On April 5, 1856, Booker T. Washington was born a slave on the 207-acre farm of James Burroughs.

After the Civil War, Washington became founder and first principal of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial School.

Later as an adviser, author and orator, his past would influence his philosophies as the most influential African American of his era. Come explore his birthplace in Franklin County.

The park is one of the few places where one can see how slavery and the plantation system worked on a smaller scale.

It provides a focal point for discussion about one of the most powerful African Americans in history and the evolving context of race in American society.

Interpretive programs are available daily, weather-permitting. A quarterly calendar of events is available upon request.

The park's visitor center contains exhibits on Washington's life and legacy and offers an audio-visual program interpreting his career and accomplishments.

The site was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1966 and designated a National Monument on April 2, 1956.