

Share the Parkway

At this time last year, we were holding focus groups to talk about safety on the Natchez Trace Parkway. We appreciated your participation in the focus groups. We have used the information we gathered at the focus groups to move forward on our program to enhance the safety of all Parkway users.

Based upon what we learned from you, we have four committees that focus on: providing information and education, acquiring data, determining the most effective techniques to enhance visibility, and evaluating the effectiveness of our signs and the sharrows.

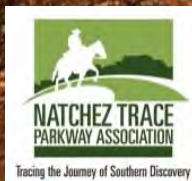
- ✓ *We developed bicycling safety awareness banners for the NPS and community visitor centers along the Parkway.*
- ✓ *We revised all of the bicycling-related webpages.*
- ✓ *We developed a radio and TV bicycling public service announcement (PSA) through the efforts of the Holdiness Fund and the Natchez Trace Parkway Association (NTPA).*

- ✓ *We acquired a grant for non-profit organizations to increase the number of times the PSA is shown.*
- ✓ *ACA continues to review ongoing bicyclist studies.*
- ✓ *Through the Holdiness Fund and NTPA, rangers provided safety information and handed out high-visibility vests and lights to bicyclists who weren't using them.*
- ✓ *We distributed Scotch tape rolls decorated with bicycles to bicyclists as an acknowledgement and thank you for wearing high-visibility clothing and a helmet and having lights.*
- ✓ *We are gathering data about bicycle use on the Parkway.*
- ✓ *We contracted with the Volpe Institute to evaluate the effectiveness of current signs and sharrows.*

As we continue to move forward, we will send out periodic updates to our mailing list. Again, we thank you for your interest in enhancing the safety of all users of the Natchez Trace Parkway.

Sincerely,

*Mary Risser
Superintendent, Natchez Trace Parkway*



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