



COLDWATER MOUNTAIN

Coldwater Mountain is comprised of 3 acquisitions (Nos. 11, 32 and 50) totaling 4,083 acres of mountainous pine-hardwood northwest of I-20 in Calhoun County, near Anniston and Oxford. The tracts secure a large portion of the local watershed for Coldwater Spring, a unique ecological environment and source of drinking water for local municipalities.

This tract was dedicated as the Doug Ghee Nature Preserve and Recreation Area by the Forever Wild Board in recognition of the former Senator and Forever Wild Board member.

Recreational opportunities include mountain biking (coming Spring 2012), hiking and wildlife observation.

Directions:

From Birmingham, take I-20 East approximately 41.5 Miles to Exit 179 (AL-202/Coldwater Rd.). Turn left onto AL-202 and go approximately 1.7 miles to Calhoun Co. Rd. 109/Coldwater Pump Road. Turn right on Coldwater Pump Road and go approximately 0.1 miles and take the first right onto Tom Burkhart Drive. Take the first road to the left (almost immediately after you turn onto Tom Burkhart Dr.). The parking lot is approximately 0.5 miles down the road on the right.

Coordinates to the parking lot:

N 33.608642
W -85.916645



Longleaf Pine

Better known from the southern coastal plains in the southern part of Alabama, Longleaf Pines (*Pinus palustris*) are also notably found in fire-disturbed mountainous areas in the northeastern portion of Alabama.

Longleaf Pines historically covered approximately 90 million acres. Currently, it covers roughly 3% of its former range, mostly due to clear-cutting practices (in the late 1800s to early 1900s) and lack of fire.

The Longleaf Pine is the state tree of Alabama.

Mole salamanders (Family: Ambystomatidae) are large-bodied salamanders found throughout North America. Six species of mole salamanders occur in Alabama.

Spotted Salamanders (*Ambystoma maculatum*) spend most of their life underground. However, they require fishless, vernal (temporary) ponds in the Spring for reproduction.



Spotted Salamander



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