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A Unique Journey from Natchez to Nashville

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You’ve made a great choice, taking the Natchez Trace. Stretching 444 miles from Natchez, Mississippi to Nashville, Tennessee, the Trace can take you places you’ll never forget. From Native American burial mounds to antebellum mansions, placid lakes to Civil War battle sites, nature trails to urban cityscapes, this All-American Road & National Scenic Byway takes you deep into the heart of an extraordinary American experience.

So take your time—there’s lots to take in: beautiful scenery, exciting history, recreational adventures and cultural attractions. All this and more on a road ready to take you away.

History at every turn.

When you take the Natchez Trace, you’re following some pretty big footsteps. The Trace doesn’t just take you back in history, it takes you all the way back to pre-history when mastodons and giant bison carved the original path. On their heels came the first hunters, who in turn gave rise to the Chickasaw, the Natchez, the Choctaw and numerous other tribes. Then the conquistadors arrived, and following them came the trappers and the “Kaintuck” boatmen, who floated their goods down the Mississippi to sell all-lock, stock and flatboat in New Orleans, before tramping home on the Trace.

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Restrooms & Drinking Water Availabilities

Outdoor drinking fountains may be shut off November to mid-March.

Mount Locust ... Mile Marker 15.5
Just north of Natchez, MS visitors may take a guided tour of Mt. Locust. The only surviving "stand" or inn, on the Natchez Trace. Mt. Locust opens daily 9:00AM–4:30PM.

Parkway Information Cabin ... Mile Marker 102.4
Visitors may join a ranger-led program on local, natural or cultural history, and enjoy access to a multi-use trail in Ridgeland, MS. The Information Cabin is open 9:00AM–4:30PM.

Natchez Trace Parkway Visitor Center ... Mile Marker 266
This is the primary visitor center for the Natchez Trace Parkway located in Tupelo, MS. Visitors will find exhibits and a park orientation film. There is also the opportunity to get passport stamps. A bicycle-only campground is located near the Visitor Center. Visitor Center hours are 9:00AM–5:00PM Mon–Sat and NOON–4PM on Sun.

Meriwether Lewis ... Mile Marker 386
Here, in Hohenwald, TN, visitors can find out about hours during your trip. This is the primary visitor center for the Natchez Trace Parkway located in Tupelo, MS. Visitors will find exhibits, walking trails, restrooms and campgrounds. Call 1-800-305-7417 to find out about hours during your trip.

Mount Locust Visitor Center & Headquarters ... Mile Marker 266
The Natchez Trace Parkway is managed by the National Park Service (NPS). Travelers along the Parkway have the opportunity to access both NPS and city-run information centers. The following locations are staffed by uniformed NPS rangers. Some visitor centers are seasonal; however, all offer restrooms, exhibits and information.

For more information, please call the Parkway Visitor Center at 800.305.7417 or visit the park’s website at www.nps.gov/natr. For emergencies, call 911.

Laws & Regulations

Speed Limit

The maximum speed limit on the Natchez Trace Parkway is 50 mph, but there are areas where the speed limit is reduced. The National Park Service heavily enforces the posted speed limits.

Traffic Control Signs & Devices

Watch the signs and obey the traffic lines on the roadway.

Current Documents

A valid driver’s license is required as well as proof of up-to-date vehicle insurance on the vehicle you are driving.

Vehicles Must Be In Good Working Order

All lights must work, including trailer lights if pulling a trailer. The tag light must work on vehicles and trailers. No cracks are allowed on the windshield on the driver’s side.

Scenic Trace

License Plates

License Plates are not allowed to be covered by any covering that obscures the numbers and letters for a distance of 50 feet or greater. This includes frames that cover the stickers or the county name.

Littering

Trash cans are available at every parking area.

Alcohol

Visitors are allowed to possess and transport unopened containers of alcohol to their destination. Open containers are illegal and not allowed.

Firearms

People who can legally possess firearms under applicable federal and state laws may legally possess firearms in this park.

Commercial Vehicles

Commercial vehicles are not allowed. Vehicles with company logos are considered commercial; even if the vehicle is a small car or small truck.

Special Use Permits

Organized activities, weddings, group tours or other activities may require a Special Use Permit. Contact the Natchez Trace Parkway at 800.305.7417 for more information.

If in Doubt

For more information, contact the Natchez Trace Parkway at 800.305.7417 or visit the park’s website at www.nps.gov/natr.
No wonder taking the Natchez Trace on two wheels—whether on bicycle or motorbike—is a popular activity. The view is terrific! However, while bicycling and motorcycling are great ways to get an up close experience of nature, they also pose dangers and challenges. Below are rules and suggestions that should make your travels along the Natchez Trace Parkway not only enjoyable, but safe:

- Wear a helmet and highly visible clothing.
- Ride defensively and be seen.
- Ride from sunrise to sunset. Plan to be off the road by dark.
- Observe all traffic regulation and laws.
- Always carry water.
- Carry a cell phone, ID and medical cards, as well as I.C.E. (In Case of Emergency) information.
- Let someone know your itinerary.
- In case of an emergency call 911.
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Biking on the Trace

The National Park Service (NPS) provides three general and five bicycle campgrounds along the Natchez Trace Parkway to help make your visit more enjoyable. Each general campground has a picnic table, fireplace with grill, and a level tent site. Drinking water and comfort stations are provided in the general campgrounds. There are no showers, electrical hookups, hot water or dumping stations located at the NPS campgrounds. Outdoor water sources are usually shut off from November through mid-March. Water may be found at Parkway restrooms. Please follow these rules that have been established for your enjoyment and safety:

- No camp fees or reservations are required.
- Only camp and park in designated areas.
-Quiet hours are from 10PM to 6AM.
- No cutting plants, digging or leveling ground is allowed anywhere in the Park.
- Leave your campsite clean.
- Make fires in designated rings or grates, and use only downed wood.
- Pets must be on a leash.
- Fireworks are prohibited.
- People who can legally possess firearms under applicable federal and state laws may legally possess firearms in this park.
- Camping is limited to 14 days at any one campground and 30 days maximum for all Parkway campgrounds combined.
- There are no reservations, and campsites may not be held or reserved for others.
- Organized groups should make advanced arrangements by calling the Visitor Center at 662.680.4027 or 800.305.7417.

Motorcycling on the Trace

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<td>Supplies and gas are available four miles west of the Parkway on TN Highway 20 toward Hohenwald, TN.</td>
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<td>Jeff Busby • Mile Marker 193.1 (18 campsites)</td>
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<td>The closest available location for food, and supplies is at Mile marker 195.5 at the Ackerman, MS Exit.</td>
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<td>Follow the signs to the TN Highway 50 trailhead of the Natchez Trace National Scenic Trail. The campsite is located near the horse staging area. Picnic tables, water, fire grate and garbage cans are available. The nearest restrooms are at the Gordon House and Ferry Site just south of TN Highway 50 at Mile Marker 407.7.</td>
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| COLUMBIA The Wheel 11 Public Square, Columbia, TN 38401 931.321.2925 |
| FRANKLIN Harpeth Bicycles 335 Mayfield Dr., Franklin, TN 37067 615.567.6612 • harpethbicycles.com |
| NASHVILLE • AREA Trace Bikes 8400 Hwy. 105, Nashville, TN 37221 615.668.2485 • tracebikes.com |
| Lubbock Cyclery 2010 W. End Ave., Nashville, TN 37203 615.326.2453 |
| Cumberland Transit 2807 W. End Ave., Nashville, TN 37203 615.321.4049 • cumberlandtransit.com |

**Witch Dance • Mile Marker 233.2**

Tent camping is permitted in the picnic area and at the horse staging area to the west and south of the restrooms. No camping is allowed in the picnic loop. Restrooms, picnic tables, fire grates, garbage cans and water are available.

**Kosciusko • Mile Marker 159.7**

Turn west onto the road marked District Ranger Office located just south of the Kosciusko Information Center. A tent symbol and arrow direct you into the camping area. Picnic tables, water, tent pads, pit toilet and fire grate are available.

**Notes:** Kosciusko Welcome Center restrooms are open from 9AM–4PM daily, except for holidays.

**PARKWAY EMERGENCIES:** CALL 911
STRETCH YOUR LEGS ★ EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS

Wayside exhibits, interpretive signs and exhibit shelters are more than just a great excuse to stop, stretch and enjoy the view. They’re also a great way learn and enjoy more of the historic, natural wonder that is the Natchez Trace. So look for the signs—there’s always more to explore on the Parkway!

Mile Marker 0 ♦ The Southern Terminus
Northward, ho! Your journey begins in Natchez, MS.

Mile Marker 10.3 ♦ Emerald Mound
A true jewel. Built by the Natchez Indians around 1400 AD, this magnificent ceremonial mound is the second largest of its type in the nation, covering nearly eight acres, with a trail leading to the top.

Mile Marker 15.5 ♦ Mt. Locust
Hospitality frontier-style. Before 1820, as many as 50 stands like Mt. Locust were established to host weary, thirsty travelers. Mount Locust is the only one remaining. Stop and drink in the history.

Mile Marker 41.5 ♦ The Sunken Trace
The Sunken Trace is one of the most photographed sites along the Parkway. The Trace appears sunken in this spot due to thousands of travelers walking on the easily eroded loess soil. This short trail will allow you to walk on the Natchez Trace just as thousands have before you.

Mile Marker 54.8 ♦ Rocky Springs
Rocky Springs once was the point travelers said goodbye to “civilization” before they entered the “wilderness.” Although the town was decimated by yellow fever, today there is an old church still standing, along with hiking trails, campsites, a stream and an old cemetery to explore.

Mile Marker 102.4 ♦ Parkway Information Cabin
Visit a park ranger to help plan your visit and access the Multiuse Trail.

Mile Marker 106.9 ♦ Boyd Site
Here’s a spot to dig deeper. Constructed during the late Woodland—early Mississippian period, from 800–1100 AD. Boyd Site is now home to one of 20 interpretive American Indian historic sites on the Parkway.Boyd Site is now home to one of 20 interpretive American Indian historic sites on the Parkway.

Mile Marker 122 ♦ Cypress Swamp
A self-guided trail through a water tupelo/bald Cypress Swamp. A lucky visitor may see an alligator on this one-half mile trail with boardwalks.

Mile Marker 193.1 ♦ Jeff Busby
When we say this is a high point of your journey, we mean it, as this exhibit is located 683 feet above sea level at one of the highest points in Mississippi and the highest on the Parkway. At Jeff Busby, you’ll also find a campground and a hike up to a terrific view of the surrounding countryside.

Mile Marker 206 ♦ Cypress Swamp
A truly awesome sight—and must-see site. A 90-acre complex of eight different burial mounds, built between 1,800 and 2,000 years ago during the Middle Woodland period, stands as evidence of the once-standing town.

Mile Marker 327.3 ♦ Colbert Ferry
Today a spectacular bridge takes you across the Tennessee River, but in the early 1800’s,George Colbert operated a stand and ferry at this spot. Colbert Ferry is a great place to enjoy a picnic by the river, find restrooms or use the boat launch.

Mile Marker 330.2 ♦ Rock Spring
Rock Spring offers a short half-mile loop that takes you past Colbert Creek and away from the traffic of the Parkway.

Mile Marker 357.9 ♦ Old Trace Drive
Take a spin on a true antique: This is one of two locations along the Parkway where visitors may drive “on” the Old Natchez Trace. This drive is not suitable for travel trailers.

Mile Marker 365 ♦ Meriwether Lewis
The famous explorer Lewis led a dramatic life and died a mysterious death right here. Visit his grave site and do some exploring of your own at this 300-acre park. Also find campgrounds, a picnic area, self-guided walking trails and restrooms.

Mile Marker 391.9 ♦ Fall Hollow Trail
If you are interested in waterfalls, you will want to take a short walk on the Fall Hollow Trail. A five-minute walk will take you to a viewing platform to see a small waterfall. Those interested in continuing on will be rewarded with numerous small cascades.

Mile Marker 407.7 ♦ Gordon House Historic Site
Built in 1818, the Gordon House is one of only two surviving historic buildings on the Natchez Trace Parkway.

Mile Marker 423.9 ♦ TN Valley Divide
When Tennessee joined the Union in 1796, this watershed was the boundary between the United States and the Chickasaw Nation.

Mile Marker 427.6 ♦ Garrison Creek
Restrooms, horse and hiking trails and beautiful fall color highlight this section of the Natchez Trace.

Mile Marker 438 ♦ Birdsong Hollow
The nation’s first double-arch bridge spans 1,648 feet and stands 155 feet tall.

Mile Marker 442 ♦ Northern Terminus
Journey’s end—now it’s time to plan your return! Enjoy southern cooking at the diner that sits at the northern terminus.
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**AMERICAN-INDIAN**

From majestic mounds to authentic villages, the traditional homelands of the Natchez, Choctaw, Chickasaw and their ancestors, the Trace is abundant with American-Indian history, awaiting your exploration.

- Get a close-up view in Natchez at the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians. The site includes a mound area, a museum, a reconstructed Natchez Indian house, nature trails and a picnic pavilion.
- Emerald Mound (mile marker 10.3) was built and used by the Natchez and their ancestors between 1200 and 1730.
- See where Choctaw chief Pushmataha signed the Treaty of Doak’s Stand with President Andrew Jackson, ceding 5.5 million acres of Choctaw land to the United States (sign at mile marker 128.4).
- Bynum Mounds are located 33 miles south of the Tupelo Visitor Center and Parkway Headquarters and are between 1,800 and 2,100 years old.
- Near Tupelo, the exhibits of the Chickasaw Village describe the tribe’s history and daily life, with a nature trail featuring plants the tribe used.
- Pharr Mounds are made up of eight mounds on 90 acres near Tishomingo County.
- Bear Creek Mound (mile marker 308.8) built between 1200 and 1400 AD, is located about 20 miles north of Pharr Mounds. Florence Mound is the largest of its kind in the Tennessee Valley, located near the bank of the Tennessee River. A nearby museum features artifacts from the region dating back 10,000 years.

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CIVIL WAR

Through the blaze of re-enactors’ muskets, into history-rich towns, the Trace and communities along its path preserve some of the most exciting Civil War history in America.

• Travel the Trace and discover where Ulysses S. Grant began his march to destiny... where Nathan Bedford Forrest showed his brilliance... where the largest cavalry force ever amassed in the Western Hemisphere poised for invasion.

• Be a part of one of the longest running tourism events in the nation by attending the Natchez Spring Pilgrimage which includes the “Southern Road to Freedom” musical tribute.

• The preservation of the Raymond Battlefield site has been featured on the History Channel, and its Courthouse was used as a field hospital for Confederate troops.

• Port Gibson was declared “too beautiful to burn” by Grant. Reflect on this time at the Grand Gulf Military Monument Park.

ROMANCE

For Pulitzer-prize winning novelist Eudora Welty, the Natchez Trace inspired the dramatic tale of the Robert Bridegroom, a handsome highwayman who disguised his face with berry juice and stole his maiden as he galloped past on horseback, sweeping her off her feet in a heart-pounding ride to his lair.

While Welty’s story was a fairy tale, it should be noted that the romance of the Natchez Trace is not mere fiction, it is also historic fact. Along the Trace, love blooms as easily as the trees and wildflowers lining its route. Meander along this byway as your own love for the Trace blossoms.

• Share a blanket under the stars at one of the many campgrounds (like President Andrew Jackson did on his honeymoon)…or stay indoors at one of the numerous bed and breakfast establishments or hotels.

• Explore the Trace and her numerous National Scenic Trails, swamps, waterfalls and wildlife.

• Enjoy sumptuous dining.

• Stroll through numerous shopping venues, charming town squares and historic districts.
OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Natural excitement abounds with 65 miles of National Scenic Trail, a pathway perfect for motorcycling, RVing and bicycling, 157 types of birds, waterways, 12 state parks and numerous golf courses adjacent to its path.

Swimming, boating, fishing, sailing—the water is wonderful along the Parkway, at the 33,000-acre Ross Barnett Reservoir in Ridgeland, MS; at the Jamie Whitten Lock and Dam at the Tenn-Tom Waterway near Tishomingo, MS; in AL at Colbert Ferry, and behemoth Pickwick Lake and upriver on Wilson Lake. Hunting, including bow-hunting for the hardy, is excellent in the 38,000-acre Freedom Hills State Wildlife Management Area, in Colbert County, AL.

It’s great to take a drive along the Natchez Trace, and that includes a drive down any of the fairways of the many golf courses along the Natchez Trace, including two featured on Alabama’s famed Robert Trent Jones Trail. The Parkway is a great place to play, no matter what the sport.

- Camp in over 25 campgrounds or adjacent community accommodations.
- Explore 12 adjacent state parks.
- Go bird watching.
- Hike 1–65 miles of National Scenic Trail.
- Bike the path that has been recognized as one of America’s Top 10 Biking Roads.
- Hug miles of gentle curves with gorgeous vistas around every bend as you cruise.
- Bring your horse, and ride the trails.
- See the home of approximately 2,100 different types of plants and 364 different types of wildlife.
- Experience nature in an intimate setting on 33 acres of preserved habitat at Clinton’s Community Nature Center.
- Water ski, fish, play, swim and ride on any of our numerous waterways or reservoirs such as the Ross Barnett Reservoir in Ridgeland or the Tenn-Tom Waterway in Tishomingo County.
- Trek through the dramatic sandstone cliffs at Bear Creek Canyon in Tishomingo State Park.
- Encounter gorgeous waterfalls tucked amid lush native foliage at Cane Creek Canyon and Shoals Creek Nature Preserves in Alabama.
- Tour the small Wayne County Welcome Center in Collinwood, Tennessee to learn about local festivals and enjoy rural attractions like canoeing, fishing and hunting.
- Walk among wildflowers at Sweetwater Branch near Nashville or Cypress Swamp in Ridgeland.

- Touring, Ridgeland, MS
- Hiking, Jeff Busby Trail, MS
- Spring Park, Tuscumbia, AL
- Trace Picnic
- Cooper Falls, Tishomingo State Park, MS
- Motocycling, TN
- Water skiing, Ridgeland, MS
**Did you know?**

- 157 types of birds (and still counting), from jewel-toned hummingbirds to lumbering flocks of wild turkey to graceful, long-limbed blue heron, call the Parkway home. The Parkway is a birder’s delight.
- 2,202 types of plant species, including hardwoods, conifers, old growth and new, from lacy spring dogwood blooms to knobby cypress knees breaking black swamp water to the blaze of fall colors on towering maples and oaks are on the Trace.
- 205 mammals, herptiles and fish species, including deer, fox, armadillo, coyote and eight species federally listed as threatened or endangered can be found here. Altogether creating a thriving ecosystem protected from commercial encroachment.
- 15 nature trails wait for your enjoyment.
- 64 miles of national scenic trails and 28 different hiking and self-guided trails, totaling 100 miles, make up this hiking heaven.

To get the most out of your Parkway explorations, we suggest you bring binoculars and hiking boots. (And there’s even one section of the Trace where you can bring your horse!) And yes, you’ll want to have a camera to capture all that perfection to go with lasting memories.

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**CULTURE & HERITAGE**

The Natchez Trace connects great Americans with great American culture, from W.C. Handy, Father of the Blues, Elvis Presley and Helen Keller to the Grand Ole Opry, American arts and museums galore.

- Museums line the Trace from Natchez to Nashville, such as the Tupelo Automobile Museum or the Kosciusko Visitors Center and Museum, where you can learn more about the Polish general who became a hero in the American Revolutionary War, General Tadeusz Kosciuszko.
- The Clinton Visitors Center holds monthly toe-tapping Jam Sessions.
- Ridgeland’s Mississippi Craft Center showcases the work of some of the state’s most talented artists in its 20,000 square foot facility complete with demonstrations and items to purchase.
- See the birthplace of Oprah Winfrey in Kosciusko.
- Kosciusko also features the beautifully stained glass windows of Mary Rick’s Thornton Cultural Center.
- Discover how early American life used to be in the Natchez Trace Historic District of French Camp Academy. Walk through the 19th-century-style farmhouse to see how a Revolutionary War soldier lived, how handmade quilts are stitched and watch sorghum being made every Saturday in October.
- The Clinton Visitors Center holds monthly toe-tapping Jam Sessions.
- The Grand Ole Opry, the Musicians Hall of Fame and Museum and the Music City Walk of Fame on the Music Mile is in Nashville.

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**NATURE**

If you wanted to paint a picture of the Parkway outdoors, you might also use magic—like the disappearing act of the “Sunken Trace,” a portion of the Old Trace pounded so deep by eons of human and animal traffic that riders on horseback could (and did) disappear from view.

Or you might choose mystery—like the curious enchantment of Cypress Swamp, where those knobly cypress knees share dark waters with reclusive alligators, which may be spied upon by diligent detectives from the elevated boardwalk above. Or, maybe you prefer the majesty of endless acres of brilliant blue, from Ross Barnett Reservoir in Ridgeland, MS to Colbert’s Ferry to Pickwick Lake in AL, where blue herons skim the surface and bald eagles sail the deep blue canopy overhead.

Magical, mysterious, majestic. However you envision the outdoor beauty of the Natchez Trace Parkway, be sure you picture a spectacular view around every bend and a place so unspoiled you can easily feel the centuries slip away, along with everyday cares and troubles. The natural world of the Natchez Trace is truly picture perfect.
In a commercialized, homogenized world, it isn't only the Parkway's beautiful billboard free vistas that come as a welcome relief—the charming, friendly communities along the Parkway are also a real breath of fresh air. These small communities greet you with the kind of hospitality you dream of, in settings that offer a range of delightful attractions and activities both entertaining and enlightening.

The Parkway's communities are the soul of hospitality, in the heart of America's history, where national leaders and icons got their start and made their mark.

Today, you can experience a slice of life as detectable as the jellies and jams of small vineyards, as inspiring as the pump where Anne Sullivan helped Helen Keller escape her prison and as unforgettable as the Windsor Ruins.

Best of all, these treasures are scattered all along the Parkway, ready for you to dive in and come up richer for the experience.

**Mississippi**

You're following in the footsteps of the people who first explored and settled Mississippi: There's no other place that embodies the heart and soul of the true South in all its rich and varied expressions. You're following the path of giants that established the nation's first publicly supported college for women in Columbus; performed the world's first heart and lung transplant at University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson; tested rockets for NASA's Space Shuttle engines at the John C. Stennis Space Center in Hancock County. You're rumbling along in search of that crossroad where a legend was born: Robert Johnson, Elvis Presley, blues great B. B. King, the father of country music, Jimmie Rodgers. Even the teddy bear got its start in Mississippi, after Theodore Roosevelt embarked on what became a famous bear hunt in the Mississippi Delta.

You're in the South. And it feels true. Abraham Lincoln knew the key to the Civil War was Vicksburg, but later, Coca Cola was first bottled there, too. One could almost believe the state has figured out a way to bottle literary genius. Considering the talent from William Faulkner to Eudora Welty to Tennessee Williams (and that's just the beginning) it's tempting to ask if it's something in the water!

**WATER AND A WEALTH OF RECREATIONAL FUN** Speaking of water, Mississippi is a paradise of rich and real delights, too, from the Gulf Coast to the Mississippi River to the man-made wonder of the Ross Barnett Reservoir and the Tom-Tom Waterway. Not surprisingly, beautiful landscapes abound in Mississippi, with a multitude of ways to enjoy them, from camping under the stars to hiking, hunting, golfing and more. Naturally, there's music, and plenty of mouth-watering cuisine, perhaps most importantly, historic hospitality! Say it out loud. Mississippi. It rings true.

The Natchez Trace brings some of the best of Mississippi to you—battlefields to blues to the birthplace of the king of rock and roll, water sports to waterfalls, antebellum mansions to urban arts. Mississippi, turn the page, take a look and find your True South.
In a commercialized, homogenized world, it isn’t only the Parkway’s beautiful billboard-free vistas that come as a welcome relief—the charming, friendly communities along the Parkway are also a real breath of fresh air. These small communities greet you with the kind of hospitality you dream of, in settings that offer a range of delightful attractions and activities both entertaining and enlightening.

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**THE NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY**
National Park, National Scenic Byway & All-American Road

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VISION, VALUES: One reason Alabama gets there first is that people in this state have the courage to take the hard road and the vision to see what’s at the end of it. A young Montgomery minister named Martin Luther King, Jr. saw a day when people would be judged “not by the color of their skin,” and together with Alabama civil rights pioneers like Rosa Parks, he began a movement that would change America. The Tuskegee Institute would also blaze a trail, in the classroom under the direction of George Washington Carver and in the sky, with the wings of the famed Tuskegee airmen.

Alabama doesn’t take a backseat in the arts, either, as the lifelong home of To Kill A Mockingbird author Harper Lee (who grew up next door to Truman Capote) and as the birthplace of musical greats W. C. Handy was born here, Frank Lloyd Wright designed Rosenbaum House, at the Alabama Music Hall of Fame and at Fame Recording Studio where the “Muscle Shoals Sound” burst onto the national scene. Try a swing down the Robert Trent Jones golf trail, or take a steam at the Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa.

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STAGING SOMETHING SPECIAL: Obviously, music is a common refrain, from the clubs of Beale Street to Nashville's Grand Ole Opry stage to the fields of Bonnaroo. America's number one music festival. Elvis made his first record at Sun Studios in Memphis, the Carter family made theirs in Bristol, and today, across the state and spectrum of styles, new talent is cropping up everywhere you look and listen.

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And the best way to get started is with the showstoppers on the Natchez Trace. The dramatic Civil War history at Franklin’s Carnton Plantation and the McGavock Confederate Cemetery inspired a New York Times best seller, The Widow of the South. You’ll be inspired, too.

In Tennessee, there’s always more to savor: tall tales at Jonesborough’s National Storytelling Festival, tall orders at Memphis In May’s World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest, animal magnetism at Chattanooga’s Tennessee Aquarium and small town charms in Hohenwald and Collinwood.

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This National Historic Register Property is located in the heart of downtown historic Franklin, TN, epicenter for the Battle of Franklin which was a pivotal battle in the Civil War on November 30. Fine furnishings and antiques. Guided tours daily. Thomas Y. Cartwright, one of the nation’s leading authorities on the Battle of Franklin, offers personalized “Battlefield Tours” from the Lotz House.

FRANKLIN THEATRE
219 Main St. • 615.538.2075
franklintheatre.com

Built in 1937, the Franklin Theatre has a storied history, but had fallen into disrepair and ceased operations in 2007. The Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County purchased the theatre and continue the cherished tradition of showing movies while adding a new dimension to Main Street—music. With a state-of-the-art sound and lighting system, and undeniable charm, the Franklin Theatre is destined to be an entertainment and cultural icon for years to come.

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN FRANKLIN
510 Columbia Ave. • 615.591.8500 • visitfranklin.com

Franklin’s Great American Main Street offers shopping, dining, a ghost tour and an iPad tour. This 15-block area is on the National Register of Historic Places. Century-old buildings and beautiful streetscapes provide the setting for unique shopping, restaurants, retail shops, art galleries, antiques, guided and self-guided walking tours and festivals.

HISTORIC LEIPER’S FORK
4150 Old Hillsboro Rd. • 615.595.8190 • visitleipersfork.com

A charming historic village located on the Natchez Trace Parkway. Leiper’s Fork is tucked away in some of Middle Tennessee’s most beautiful countryside dotted with one-of-a-kind shops, antiques, artisans and art galleries—as well as plenty of good ole country cookin’ and entertainment. Special events are held year-round.

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FRANKLIN THEATRE
Night at Honky Tonk, Nashville, TN

COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM

222 5th Ave. S • 615.416.2001
countrymusichallotfame.com

This state-of-the-art facility features country music artifacts, archives and theater space and a full service restaurant.

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**MONTHLY**

**FRENCH CAMP, MS**
**DOUBLE BLESSINGS THRIFT SHOP**
Half price Sat. 2nd Sat every month

**TUPELO, MS • PARKWAY VISITOR CENTER AT MILE MARKER 266**
**DULCIMER DAYS**
North Mississippi Dulcimer concert. Free.

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**PIONEER DAYS**
Hands-on demonstrations based on pioneer activities. Free.

**FEBRUARY**

**TUPELO, MS • PARKWAY VISITOR CENTER AT MILE MARKER 266**
**CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY**
The Parkway honors African Americans through guest speakers and exhibits. nps.gov/natr

**MARCH**

**JACKSON, MS • DOWNTOWN MAL’S ST. PADDY’S PARADE & FESTIVAL**
A fun-loving, Irish-inspired weekend celebration. 601.984.1972 • halandmals.com

**PORT GIBSON • DOWNTOWN MAIN STREET HERITAGE FESTIVAL**
Crafts, clothing, pets, home interiors, jewelry and more. Admission. 601.437.4500 • portgibsonmainstreet.com

**APRIL**

**TISHOMINGO STATE PARK, MS**
**31ST ANNUAL HOLLIS LONG DULCIMER FESTIVAL**
Musicians preserve, teach and promote the dulcimer. 662.428.6914 • mdwp.com

**NASHVILLE, TN**
**AWEsome APRIL**
A month of major events, including Tin Pan South, Nashville Film Festival & the Country Music Marathon & 1/2 Marathon. 615.259.4730 • visitmusiccity.com

**TUPELO, MS • VETERANS PARK AZALEA FESTIVAL/UP UP N AWAY BALLOON FESTIVAL**
Yard tours of beautiful azaleas, entertainment, arts & crafts, hot air balloon rides & children’s activities. 3rd weekend • 662.841.6521

**CLINTON, MS**
**CATERPILLAR PARADE**
The parade kicks off market season. 601.924.5472

**TUSCALOOSA, AL**
**6TH ANNUAL TUSCALOOSA FESTIVAL OF ARTS**
Outdoor celebration of the visual arts, music and writing with a juried arts and songwriting competition and children’s activities. Mother’s Day Weekend 662.844.2787 • gumtreeclub.org

**JUNE**

**TUPELO, MS • DOWNTOWN LEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE SQUARE ANNUAL CELLULAR SOUTH GUMTREE FESTIVAL**
Outdoor celebration of the visual arts, music and writing with a juried arts and songwriting competition and children’s activities. Free. Last full April weekend 615.591.8500 • downtowntupelinh.com

**FRENCH CAMP, MS**
**RAINWATER OBSERVATORY MID-SOUTH STAR GAZE**
Annual amateur astronomer’s conference and star party. 662.547.6377 • rainwaterobservatory.org

**KOSCIUSKO, MS • DOWNTOWN NATCHEZ TRACE FESTIVAL**
The Natchez Trace Festival is an arts & crafts event providing activities & events for all ages. Last Sat • 662.289.2981 • kadcorp.org

**TUPELO, MS • RAINRENAISSANCE AT COLONY PARK**
RIDGELAND FINE ARTS FESTIVAL
100 visual artists from across the U.S. display & sell their works. Children’s art area. 601.488.6678 • visitgumtree.com

**FLORENCE, AL**
**SHOALS EAST DAY FEST**
Children’s tent with art & educational activities. 256.740.4141 • 256.383.0783

**RIDGELAND, MS**
**CENTURY RIDE**
Scenic bike ride on the Parkway at 25, 50, 62 or 100 miles. 601.853.2011 • ridgelandms.org

**MAY**

**TUPELO, MS • DOWNTOWN LYRIC THEATRE**
**6TH ANNUAL TUPELO FILM FESTIVAL**
World-class film screenings & workshops. Weekend after Mother’s Day 662.841.6521 • 800.533.0611

**TUPELO, MS • DOWNTOWN LEE COUNTY TOWN SQUARE**
**KIDFEST RIDGELAND**
Family festival where children can see a show, ride a pony, learn magic tricks & perform in the Backyard Circus. 800.468.6078 • visitridgeland.com/kidfest

**FRANKLIN, TN • MAIN ST. FROM 1ST–5TH AVE. & BICENTENNIAL PARK MAIN STREET FESTIVAL**
Over 200 arts & crafts vendors, two food courts, four stages & two carnivals. Free. Last full April weekend 615.591.8500 • downtowntupelinh.com

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Triathlon with a 0.5 mile swim in the Ross Barnett Reservoir, a 10K run on Ridgeland’s multi-purpose trail and a 24.5 mile bike course on the Parkway. 662.853.2011 • heatwavetri.org

**TUSCALOOSA, AL**
**SPRING PARK • 5 MAIN ST.**
**Helen Keller Festival**
Parade, presentation of “The Miracle Workers,” a juvenile arts & crafts, children’s activities, history programs, historic tours, antique car show and musical entertainment. 4th weekend • 256.383.0783

**Helen Keller Festival, Tupelo, MS**
**KOSCIUSKO, MS • DOWNTOWN JUNE JAM**
Early Sidewalk sales, Barbeque Cook-offs and an Evening Concert. Last Friday • 662.289.2981 • kadcorp.org

**JUNE**

**NASHVILLE, TN • DOWNTOWN CMA MUSIC FESTIVAL**
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WCD HANCY MUSIC FESTIVAL
A week long tribute to the “Father of the Blues,” W.C. Handy. Jazz and Blue music throughout the Shoals.
256.766.7642 • wchandymusicfestival.org

TUSCUMBIA, AL • SPRING PARK
“OKA KAPASSO” RETURN TO COLD WAR NATIVE AMERICAN FESTIVAL
American Indian showcase story telling, dancing, music, art/crafts and a torch—lighting ceremony.
2nd Sat • 256.383.0783 • okakapasso.com

COLUMBIA, TN • RALPH HUGHES PARK
ONE IDLEWIS DANCE FESTIVAL
Home cooked breakfast kicks off the annual event with fun, food, antigues, and crafts.
Labor Day weekend

J.P. CoLeMaN DULCIMER DAY
Play with dulcimer musicians.
J.P. COLEMAN STATE PARK
260.423.6515

FLORIDA, MS
MUSICぐ FACTORY
Festival of music, food, and entertainment.
507 W. Orange Grove Blvd. • Lake Wales, FL

OCTOBER

RAYMOND, MS
A PLACE CALLED RAYMOND
Annual Fall Pilgrimage
Lectures, music, historic home tours, outdoor movies and cemeteries stroll.
2nd Sun • 601.577.2000 • friendsofraymond.org

FLORENCE, AL • WILSON PARK
ALABAMA RENAISSANCE
Southeast Top 20 event where it’s common to find pirates, fairies, trolls, maidens and kings. Vendors, demonstrators and performers.
256.740.4141

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OCTOBER

JULY

CLINTON, MS • TRACERAY PARK ANNUAL FAMILY FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA
Bring your lawn chairs for a day of food, fun, entertainment and fabulous fireworks.
601.924.6082 • clintonms.org

NATECH, MS • MEET AT THE HISTORIC MT. LOCUST INN NORTH OF MILER MARKER 15.5 FRONTIER DAYS
Join park rangers from Mt. Locust and local reenactors for a celebration of the pioneer lifestyle. Hands-on activities and demonstrations for all ages.
Every Sat • 662.547.6835 • frenchcamp.org

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TRASH & TREASURES ALONG THE TENN-TOM
A 234-mile yard sale that begins at the MS/ TN Stateline in Iuka and follows highways along and by the Tenn-Tom (25, 50, 50 to 69, 14 and 43 to Demopolis, AL.), 1st Fri • 800.328.1473 • tisdingino.org

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Clinton, MS • Old Towne
2nd Sat • 931.796.4084

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Join park rangers for interpretive programs on Meriwether Lewis, who died along the Natchez Trace in October 1809. Usually coincides with the Meriwether Lewis Craft Fair

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CLINTON, MS • DOWNTOWN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE
Lighting of Old Towne.
1st Sat • 601.924.9192 • clintonms.org

NATECH, MS • VARIOUS VENUES CHRISTMAS IN NATECH
Celebrate the holidays in our historic town.

RAYMOND, MS • SQUARE CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE
Christmas Parade & Lighting of the Tree.
1st Tue • 615.857.8492 • raymondchamber.com

FRANKLIN, TN • MAIN ST. DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS
Victorian holiday street festival featuring more than 200 costumed characters re-enacting scenes from "A Christmas Carol" and other stories by Charles Dickens.
2nd full weekend
615.591.8500 • historicfranklin.com

HOSHENWALD, TN • STRAND THEATER WINTER WONDERLAND
Fabulous displays of lights and holiday scenes.
931.295.3076 • hohenwaldstrand.com

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

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CLINTON, MS • OLD TOWNE PRODUCERS MARKET Markets—Call for info.
601.924.5472 • mainstreet@clintonms.org

TUSCUMBIA, AL • HELEN KELLER HOME 300 N COMMONS, “W THE MIRACLE WORKER” OUTDOOR DRAMA William Gibson’s play is based on the true story of Helen Keller’s childhood. June-July mid • 256.383.4046 • 888.329.2124 • helenkellerbirthplace.org
When the open road beckons and the urge to explore stirs...

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