

# Old Cahawba



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## **Cemetery Walking Tour of Old Cahawba**

**Saturday, June 4**

**10 am – 11 am**

**Old Cahawba Archaeological Park, Orrville (near Selma)**

The decaying ruins of Old Cahawba's historic cemeteries provide an opportunity for a deeper understanding of the richly layered history surrounding the events that occurred at the site of Alabama's first capital. Join us for a one-hour guided tour as we visit the New Cemetery, established in 1851. This tour will explore the personal sagas of many of those who lived here before joining its community of perpetual residents.

Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable walking shoes.

**Directions:** From downtown Selma, take Highway 22 (Dallas Avenue) west 8.6 miles. Cross over the Cahaba River and turn left onto County Road 9 and follow this 3.3 miles until it dead ends. Turn left onto County Road 2 and follow this 1.5 miles until you see the Welcome Center on the right. Welcome Center Address: 9518 Cahaba Road, Orrville, AL 36767.

**Fee:** \$8.00 per person

For more information contact Jonathan Matthews at [cahawbam@bellsouth.net](mailto:cahawbam@bellsouth.net) or call the park at 334-872-8058.

Old Cahawba lies at the confluence of the Alabama and Cahaba Rivers, and from 1819 to 1826 it served as Alabama's first capital. Today, the Alabama Historical Commission owns and operates this significant archaeological site.

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