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Davis Avenue Recreation Center in Mobile listed in the National Register

The National Park Service listed Mobile's Davis Avenue Recreation Center in the National Register of Historic Places on June 27, 2011.

Founded in 1921 as the Davis Avenue Community House, the Davis Avenue Recreation Center was Mobile's first public recreation center for African Americans. The facility included tennis courts, a swimming pool, and a small park for children. The year before, the city of Mobile constructed a "whites-only" recreation center on Spring Hill Avenue.

Mobile's African-American community quickly outgrew the original facility. In 1936, the city replaced it with the current building and named it the Davis Avenue Recreation Center. The center is the only public recreation center in Mobile built with Works Progress Administration funds.

The Davis Avenue Recreation Center's modernist design features simple volumetric forms and an open interior arrangement of multipurpose rooms with large plate glass windows.

The **National Register of Historic Places** is a program of the National Park Service and is the nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. The Alabama Historical Commission administers the program in Alabama.

For more information about the National Register of Historic Places, visit:
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