

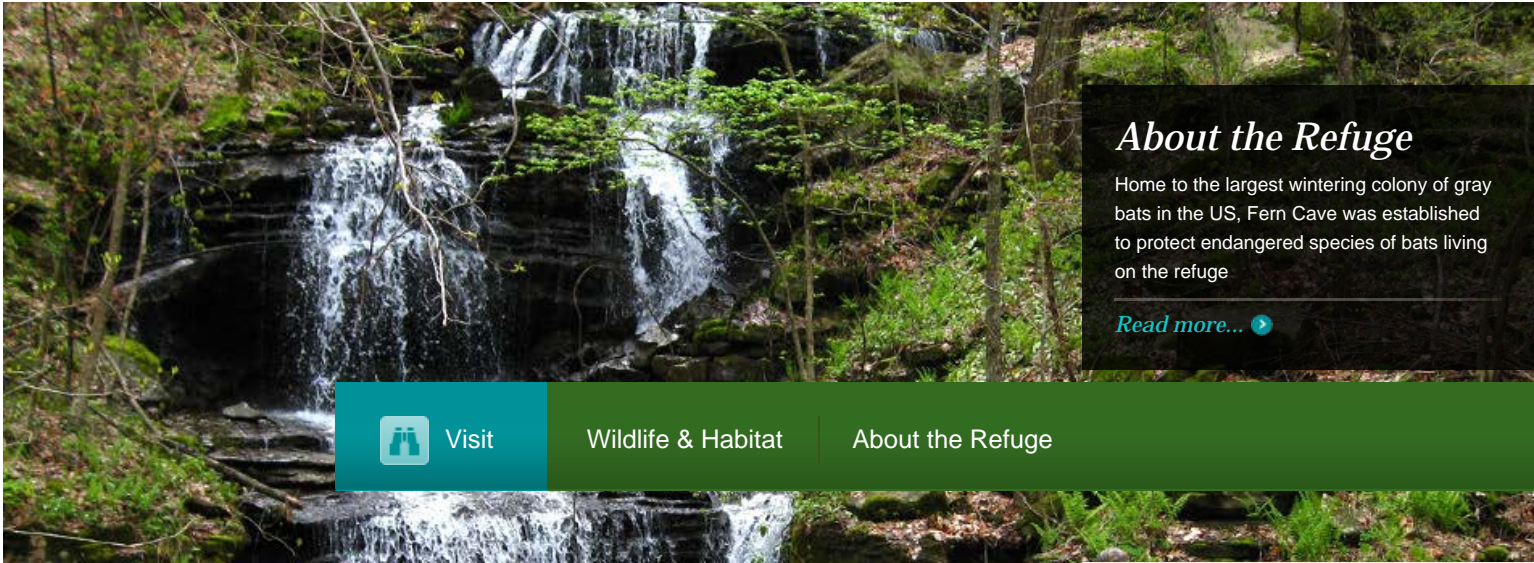


# Fern Cave

National Wildlife Refuge | Alabama



A UNIT OF THE  
National Wildlife  
Refuge System



## About the Refuge

Home to the largest wintering colony of gray bats in the US, Fern Cave was established to protect endangered species of bats living on the refuge

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#### Wheeler Wildlife Refuge Association



The WWRA is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to helping the Wheeler NWR Complex. Follow the link below to learn more about our partners.

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### ABOUT THE COMPLEX

#### Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge Complex

Complex consists of Wheeler (1938), Sauta Cave (1978), Watercress Darter (1980), Fern Cave (1981), Key Cave (1997), Cahaba River (2002), and Mountain Longleaf (2003) National Wildlife Refuges.

Fern Cave is managed as part of the Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

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### Gray Bat

*Fern Cave is home to America's largest wintering colony of gray bats. A vast majority of these bats only hibernate in 8 different caves.*

