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### Top 10 outdoor sites for work and study

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FLORENCE, Ala. – Remote working environments and virtual learning services are quickly becoming the new standard. With safety guidelines restricting our economic and education system during the coronavirus pandemic, society must adapt. To do this, businesses, schools, offices, classrooms, and events with social gatherings are turning to technology and going digital.

Online tools and devices are allowing people to work from anywhere, study at any time, and connect with anyone. With this transition, people are maintaining social distancing and avoiding confined spaces by taking their work outside. Nature is the new office, and the park is the new study hall. For Florence, this is Southern living at its best. This is how life is supposed to be.

If you're looking to take your work and study on an adventure, Florence has you covered! It's time to explore! It's time to discover! It's time to get back back with your backpack. So grab your mask, grab your tablet, get your coffee and get outside!



Below are the Top 10 sites in Florence to keep you connected:

1. **Cane Creek Canyon Nature Preserve**

Cane Creek Canyon Nature Preserve is a 413 acre, privately protected scenic natural area located in the Little Mountains region of Colbert County. With over ten miles of hiking trails, Cane Creek is a great start to get the creative juices flowing for your next big paper. For maps and more information, be sure to check them out at [canecreekcanyon.org](http://canecreekcanyon.org). Although the site seems to be broken at the time of this article.

2. **Florence Harbor Marina**

Want to study on a pier or take your next exam on a boat? Florence Harbor Marina is one mile from Historic Downtown Florence and offers a unique experience like no other. With picnic tables on the pier and pontoon boat rentals, you are sure to enjoy your trip to the “office.” Check them out at: [florenceharbor.com](http://florenceharbor.com).

3. **Hart Campground**

Just west of Florence at Hart Park Way in Waterloo, Hart Campground offers a great escape from the noise. It’s a traditional campground for RV and tent campers alike and offers excellent scenic fishing. Whether you want to sit out on the pier with your laptop and fish or travel in your camper, Hart Campground is a great spot for remote work and study. Check it out at: [hartpark.com/index.html](http://hartpark.com/index.html).

4. **Joe Wheeler State Park**

Located on the east side of Florence in Rogersville, Joe Wheeler State Park is a solid pick for the mobile office. A resort, a restaurant, cabins, cottages, camping, fishing, golf, tennis, swimming, and a marina, Joe Wheeler State Park has it all. With towering pines on the bluff and beautiful views of the Tennessee River, Joe Wheeler State Park is the perfect stress-free environment for online workers. Check it out at: [alapark.com/parks/joe-wheeler-state-park](http://alapark.com/parks/joe-wheeler-state-park).

5. **McFarland Park**

Located in east Florence, McFarland Park is exactly what you would expect from a relaxing outdoor park. With waterfront views, fishing piers, and plenty of picnic shelters, you are bound to find a quaint hotspot to set up shop for your next long study session. Check it out at: [florenceal.org/departments/parks\\_&\\_recreation/mcfarland\\_park.php](http://florenceal.org/departments/parks_&_recreation/mcfarland_park.php).

6. **Natchez Trace Parkway**

If you want to take your work and study on a field trip, the Natchez Parkway is a great place to start. The Natchez Trace is a 10,000-year-old ancient trail that stretches from Natchez, Mississippi to Nashville, Tennessee. This is the perfect place to take your work on the road. Check it out at: [scenictrace.com](http://scenictrace.com).

7. **River Heritage Park**

Located next to the Tennessee River and Wilson Dam, River Heritage Park includes scenic overlooks, picnic shelters, and an interactive fountain. If your business comprises blogging and photography, River Heritage Park has no shortage of content. Check it out at: [florenceal.org/departments/parks\\_&\\_recreation/river\\_heritage.php](http://florenceal.org/departments/parks_&_recreation/river_heritage.php).

8. **Shoal Creek Preserve**

Situated on 300 acres in north Florence, Shoal Creek Preserve is a nature lover’s dream. Forests, bluffs, creeks, and waterfalls, this preserve has a little bit of everything. If you’re

looking for a quiet place to backpack and write, this is the spot. Check it out at: [alabamaforeverwild.com/shoal-creek-preserve](http://alabamaforeverwild.com/shoal-creek-preserve).

9. **Tennessee Valley Authority Reservation**

The Tennessee Valley Authority Reservation (TVAR) hosts one of the most scenic settings in the area. Beyond the natural beauty of wildflowers and birds, the TVAR grants access to a vintage restored railroad bridge that is a true inspiration for the zenthusiasts who want to get in the flow state while focusing on their work.

10. **WildWood Park**

If seclusion is your thing, come to WildWood Park. Located just a couple of minutes from downtown; this park is perfect if you wish to get away for an hour. Nature trails, picnic tables, and pavilion make this an ideal location for your next online meeting. Check it out at: [florencial.org/departments/parks\\_&\\_recreation/wildwood\\_park.php](http://florencial.org/departments/parks_&_recreation/wildwood_park.php).

There are many more sites to visit in Florence and a lot of good ones that are not mentioned here. If you are interested in exploring further, please visit [www.visitflorencial.com](http://www.visitflorencial.com). If you have any personal favorites or feel like I left something out, please let me know in the comments below. Until then, have fun, stay safe, and don't get too lost in your work this year!

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