an older 80 ft. long brick store (1821). Look for brick columns as well as the basement that was once beneath the store. Destroyed by fire December 30, 1923.
- 11** VINE STREET - Cahawba's main street; once filled with stores, offices, and hotels. Look for grassy mounds covering collapsed brick walls, depressions that were basements, and a broken pipe in the road that was an artesian well.
- 12** OLD PECAN ORCHARDS - After Cahawba was abandoned, the Kirkpatrick family planted groves of pecan trees and raised hybrid hogs, forsaking cotton and the one crop system.
- 13** CAHAWBA BURIAL GROUND, PARKING - The town's graveyard for slaves. Note the thorny trifoliolate orange shrub (*Poncirus trifoliata*) near the footbridge. A native of China, this was used as an impenetrable hedge, but also in graveyards perhaps as a reminder of Jesus's crown of thorns. SELF-GUIDING BROCHURE AVAILABLE
- 14** BARKER'S SLAVE QUARTERS - Built in 1860. When the main house burned in 1935, columns and a front porch were added to the old quarters. Note the scars of their removal in 2017.
- 15** FACE WELL 1852 - Look closely, it sports a face and a year of manufacture. During the 1860s, a mystic cedar maze was located nearby and was reportedly haunted by a ghostly ball of light.
- 16** FAMBRO/ARTHUR HOME - The oldest original structure in the park sits on a finished basement, not a tall foundation. Home to both a judge and a former slave, possibly assembled out of two older homes in 1841.



- 17** ONE-ROOM SCHOOL - In 1950, this structure was one of 95 similar segregated schools in Dallas county used by African American children.
- 18** METHODIST CHURCH RUINS - Greek revival style. First single denomination church built in town; last church occupied. Destroyed by fire in 1954.
- 19** VINE STREET RECREATIONAL TRAIL - Enjoy this trail by walking, bicycling or riding horses. Cars and other motorized vehicles are not allowed on this trail.
- 20** PERINE MANSION WELL - Mr. Perine's fine mansion, built in 1857, was dismantled in 1894 and the brick carted away to build other structures. However, the grand overflowing well that was located just outside the back door of this large home continues to flow. Dip your fingers in the well water. The constant 77 degree temperature will seem cool in the summer and warm in the winter.
- 21** "NEW" CEMETERY 1851 - A quiet place to slow down and listen to bird songs. If you believe local folklore, you might also hear ghostly voices or the cry of the mythical Wampus Kat. SELF-GUIDING BROCHURE AVAILABLE
- 22** OLD CAPITAL ERA CEMETERY - Look for brick walls that enclosed family plots and the gravestone with the weeping willow icon, once a popular symbol of mourning and sorrow. Evergreen shrubs planted near graves symbolized a belief in everlasting life.



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