The MOBILE-TENSAW DELTA IS OUR NATION’S SECOND LARGEST RIVER DELTA. It encompasses a vast wetland characterized by estuarine marsh, cypress-tupelo swamp and bottomland hardwood ecosystems.

The Delta has over 50 rare and endangered plant and animal species known to inhabit its wetlands and waterways. The region encompasses 250,000 acres, of which 100,000 are publicly owned and managed. In January 2003 Alabama State Lands implemented the Bartram Canoe Trail system which provides opportunities for recreational boaters, specifically canoeists and kayakers, to enjoy the rivers, streams, lakes, sloughs and bayous of the Delta. Currently the State Lands Division maintains six day-use trails and six overnight trails.

There are two land-based campsites and four floating platform campsites available for the overnight routes. The land based camping areas are open to anyone on a first-come first-served basis. The floating platform campsites are available for the overnight routes. The land based campsites available for the overnight routes. The land based camping areas are open to anyone on a first-come first-served basis. The floating platform campsites are available for the overnight routes.

Floating Camping Platforms – Rules for Use

To ensure a pleasant stay, please review the following guidelines for all floating platform campsites. Below are Rules for Use specific to the Floating Camping Platforms.

1. Floating camping on the floating platforms is limited to only one party or group. No additional groups permitted on the floating platforms.
2. The floating platforms are for overnight camping only. Day-use permits will not be issued.
3. Pets are not permitted on the floating platforms.
4. Only clean firewood is permitted for cooking on the floating platforms. No charcoal grills, briquets, or lighter fluid allowed.
5. No alcohol or beverages are permitted on the floating platforms. Open containers are prohibited.
6. Floating platforms and equipment are to be dismantled and removed by the party when leaving the platform. No garbage, trash, or other debris may be left on the floating platforms for disposal.
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Specific Campsite Rules

Jug Lake
Campsite
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Pet-free camping

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Significant Factors Relating to the Delta Water Levels

Several factors influence the water levels of the Delta. The most important factor influencing the Delta is the Mississippi River, which is the primary source of water for the Delta. Other factors that influence the water levels are evaporation, precipitation, and the local climate. The Delta water levels are also affected by human activities, such as the operation of water control structures, which are used to regulate the flow of water into the Delta.
Alabama State Lands
Bartram Canoe Trail

The MOBILE-TENSAW DELTA is a vast river delta located in south central Alabama. A small part of the delta is located in Mobile County and a larger part located in Baldwin County. The delta is the second largest river delta in the United States and encompasses a vast wetland complex. The delta is a unique ecosystem that supports many unique species of plants and animals that are not found in other parts of the United States.

The MOBILE-TENSAW DELTA is a major feeding area for many migratory species of birds. The delta is also home to many species of fish and other aquatic animals. The delta is a very important area for conservation and it is protected by the Forever Wild Land Trust.

There are many different trails that can be explored in the MOBILE-TENSAW DELTA. The Bartram Canoe Trail is one of the most popular trails in the delta. The trail is about 80 miles long and it takes about 5 days to complete. The trail is rated as moderate and it is suitable for canoeists of all levels of experience.

There are many different campsites along the Bartram Canoe Trail. The campsites are located near the water and they offer good views of the delta. The campsites are well equipped with fire rings and picnic tables. The Bartram Canoe Trail is a great place to spend a few days and enjoy the beauty of the MOBILE-TENSAW DELTA.