

Transportation in Fort Payne Fact Sheet

- Fort Payne is located in northeastern Alabama, in DeKalb County, situated in Big Wills Valley between Lookout Mountain and Sand Mountain.
- Elevation (Sand Mountain): 1200 feet to 1350 feet,
- Highest point near Fort Payne: ~1500 feet
- Elevation (City of Fort Payne): 850 feet to 1000 feet
- Fort Payne was officially incorporated February 28, 1889.
- Cherokee Origins: The area was originally Cherokee territory, home to the settlement of Willstown, led by Cherokee headman William “Big Will” Weber.

- Major Employers:
 - Vulcraft
 - Seimens
 - Heil
- Notable Historic Sites
 - Fort Payne Opera House
 - Fort Payne Depot
 - Main Street Historic District
 - Alabama Builders Hardware Manufacturing Company Complex

- Nearby Attractions
 - Little River Canyon
 - DeSoto State Park
- State Route 35 (AL-35) is a 68-mile-long state highway in the northeastern part of the state of Alabama. AL-35 runs from US-72 in the town of Woodville, Jackson County to AL-9 near the town of Cedar Bluff in rural Cherokee County.
- AL-35 has remained in continuous use since 1940.
- AL-35 runs for about 3.5 miles within the Fort Payne city limits.
- AL-35 intersects two (2) major routes within Fort Payne:
 - US-11
 - Interstate 59 (I-59)
- The current grade going down Sand Mountain on AL-35 is approximately 6 percent.
- These connections make AL-35 a key regional corridor linking Lookout Mountain, Fort Payne, Rainsville, and Scottsboro.