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**LARRY DAVENPORT AND KEN WILLS TO PRESENT BOOK TALK AT THE ARCHIVES ON AUGUST 10 AT 12:00
EXPLORING WILD ALABAMA**

Montgomery, AL (7/31/17) – On **Thursday, August 10 at 12:00**, co-authors Larry Davenport and Ken Wills will present a book talk on their publication ***Exploring Wild Alabama: A Guide to the State's Publicly Accessible Natural Areas*** at the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) in Montgomery. Admission is **free**.

Exploring Wild Alabama is a detailed guide to the most beautiful natural destinations in the state. From the rocky outcrops of the Appalachian plateaus to the sugar-white beaches of the Gulf Coast, Alabama offers a wealth of remarkable sites to explore. The book is fully illustrated and includes 28 detailed maps (and GPS coordinates). During this presentation, co-authors Larry Davenport and Ken Wills will highlight unique features of Alabama's landscape and discuss their experiences documenting the state's extraordinary outdoor attractions.

Dr. Larry Davenport is the Paul N. Propst Professor of Natural Sciences at Samford University and is an expert on Alabama's plant life. In 2007, Dr. Davenport was named "Alabama Professor of the Year" by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Ken Wills is president of the Friends of Moss Rock Preserve and currently works for the Jefferson County Health Department. He has traveled the entire state as a natural resource planner and biologist for the Alabama Environmental Council.

Exploring Wild Alabama: A Guide to the State's Publicly Accessible Natural Areas (2016) is published by the University of Alabama Press. Copies will be available for purchase at the event. For more information about the book talk, call (334) 353-4689.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state's government records repository, special collections library and research facility, and is home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. The Archives and Museum are open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30. The EBSCO Research Room is open Tuesday through Friday and the second Saturday of the month from 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call (334) 242-4364.

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