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Frontier Days at Fort Toulouse-Fort Jackson, Wetumpka, November 7–11, 2012

Who knew there was an early 18th century French Garrisoned Fort tucked away in middle Alabama where the French Marines, Davy Crockett, and Creek Indian Chief William Weatherford roamed? Bring your entire family and experience life on the frontier from 1717 to 1820 at Frontier Days, Fort Toulouse-Fort Jackson–Wednesday, November 7 through Sunday, November 11.

Demonstrators re-enact the French Fort and its inhabitants, English traders, and Native Americans. On the other side of the park, meet General Andrew Jackson and his Tennessee militia, as they staff Fort Jackson at the end of the War of 1812. In-between visit a wide variety of curious merchants selling quality reproductions. Find the archaeological tent and see *real* artifacts discovered here at the juncture of Coosa and Tallapoosa Rivers.

After you recover from the “boom” of cannon fire, stop by the blacksmith and watch him make frontier period weapons and tools. In the nearby Indian village and hunting camp, learn to prepare native food, meet expert archers, and witness the great stomp dance. Talk with Davy Crockett at Fort Jackson. See artisans dressed in period clothes demonstrate authentic frontier trades and crafts. Walk with strolling balladeers, itinerant entertainers, period musicians, and a particularly unusual magician.

The Alabama Historical Commission owns Fort Toulouse-Fort Jackson. It's located at 2521 West Fort Toulouse Road in Wetumpka, two miles west of U.S. Highway 231. Frontier Days admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for students, and under 6, free. Food vendors will be selling food on the grounds. Gates open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm every day. For more information contact the park office at 334.567.3002 or visit the website at <http://preserveala.org/forttoulousejackson.aspx>.

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