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Biannual “Car Free Parkway Experience” dates announced for the Natchez Trace Parkway

WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE – The Natchez Trace Parkway will hold biannual “Car Free Parkway Experience” days for bicyclists and pedestrians between mile markers 429 and 440 following a trial event which occurred on June 17, 2018. Upcoming event dates are September 30, 2018 and May 18, 2019 with future events to be held annually on the last Sunday in September and the third Sunday in May. Closure times will be from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM on each day.

During these events, there will be no vehicle traffic allowed within this area. The Natchez Trace Parkway is a unit of the National Park Service. It is the goal of this event to promote safe outdoor recreation while having limited impacts to vehicle traffic.

Closure gates will be placed two miles south of Hwy 100 at the parking area at mile 440, at the New Highway 96 on ramp, and north of Highway 46. National Park Service staff will be available at each closure gate to assist the public. Parking for bicyclists and pedestrians will be available at the parking lot at mile 440, New Highway 96 access, Pinewood Road Ranger Office, and Garrison Creek. Restrooms and water are limited, with availability at Timberland Park (mile 437) and Garrison Creek (mile 428). A vehicle detour will be in place using Highways 46, 96, and 100.

PHOTO/FILM OPPORTUNITIES: Park staff will be on hand for this event including Natchez Trace Parkway Chief Ranger and Public Information Officer Sarah Davis. Interview and photo/film opportunities will be available at the parking lot at mile 440 throughout the event.

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