



## THE VILLAGES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY – Field Trip Information

# ALABAMA



### Janney Furnace Park

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Janney Furnace Park is a park surrounding a fifty-foot tall stone furnace in Ohatchee, Alabama. The furnace was built in 1863 by Alfred Janney to produce pig iron due to the prevalence of iron ore in what is now the park. A July 1864 Union raid destroyed all but the stone chimney, which still remains. The furnace is now surrounded by the Calhoun County Confederate Memorial, built by Sons of Confederate Veterans in June 2003; and the 2009 Confederate and Native American Museum, which includes Civil War and Native American artifacts dating back to the Iron Age. The Confederate Memorial is the world's largest black granite confederate memorial. The furnace was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976.



The black granite Calhoun County Confederate Memorial.



The reservoir (formerly filled with water) at Janney Furnace Park. The water in this reservoir powered a steam engine which ran the billows for the furnace. The reservoir was dug by hand.

#### Janney Walking Trail

Visitors are welcome to view the grounds of what was the Janney Iron Furnace complex. The trail begins to the left of the furnace. It will take you to the top where materials would have been loaded. Please stay on the path and look for:

- Charging Bridge directly behind the furnace was used to load materials
- Charcoal House, which would have stood directly across from the charging bridge
- The remnants of the Reservoir which held the water for the steam engine, it is located to your right just past the furnace.
- Iron Ore, which was extracted from the Janney Mountain itself and it litters the trail.



The remaining stone structure of the blast furnace.