

Shades Creek

Flowing Through Time

Shades Creek: Flowing Through Time tells the story of waters and tributaries touching the shores of Birmingham, Mountain Brook, Homewood, Hoover, Bessemer, and other stretches of Jefferson, Bibb, and Shelby Counties in Alabama. Far more than a trickling stream on a slow mosey, Shades Creek has shaped, supported, and influenced life on its journey to today. Learn of explorers and Native Americans; Civil War ironmaking; the water's nurturing of native plants and wildlife; and how Shades Creek shaped modern times by providing inspiration to regional planners such as Warren Manning and Olmsted Brothers. Read, too, of problems in this paradise, brought on by bad judgments or good intentions gone wrong, and of the environmental groups that rallied to rescue and protect the treasure. Prepare to be moved and educated; also welcome a feeling of elation and inspiration—for that's all Shades Creek has ever asked of us: our attention and appreciation. And the chance to flow through time to future generations.



Camp Fletcher Campers fishing in their "Little Shades Creek," HUNTER NICHOLS, 2016.