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# WELCOME TO THE NATCHEZ TRACE

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.



Scenic Natchez Trace Parkway

## 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.



Buffalo River, Collinwood, TN

Mail carriers and highwaymen also galloped the road. Andrew Jackson sent his militia down it to the Battle of New Orleans. Thomas Jefferson designated the Natchez Trace as a postal road in 1801.

## Battles, births and a beautiful idea:

With the coming of the steamboat in 1820, the Natchez Trace was suddenly quiet. Time, however, marched on. The Civil War was fought, some of its bloodiest and most decisive battles waged along the Trace. A kingdom of cotton rose and fell in Natchez and Vicksburg, and "Athens of the South" took root in Nashville. Later some of the most influential icons of American culture were born and lived here: from W. C. Handy to Elvis Presley, and Helen Keller to Eudora Welty.

In the early part of the 20th century, the Daughters of the American Revolution began a commemorative marker project,

Ground was broken in 1937, and in 1938, the Trace Parkway was established as a unit of the National Park Service to commemorate the historic Natchez Trace. Preservation of history was only one element of this ambitious project; and today, its scope and success is evident. To earn the prestigious designation of All-American Road, a roadway must demonstrate significance in at least two of six categories—archeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational and scenic. The Natchez Trace qualifies in all six.

The Natchez Trace takes you away with every curve, not just with history, but with every imaginable wonder.



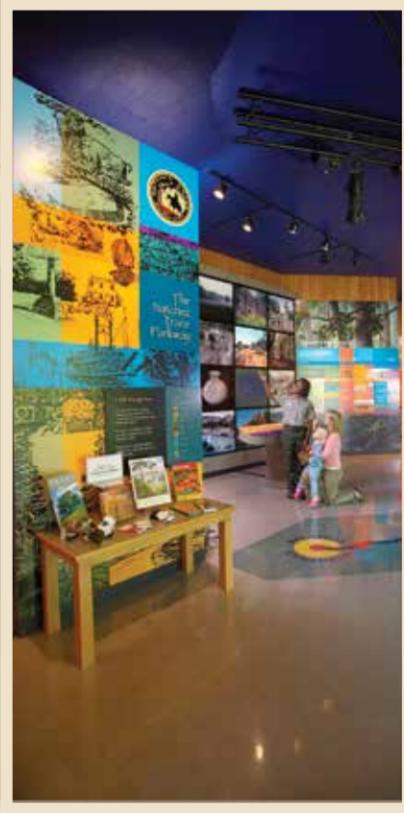
Florence Bridge, AL



Port Gibson Cemetery, MS

which eventually ignited the interest of national lawmakers. Mississippi Congressman Jeff Busby introduced federal legislation to finance the construction of a modern road following the route known today as the Old Trace.

# National Park Service Visitor Centers



Natchez Trace Parkway Visitor Center

## 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](http://www.nps.gov/natr). For emergencies, call 911.



### 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.

### Parkway Visitor Center & Headquarters ..... 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 a newly renovated center as well as new exhibits, walking trails, restrooms and campgrounds. Call 1.800.305.7417 to find out about hours during your trip.

# Laws & Regulations



NTP Wayside sign

## 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 drivers' 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. A container is considered open if the seal on the bottle or can is broken, or if the beverage is in a cup. Even if the container is in the trunk or out of reach, the driver is in violation.

## Firearms

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

## Trailers

Visitors are allowed to pull small trailers. Utility-type trailers must be enclosed or covered and are not to exceed 5'x8'. Only recreational equipment is allowed to be trailored. A vehicle may only tow one trailer and the total length cannot exceed 55 feet. Commercial or non-recreational items are not allowed. For example, lawn equipment, landscape

items, furniture and house-hold items or hunting/camp equipment are considered commercial under these regulations. No farm equipment or tractors of any size are allowed.

## Bicycles

Motorists are required to give a minimum of 3 feet between a car and bicycle when passing. Bicyclists shall obey traffic laws. Only single file riding is permitted. Bicyclists are required to have available working front and rear lights. Bicyclists are encouraged to wear high visibility colored clothing for safety.

## 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](http://www.nps.gov/natr).

# Restrooms & Drinking Water Availabilities

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

Mount Locust* ..... MP 15.5	Jeff Busby ..... MP 193.1 Store and gas station are closed. Campground and restrooms are open.	City of Collinwood ..... MP 355 Welcome Center* — 9AM-5PM
Coles Creek* ..... MP 17.5	Witch Dance* ..... MP 233.2	Glenrock Branch* ..... MP 364.5
Rocky Springs* ..... MP 54.8	Parkway Visitor Center ..... MP 266 Headquarters* — 8AM-5PM Restrooms are locked at 5PM.	Jack's Branch* ..... MP 377.8
City of Clinton Visitor Center ..... MP 89 9AM-5PM	Pharr Mounds ..... MP 286.7	Meriwether Lewis* ..... MP 385.9
Parkway Information Cabin* .. MP 102.4	Colbert Ferry* ..... MP 327.3 Boat Launch area restrooms are accessible.	Jackson Falls ..... MP 404.7
River Bend* ..... MP 122.6		Gordon House ..... MP 407.7
Holly Hill* ..... MP 154.3		Garrison Creek* ..... MP 427.6
City of Kosciusko ..... MP 159.8 Welcome Center — 9AM-4PM Except for holidays		

\*Restrooms are fully accessible.

# Biking, Motorcycling & Camping

**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.
- ☞ Bicyclists must ride in single file.
- ☞ Bicyclists should avoid Tupelo, MS and Jackson, MS areas during rush hour periods!
- ☞ Motorists are required to maintain a minimum of 3 feet between a car and a bicycle when passing.
- ☞ Call 1.800.305.7417 to receive a free bicycle information packet.

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 campsite 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.



Biking on the Trace



Motorcycling on the Trace

## GENERAL CAMPGROUNDS

**Meriwether Lewis ★ Mile Marker 385.9 (32 campsites)**

Supplies and gas are available four miles west of the Parkway on TN Highway 20 toward Hohenwald, TN.

**Jeff Busby ★ Mile Marker 193.1 (18 campsites)**

The closest available location for food and supplies is at Mile marker 195.5 at the Ackerman, MS Exit.

**Rocky Springs ★ Mile Marker 54.8 (22 campsites)**

Supplies are available at Port Gibson or Utica, MS, both are about 15 miles away.

## BICYCLE ONLY CAMPGROUNDS

**Tennessee Hwy 50 ★ Mile Marker 408**

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.

**Colbert Ferry ★ Mile Marker 327.3**

Enter the Colbert Ferry site, turn left and follow the road to the left of the Visitor Center, past the parking lot toward the boat ramp. At the end of the first curve, look to your left and you will notice a gate with a tent and bicycle symbol. Ride past the gate about 100 feet, to an open area in which a small, white building is visible. Follow the open area to the bicycle-only campground.

**Parkway Visitor Center ★ Near Tupelo Mile Marker 266**

Camping is available at an Outdoor Classroom facility west of the Tupelo Visitor Center. Turn west on the access road at the south end of the Visitor Center parking lot. Continue on this road to the small parking area/trailhead. The trailhead leading to the campsite is located north of the parking area. Fire grates, picnic tables, garbage cans, water and pit toilets are available.

*Note: Visitor Center restrooms are open 8AM–5PM daily.*



**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.

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

**PARKWAY EMERGENCIES: CALL 911**

## BICYCLE SALES & SERVICE, ADJACENT TO THE PARKWAY

### MISSISSIPPI

#### NATCHEZ

**Everyday Adventures, LLC**  
334 Main St., Natchez, MS 39120  
601.392.3079 • everydayadventure.net

#### Stan's Bicycle Shop

55 Seargent Prentiss Dr., Suite 9  
Natchez, MS 39120  
601.445.9762 • stansrocknroll.com

#### Western Auto Associate Store

180 Seargent Prentiss Dr.  
Natchez, MS 39120  
601.445.4186 • trippes.com

#### RIDGELAND — AREA

**The Bike Crossing**  
115 W. Jackson St., Suite 1-D  
Ridgeland, MS 39157  
601.856.0049 • thebikerackms.com

### Indian Cycle Fitness & Outdoor

677 S. Pear Orchard Rd.  
Ridgeland, MS 39157  
601.956.8383  
indiancyclefitness.com

#### TUPELO

**Bicycle Pacelines**  
2120 W. Jackson St.  
Tupelo, MS 38801  
662.844.8660  
trailsandtreads.com

#### Trail & Treads

1715 McCullough Blvd., Suite F  
Tupelo, MS 38801 • 662.690.6620

### ALABAMA

No known outlets at this time.

### TENNESSEE

#### COLUMBIA

**The Wheel**  
11 Public Square, Columbia, TN 38401  
931.381.3225

#### FRANKLIN

**Harpeth Bicycles**  
330 Mayfield Dr., Franklin, TN 37067  
615.567.6612 • harpethbicycles.com

#### NASHVILLE — AREA

**Trace Bikes**  
8400 Hwy. 100, Nashville, TN 37221  
615.646.2485 • tracebikes.com

#### The Bike Pedlar

2910 W. End Ave., Nashville, TN 37203  
615.329.2453

#### Cumberland Transit

2807 W. End Ave., Nashville, TN 37203  
615.321.4069 • cumberlandtransit.com



# 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!



DAR and The Natchez Trace, MS

**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.

**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 high point of your journey, we mean it, as this exhibit is located 603 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 campsite and a hike up to a terrific view of the surrounding countryside.



Emerald Mound, MS

**Mile Marker 232.4 ★ Bynum Mounds**

Bynum Mounds is a Middle Woodland period mound site located at Mile Marker 232.4. This archeological site consisted of six mounds, five of which were excavated in the 1940s. Two of the largest mounds have been restored, and you can see them today.



Meriwether Lewis, TN

**Mile Marker 261.8 ★ Chickasaw Village Site**

Exhibits portray daily life and early history at the Chickasaw Village that once stood here.

**Mile Marker 266 ★ The Natchez Trace Parkway Visitor Center**

The Natchez Trace Parkway Visitor Center has an orientation film and interpretive displays, as well as an Eastern National Bookstore. A park ranger is available 8AM–5PM daily (Except Christmas Day). There is also an opportunity to get your passport stamps for the Natchez Trace Parkway, Natchez Trace National Scenic Trail, Tupelo National Battlefield and Brices Cross Roads National Battlefield.



Car on Trace, AL

**Mile Marker 286.7 ★ Pharr Mounds**

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, with four of the eight mounds excavated in 1966 by the National Park Service.

**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 357.8 ★ 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 385.9 ★ Meriwether Lewis**

The famous explorer Lewis led a dramatic life and died a mysterious death right here. Visit his gravesite and do some exploring of your own at this 300-acre park. Also find campsites, a picnic area, self-guided walking trails and restrooms.

**Mile Marker 391.9 ★ Fall Hallow Trail**

If you are interested in waterfalls, you will want to take a short walk on the Fall Hallow 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.



Bikers, TN

**Mile Marker 401.4 ★ Tobacco Barn**

You'll “leaf” this exhibit with a greater understanding of and appreciation for the crop that played a crucial role in America's agricultural and economic history. Be sure to see the exhibits at the farm and the barn.

**Mile Marker 404.7 ★ Jackson Falls**

A gorgeous view, and the hike to get there is a beaut, too: down and back up a 900 foot descent.



Painting in Leiper's Fork, TN

**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.

# ITINERARIES



Old Timers, Collinwood, TN

It took 67 years to construct the 444 miles of the Natchez Trace Parkway.

It took thousands of years to create the experience.

**This is a story of America, and now you can explore it in ways too numerous to write.**

With over 1,200 things to see and do, the Trace is the way to go. Attractions and special events guide you

along the way with enjoyment and ease. The following are just a few ways you can see the Trace and cities along the route. The Natchez Trace Parkway has everything from American Indian and Civil War History to Cultural and Heritage, Outdoor Recreation and yes even Romance. Of course, if you want more tools to plan your adventure and see special events, visit [www.scenictrace.com](http://www.scenictrace.com).



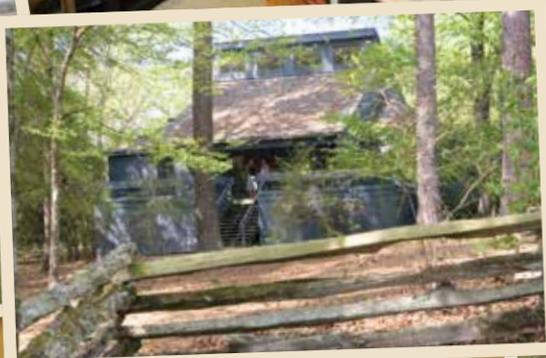
Pilgrimage, Natchez, MS



Clinton Book Store, MS



Ruins of Windsor, Port Gibson, MS



Welcome Center, Kosciusko, MS



## 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.



Pharr Mounds, Tishomingo County, MS

- 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 pavillion.
- 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.

Emerald Mound, Natchez, MS



Grand Village, Natchez, MS

# 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.



Battlefield, Raymond, MS

- 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.

Situated on 400 acres, the Park is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and includes Fort Cabun, Fort Wade, the Grand Gulf Cemetery, a museum, campgrounds, picnic areas, hiking trails, an observation tower and restored buildings.

- Near Tupelo is Brice's Cross Roads, where every other year a reenactment of the famous battle is created. Venture into the city limits to visit the Tupelo National Battlefield.
- In Alabama, at the Edith Culver Memorial Museum, visit the LaGrange College Site and view Civil War relics and Pope's Tavern.
- Visit where the "Gettysburg of the West" unfolded at Carter Farm in Franklin, TN.
- Bring along a copy of Robert Hick's best seller, "The Widow of the South," and take the walking tour of the Carnton Plantation in Franklin which was featured in its pages.



McGavock Confederate Cemetery, Carnton Plantation, Franklin, TN

# 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.



Downtown Franklin, TN

- 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.



MS Craft Center, Ridgeland, MS

- Steal a kiss and view the mansions on a nighttime carriage ride through antebellum Natchez, MS.
- Explore Port Gibson's splendid Ruins of Windsor.
- See quaint shops and emporiums on the brick streets of Old Town in Clinton; then take in a show by the town's theatre group, the Brick Street Players (named from its streets).
- Sail into the sunset on Ridgeland's Ross Barnett Reservoir or Tishomingo's Pickwick Lake.
- Share an intimate walk at Cypress Swamp (mile marker 122).
- Near Franklin, TN be amazed as you cross over an actual bridge linking small town charm and the bright lights of Nashville. This remarkably innovative double arch bridge, an architectural and engineering landmark, is the only one of its kind in the world.
- Spend time together browsing through Ridgeland's Mississippi Craft Center or Nashville's Frist Center for Visual Arts.



Dining

# 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

Cooper Falls,  
Tishomingo State Park, MS



Trace Picnic

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.

Spring Park, Tusculmbia, AL



Hiking, Jeff Busby Trail, MS

- 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.



Sailing, Ridgeland, MS



Biking



Golfing



Motorcycling, TN

# 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.



Cypress Swamp, MS

Or you might choose mystery—like the curious enchantment of Cypress Swamp, where those knobby 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.

## 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.

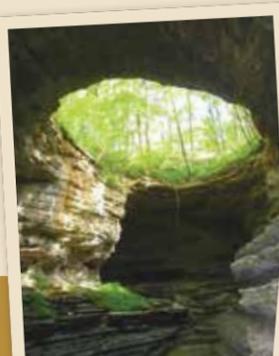
Deer



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.

Natural Bridge, TN



Sunken Trace, MS



# CULTURE & HERITAGE

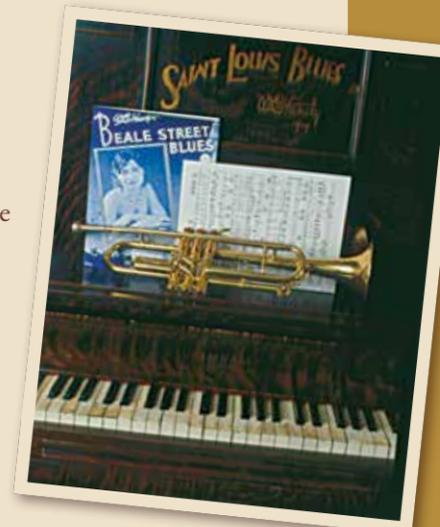
The Natchez Trace connects great Americans with great American culture, from W.C Handy, Father of the Blues, Elvis Presley and Helen Keller to the Grand Ole Opry, American arts and museums galore.

- 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 Ricks 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.

Church in Kosciusko, Oprah Winfrey Birthplace, MS



- Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, and there you can see his birthplace and museum and take a driving tour of his early years.
- Visit the Tishomingo Country Archives and History Museum to see the 1940’s and 50’s “Marriage Capital of the South.”
- The father of the blues, W.C. Handy, was born in Florence—see his birthplace.
- Ivy Green, the birthplace of Helen Keller, is in Tusculmbia.
- In the Hohenwald, TN, see the grave of early American explorer Meriwether Lewis who met his mysterious death on this spot in 1809. It was Lewis, along with his partner William Clark, who first documented vast areas of the Louisiana Purchase. At the gravesite find a campsite and picnic area with self-guided walking trails and restrooms.
- Leiper’s Fork is the only historic village on the Tennessee portion of the Natchez Trace Parkway and offers the quaintness of the past and the convenience of the present. If you listen carefully on any Saturday night, you’ll hear the faint ring of a banjo and a fiddle echoing throughout the hills and hollows around Leiper’s Fork.
- 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.
- Nashville, known as the “Athens of the South” holds the Frist Center for the Visual Arts, the beauty of the Cheekwood Botanical Gardens and Gallery and the Parthenon reproduction.



W.C. Handy’s Birthplace, Florence, AL

# Discovery

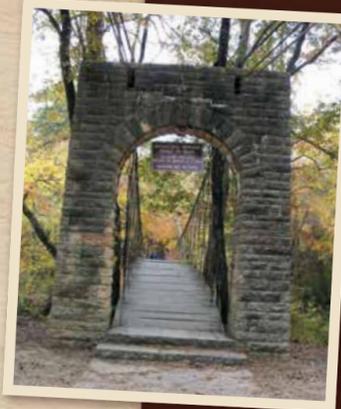
The Parkway's small communities put big smiles on visitor faces. You'll see why.

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 delectable as the jellies and jams of small vineyards, as inspiring as the pump where Annie 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.

Swinging Bridge, Tishomingo, MS.



From left to right: Buffalo Park, Tupelo, MS; Helen Keller Birthplace, Tusculum, AL; MS River Bridge, Natchez, MS; Blacksmith, French Camp, MS; Shopping in Downtown Franklin, TN; Spring Park Train, AL.

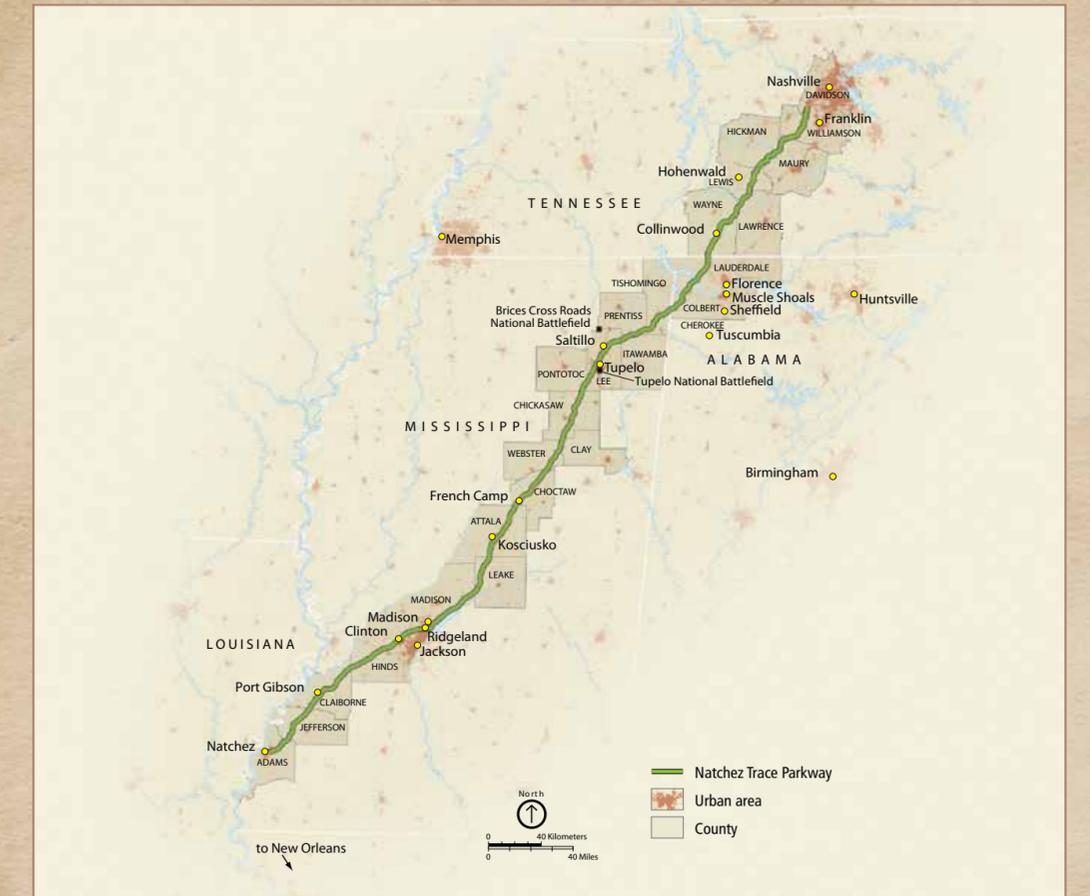
# THE NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY National Park, National Scenic Byway & All-American Road

## MAP & KEYS



## ICONS

- African American Heritage
- Food &/or Wine
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- Live Music Avenue
- Native American Heritage
- Civil War
- Great Outdoors
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- Motorcoach Friendly
- Picture Spot



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# 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 Rogers. 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 Tenn-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.

From top to bottom: The Oprah Winfrey Boys and Girls Club, Kosciusko, MS; Clinton Nature Center, MS; Elvis Presley Birthplace, Tupelo, MS; Dining, Ridgeland, MS.



## NATCHEZ 1

With rich Native American history and gorgeous mansions galore, Natchez sweeps you off your feet and back to a glorious past.

### NATCHEZ CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU & NATCHEZ VISITOR RECEPTION CENTER

**Connie Taunton**  
Executive Director

640 S Canal St., Natchez, MS 39120  
1.800.647.6724 • 601.446.6345  
visitnatchez.org  
info@visitnatchez.org

Mon-Sat 8:30AM-5PM; Sun 9AM-4PM



## GRAND VILLAGE OF THE NATCHEZ INDIANS

400 Jefferson Davis Blvd.  
601.446.6502  
mdah.state.ms.us/hprop/gvni.html

The Natchez Indians inhabited what is now southwest Mississippi ca. AD 700-1730, with the culture at its zenith in the mid-1500s. Between 1682 and 1729, the Grand Village was their main ceremonial center, according to historical and archaeological evidence.

Melrose, Natchez, MS



## LONGWOOD

140 Lower Woodville Rd. • 601.442.5193  
natchezpilgrimage.com

No site epitomizes more the rapid rise in wealth that one could attain in the pre-Civil War era, nor the rapid rate of decline in wealth in the post-bellum era. This unfinished six-story 30,000 square foot mansion was designed by Samuel Sloan of Philadelphia for wealthy planter Haller Nutt and his wife, Julia Williams Nutt. Daily, 9AM-4:30PM with tours every 30 minutes.

## NATCHEZ IN HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS

405 State St., Stratton Chapel  
601.442.2581

Stratton Chapel, located in the First Presbyterian Church downtown, features a collection of photographs taken from as early as 1840. Mon-Sat, 10AM-4PM.

## NATCHEZ NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

Headquarters: 640 S Canal Park sites:  
Melrose and William Johnson House  
601.442.7047 • nps.gov/natc

Natchez National Historical Park celebrates the rich cultural history of Natchez, Mississippi and interprets the pivotal role the city played in the settlement of the old southwest, the Cotton Kingdom and the Antebellum South.

## NATCHEZ TRAILS — MUSEUM OF STREETS

Broadway St.  
Between Jefferson St. & Franklin St.

Follow the trail of Natchez history, and enjoy the architectural treasures of one of the most historically intact towns in the U.S.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ATTRACTIONS, EVENTS, LODGING & RESTAURANTS:

visitnatchez.org  
1.800.647.6724



## PORT GIBSON 38

Spared by the torch of Civil War soldiers thanks to its great beauty, Port Gibson still has charm to burn and wonderful architectural character.

### PORT GIBSON-CLAIBORNE COUNTY CHAMBER

1601 Church St.  
Port Gibson, MS 39150  
601.437.4351  
portgibsononthemississippi.com  
portgibson\_cofc@bellsouth.net

Mon-Wed, Fri & Sat 9AM-3PM;  
Thur 9AM-NOON  
Closed on weekends in Dec & Jan



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

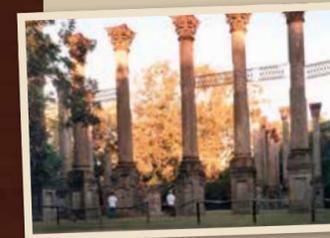
605 Church St. • 601.437.4351

Architectural features include a gold hand atop the steeple pointing toward heaven and chandeliers from the famous steamboat, Robert E. Lee. Daily, 8AM-5PM. Sunday services.

## WINDSOR RUINS

15095 Rodney Rd. • 601.437.4351

Haunting remains of one of the largest antebellum mansions built in the state. Spared during the Civil War, it was burned in 1890. Twenty-three fluted columns are all that remain. Featured in "Raintree County," with Elizabeth Taylor. Daily, Dawn to Dusk. Free.



Windsor Ruins, Port Gibson, MS

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ATTRACTIONS, EVENTS, LODGING & RESTAURANTS:

portgibsononthe  
mississippi.com  
601.437.4351



## RAYMOND 79

Civil War history gets a winning treatment in Raymond, where architectural loveliness meets small town friendliness in the annual Fall Pilgrimage.

### CITY OF RAYMOND WELCOME/VISITOR CENTER

Isla Tullos, Mayor  
204 Oak St., Raymond, MS 39154

601.857.8041 • Fax 601.857.0105  
raymondms.com  
mayor@raymondms.com

Raymond City Hall  
Mon-Fri 8AM-NOON & 1-5PM



## CONFEDERATE CEMETERY

Port Gibson St. • 601.857.8041

Here lie the graves of 140 soldiers, mainly from the Third Tennessee and Seventh Texas Brigades, mortally wounded in the Battle of Raymond. 109 Confederate dead are identified with the remaining graves holding unknown soldiers.

## HINDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE 1857-1859

127 W Main St.

Constructed in Greek Revival-style using skilled slave labor. The building was used as a temporary hospital for Confederates wounded after the Battle of Raymond, fought May 12, 1863.



Courthouse, Raymond, MS

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ATTRACTIONS, EVENTS, LODGING & RESTAURANTS:

raymondms.com  
601.857.8041



## CLINTON 89

Troll down a real Main Street, explore the rich history and enjoy a friendly college town. Most livable community in MS. Experience Clinton and make memories.

### CLINTON VISITOR CENTER

1300 Pinehaven Rd., Clinton, MS 39056  
601.924.2221 • Fax 601.924.2247  
clintonms.org  
visitorcenter@clintonms.org  
Mon-Sat 9AM-5PM; Sun 1-5PM



## CLINTON VISITOR CENTER & MUSEUM OF CLINTON HISTORY

Mile Marker 89 on Natchez Trace Parkway  
601.924.2221 • clintonms.org  
visitorcenter@clintonms.org

The Visitor Center offers a great opportunity to view artifacts and photos and is a hub for fun and cultural activities. Music events held most weekends.

Visitor Center, Clinton, MS



## CLINTON NATURE CENTER

617 Dunton Rd. • 601.926.1104  
clintonnaturecenter.org

Includes easy walking trails through the longest privately owned section of the original Natchez Trace... where history and nature meet.

## MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

College St. • mc.edu

Founded in 1826, Mississippi College is the oldest institution of higher learning in the state and the first coed college in the nation to graduate women. Stroll the historic campus viewing numerous bronze sculptures. Stop in the Gore Gallery featuring Mississippi artists.

## OLDE TOWNE AREA

Downtown Clinton • clintonms.org  
mainstreet@clintonms.org

Come, step back in time and stroll the brick streets. Stop and visit our quaint shops including antiques, books and art galleries, and catch events such as markets, movies and music.

## WALKING/DRIVING TOUR OF CLINTON

601.924.2221 • clintonms.org  
visitorcenter@clintonms.org

Brochures are available at the Visitor Center, City Hall, Chamber of Commerce and Main Street office.

*Lodging and restaurants are conveniently located near the visitor center and also Exit 36 on I20. Gasoline is available one-half mile from the Visitor Center.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ATTRACTIONS, EVENTS, LODGING & RESTAURANTS:

**clintonms.org**  
**601.924.2221**



## RIDGELAND 100

Enjoy the outdoor recreation of thousands of acres of water and natural beauty, or jump into miles of the finest retail at the Mid-South's premiere shopping destination.

### RIDGELAND TOURISM COMMISSION & VISITORS CENTER

**Doyle Warrington, Executive Director**

1000 Highland Colony Pkwy., Suite 6006  
Ridgeland, MS 39157

1.800.468.6078 • Fax 601.605.5248

visitridgeland.com  
info@visitridgeland.com

Mon–Sat 9AM–5PM



## ANTIQUe MALL OF THE SOUTH

367 Hwy. 51 • 601.853.4000  
visitridgeland.com

The largest antique mall in central Mississippi featuring antiques, furniture, glassware and collectibles.

## MISSISSIPPI CRAFT CENTER

950 Rice Rd. • 601.856.7546 • mscrafts.org

The Mississippi Craft Center is a state-of-the-art facility nestled in the trees of the Natchez Trace Parkway and Rice Road. The Craft Center displays the artwork of more than 150 artisans. These fine Southern crafts include vivid Choctaw baskets and pottery, old-fashioned quilts, carvings in natural wood and an eclectic array

*The Mississippi Craft Center, Ridgeland, MS*



of jewelry. This unique attraction serves as an information center, as well as the site of craft classes and demonstrations. Daily, 9AM–5PM.

## ROSS BARNETT RESERVOIR

Spillway Rd. • 601.856.6574 • therez.ms

Ridgeland is where water meets wonderful at the Ross Barnett Reservoir. 105 miles of shoreline and 33,000 acres of surface area provide a haven for boaters, skiers, anglers, picnickers, birdwatchers and campers.

## VIKING COOKING SCHOOL

1052 Highland Colony Pkwy.  
601.898.2778 • vikingcookingschool.com

The Viking Cooking School offers unique cooking classes taught by expert instructors and popular local, regional and national guest chefs. With demonstration-style and hands-on classes there is something for cooks of all skill levels.



*Viking Cooking School, Ridgeland, MS*

## SHOPPING

visitridgeland.com

Ridgeland offers discerning shoppers numerous art galleries, antiques, upscale clothing boutiques, gift shops galore and the state's premier shopping centers...Northpark Mall and Renaissance at Colony Park.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ATTRACTIONS, EVENTS, LODGING & RESTAURANTS:

visitridgeland.com  
1.800.468.6078



## KOSCIUSKO 160

It's looking good for a great time in Kosciusko, with a crowd-pleasing festival and a beautiful downtown square so beautiful artists flock to paint it.

### KOSCIUSKO-ATTALA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

**Tonya Threet**  
VP of Community Development

101 N Natchez St., Kosciusko, MS 39090  
662.289.2981 • Fax 662.289.2986

kadcorp.org • tthreet@kadcorp.org  
Mon–Fri 8AM–5PM



## HISTORIC DOWNTOWN COURT SQUARE

662.289.2981 • kadcorp.org

Renovated historic buildings containing unique retail shops and eateries surround the 100-year-old Attala County Courthouse and contribute to the quaint, small-town atmosphere of Kosciusko.

*Downtown Shops, Kosciusko, MS*



## REDBUD SPRINGS PARK

Natchez St. • 662.289.2981 • kadcorp.org

- 1913 D.A.R. Marker commemorating the original Natchez Trace.
- 1934 Dirt Mound contributed by school children from Attala County and Poland for the city's centennial celebration.
- 1976 U.S.A. Centennial Cylinder to be opened year 2076.
- 1981 Polish-American Heritage Day—January 17. Street named for Tadeusz Kosciuszko.
- 2007 Bronze Statue of Tadeusz Kosciuszko dedicated.

## HILLSIDE VINEYARD & BERRY FARM

Hwy. 19 N • 662.289.5037  
hillsidevineyard.com

Geographically located in the center of Mississippi, Hillside is a privately owned and family operated business since 1980. The jellies and jams are made with all natural ingredients.

## KOSCIUSKO INFORMATION CENTER & MUSEUM

101 N Natchez  
662.289.2981 • kadcorp.org

Originally known as Red Bud Springs, Kosciusko is one of the oldest remaining settlements on the Natchez Trace.

## OPRAH WINFREY ROAD

Hwy. 12 E Kosciusko  
662.289.2981 • kadcorp.org

Photo opportunities in front of Oprah's first church and an artist's rendition of her birthplace.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ATTRACTIONS, EVENTS, LODGING & RESTAURANTS:

kadcorp.org  
662.289.2981



## FRENCH CAMP 180.5

When Louis LeFleur opened his stand in 1810, he offered food and rest. Today it is a refuge for young people at French Camp Academy and an enchanting stop for travelers.

### FRENCH CAMP GUEST & EVENT SERVICES

**French Camp Academy**

One Fine Place, French Camp, MS  
662.547.6835 • Fax 662.547.9591

frenchcamp.org  
guestservices@frenchcamp.org  
Mon–Fri 8AM–5PM



## FRENCH CAMP BED & BREAKFAST INN

662.547.6835

Restored and remodeled in late 2010, the main house consists of three log cabins joined together to offer four bedrooms with private baths, dining and living areas. In addition to these rooms, there are three cabins, each offering its own unique accommodations for one to six people.

## HISTORIC FRENCH CAMP

Mile Marker 181 on the Natchez Trace Parkway  
662.547.9464 • frenchcamp.org

Sample early American life as you walk or drive through the village. Featured are the carriage that Greenwood LeFlore used in his travels to Washington to meet with President Andrew Jackson, a restored 19<sup>th</sup> century farm house, log structured out buildings, a museum, Double Blessings Thrift Store and the French Camp Bed & Breakfast Inn.

## HUFFMAN LOG CABIN & COUNCIL HOUSE CAFÉ

Mile Marker 181 on the Natchez Trace Parkway • 662.547.6835

Take a break from your travels and enjoy dining at the Council House Café, open Mon–Sat, 10:30AM–7PM. The Huffman Log Cabin hosts a gift shop with handcrafted items and a row of rocking chairs where you can sit a spell.

## RAINWATER OBSERVATORY AND PLANETARIUM

MS Hwy. 413 just off of the Natchez Trace Parkway • Mile Marker 180.5  
662.547.7283 • rainwaterobservatory.org

The largest observatory in Mississippi, it is enjoyed by amateur astronomers, schools, scout groups, churches and civic groups.

*Planetarium, French Camp, MS*



## RISING SON RETREAT CENTER

662.547.6835

Located on beautiful Lake Anne, the Hall Lodge, Memphis Guesthouse and primitive cabins (with bath house) are available for individuals and groups August–May. Catering can be arranged, as well as horseback riding, canoeing, hiking and fishing.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ATTRACTIONS, EVENTS, LODGING & RESTAURANTS:

frenchcamp.org  
662.547.9464



## TUPELO 266

The Birthplace of the King of Rock and Roll, Tupelo rolls out a royal welcome with museums, a buffalo park and the exhibit-packed Parkway headquarters.

TUPELO CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Neal McCoy, Executive Director

399 E Main St., Tupelo, MS 38804  
662.841.6521 • 1.800.533.0611  
Fax 662.841.6558

tupelo.net • visittupelo@tupelo.net

Mon–Fri 8AM–5PM  
Closed Sat, Sun & Holidays



## ELVIS PRESLEY BIRTHPLACE

306 Elvis Presley Dr. • 662.841.1245  
elvispresleybirthplace.com

On the grounds of this unique attraction is the Elvis Presley Museum and gift shop, the Elvis Presley Memorial “Chapel, a story wall displaying a collection of anecdotes from people who knew Elvis during his early years in Tupelo, the “Elvis at 13” bronze statue and the actual church the Presley’s attended when Elvis was a child along with several other significant features.



*Elvis Presley Statue, Tupelo, MS*

## MISSISSIPPI HILLS EXHIBIT CENTER

398 E Main St. • 662.269.2580  
mississippihills.org

The center displays little-known facts about MS legends and offers an abundance of information on members throughout the 30-county National Heritage area.

## NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY VISITOR CENTER

Mile Marker 266 • 662.680.4027  
800.305.7417 • nps.gov/natr

The Natchez Trace Parkway Visitor Center, open year-round except Christmas Day, offers information for travelers, numerous displays and exhibits and an orientation program.

## OREN DUNN CITY MUSEUM

689 Rutherford Rd. • 662.841.6438  
orendunnmuseum.org  
museum@ci.tupelo.ms.us

Housed in a 1937 dairy barn, its collection focuses primarily on Tupelo and northeastern Mississippi history.

## TUPELO AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

1 Otis Blvd. • 662.842.4242  
tupeloauto.com

Over 100 antique, classic and collectible automobiles, chronologically displayed, illustrate the progress of over 100 years of automobile design and engineering.



*Automobile Museum, Tupelo, MS*

## TUPELO BUFFALO PARK & ZOO

2272 N Coley Rd.  
662.844.8709 • 866.272.4766  
tupelobuffalopark.com  
info@tupelobuffalopark.com

The Tupelo Buffalo Park specializes in exotic animals such as monkeys, a Bengal tiger, an African lion, a reticulated giraffe, an American black bear and a reptile section. Feature attractions include a live pony carousel, horse trail rides and a petting zoo,

complete with pigmy goats, miniature horses, sheep and other friendly animals.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ATTRACTIONS, EVENTS, LODGING & RESTAURANTS:

tupelo.net • 800.533.0611



## TISHOMINGO 303

Sandstone cliffs, a white sandy beach and miles of water fun—Tishomingo offers a refreshing change of pace and a timeless outdoor paradise.

TISHOMINGO COUNTY

Theresa Cutshall  
Administrator of Tourism Council

1001 Battleground Dr., Iuka, MS 38852  
1.800.386.4373 • Fax 662.423.1017

tishomingofunhere.org  
theresa@tishomingo.org

Mon–Fri 8AM–5PM



## J.P. COLEMAN STATE PARK

613 County Rd. 321  
662.423.6515 • mdwfp.com

Perched on a rocky bluff overlooking the Tennessee River, J. P. Coleman State Park offers the finest in all types of water sports.

## OLD TISHOMINGO COUNTY COURTHOUSE

203 E Quitman St., Iuka • 662.423.3500  
tishomingohistory.com



*Pioneer Cabin, Tishomingo, MS*

The historic two-story brick Courthouse remains much as it was in 1889. Its collection focuses on artifacts and exhibits for both the old and new Tishomingo County. The John Marshall Stone Research Library serves as an archival depository for the Tishomingo County Archives & History Museum.

## MINERAL SPRINGS PARK & COVERED BRIDGE

E Quitman St., Iuka  
662.423.3781 • iukams.com

World famous mineral springs named after Chickasaw Chief Iuka. The water won the 1902 World’s Fair prize for best mineral water. The park contains a playground, pavilions, historic dogtrot log cabin, picnic area, walking track, tennis courts, veteran’s memorial and a meeting facility.

## TISHOMINGO STATE PARK

Two miles south of Tishomingo off Mississippi Hwy. 25 at Mile Marker 304 on the Natchez Trace Parkway  
662.438.6914 • mdwfp.com

Located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, Tishomingo State Park is steeped in history and scenic beauty.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ATTRACTIONS, EVENTS, LODGING & RESTAURANTS:

tishomingofunhere.org  
800.386.4373





# Alabama

*Always ready for launch.*



**You probably didn't know that the first Mardi Gras was held in Mobile, Alabama,** not in New Orleans. But then Mobile's Mardi Gras is just the tip of the parade of Alabama firsts. Whether it's building the Saturn rockets that powered America's race to the moon at what is now the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, or whether it's hurtling NASCAR entrants around the track at the Talladega Superspeedway, Alabama gets there fast and first. That includes Alabama superstars Jesse Owens, Hank Aaron and Joe Louis.

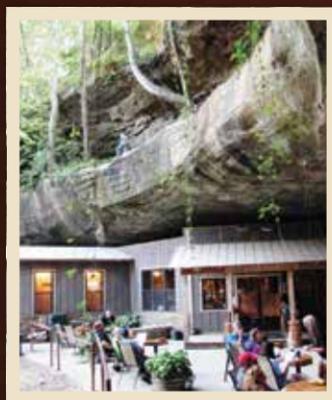


**VISION, VALUES:** One reason Alabama gets there first is that people in this state have the courage to take the hard road and the vision to see what's at the end of it. A young Montgomery minister named Martin Luther King, Jr. saw a day when people would be judged "not by the color of their skin," 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 ranging from W.C. Handy to Nat King Cole to Hank Williams.

**ALABAMA COOKS:** Williams sang "Hey, good lookin', whatcha got cookin'?" And when it comes to Alabama attractions, the answer is a deliciously full menu of recreation, culture and landscapes of unsurpassed beauty, everything from bird watching trails to sandy white beaches and mountains to museums.



Along the Natchez Trace, you'll encounter plenty of those attractions and plenty of Alabama visionaries at the birthplaces of Helen Keller and W. C. Handy, at the 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.

The launch of your great adventure is just ahead.

*From top to bottom: Helen Keller Festival, Tuscumbia; Frank Lloyd Wright, Florence; Dining, Florence; Rattlesnake Saloon, Tuscumbia*

## COLBERT COUNTY 330

Celebrate a "miracle" in the life of Helen Keller at her Tuscumbia home, then enjoy the music that brought "FAME" to Muscle Shoals at a place where even the River "sings!"

**COLBERT COUNTY TOURISM**  
**Susann Hamlin, Executive Director**  
 719 U.S. Hwy. 72 W, Tuscumbia, AL 35674  
 256.383.0783 • Fax 256.383.2080  
 colbertcountytourism.org  
 Mon-Fri 8:30AM-5PM



### COON DOG CEMETERY

4945 Coon Dog Cemetery Rd.  
 Cherokee • 256.383.0783  
 coondogcemetery.com

Over 300 bona fide coon hounds have been laid to rest in the scenic "Freedom Hills."

### HELEN KELLER HOME

300 N Commons, W Tuscumbia  
 256.383.4066  
 helenkellerbirthplace.org

The dramatic life and times of Helen Keller are preserved at her birthplace and childhood home, Ivy Green.

*Helen Keller Home, Tuscumbia, AL*



## ALABAMA MUSIC HALL OF FAME

617 U.S. Hwy. 72 W, Tuscumbia  
 265.381.4417 • alamhof.org

Muscle Shoals Music is showcased at the Alabama Music Hall of Fame, along with star studded exhibits on Alabama's many and diverse music achievers.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ATTRACTIONS, EVENTS, LODGING & RESTAURANTS:  
**colbertcountytourism.org**  
**800.344.0783**



## FLORENCE/LAUDERDALE COUNTY 336

W. C. Handy was born here, Frank Lloyd Wright built here, and the Native Americans buried here. Be sure to stop for a fascinating visit.

**FLORENCE/LAUDERDALE TOURISM**  
**Debbie Wilson, TMP, Director**

One Hightower Place, Florence, AL 35630  
 888.356.8687 • Fax 256.740.4142  
 visitflorenceal.com • Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM



### ADVENTURES IN SOUTHERN CULTURE

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Our diverse history, inspirational people, amazing architecture, world class fishing and golf offer the perfect vacation destination.

### FLORENCE INDIAN MOUND & MUSEUM

1028 S Court St.  
 256.760.6427 • florenceal.org

Explore Native American culture at the Florence Indian Mound, and visit the museum housing rare and ancient artifacts.

### W.C. HANDY BIRTHPLACE & MUSEUM

620 W College St.  
 256.760.6434 • florenceal.org

The W.C. Handy Home and Museum offers a glimpse into the life of the "Father of the Blues," from his humble beginnings as a preacher's son to composing many classics.

### THE FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT ROSENBAUM HOUSE

601 Riverview Dr. • 256.740.8899  
 wrightinalabama.com

Florence is home to the only Frank Lloyd Wright designed structure in Alabama.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ATTRACTIONS, EVENTS, LODGING & RESTAURANTS:

**visitflorenceal.com**  
**256.740.4141**



# Tennessee

*Three-part harmonies. A chorus of cheers.*



## If Tennessee were a song, it would need at least three verses:

One for West Tennessee, one for Middle Tennessee and one for East Tennessee. Call it the Tennessee three-step, the way distinctly different grand regions join together in vibrant harmony in a state that helped launch country music with the Bristol Sessions and usher in the age of soul at Stax Records in Memphis. For every interest, there's always something to cheer, in the state of Parton, Pigeon Forge and Peabody ducks; of B.B., the Blue Bird and Knoxville's Blueplate Special.

**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.



**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.

**LIONS, BEARS AND BATTLEFIELDS:** Tennessee is home to Davy Crockett, The National Civil Rights Museum and three U.S. presidents—Andrew Jackson, Andrew Johnson and James K. Polk. Today you can visit their homes, as well as four different

Civil War battlefields, strung from Shiloh to Chickamauga. Tennessee is all over the board when it comes to topography and recreation, too: snow board at Ober Gatlinburg, water ski at Pickwick or Paris, raft the white water of the Ocoee and hang glide off Lookout Mountain. Take the Bear Trace trail of Nicklaus-designed golf courses or see real bears in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Hike, camp or take a bike ride in one of Tennessee's 53 award-winning state parks.

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.

Better hurry and get started.

From top to bottom: Loveless Café, Exit Millemarker 444, Nashville; Collinwood Welcome Center, Collinwood; Nashville Fest; Leiper's Creek Galley, Leiper's Fork.

## COLLINWOOD 355

All roads lead to a great time in Wayne County, whether it's the big bike race or the Singing on the Farm festival where mule and wagon rides are part of the fun.

### WAYNE COUNTY WELCOME CENTER

Dorothee McGrath, Executive Director  
219 E Broadway, Collinwood, TN 38450  
931.724.4337

waynecountychamber.org  
chamber@netease.net

7 days/week • 365 days/year, 9AM-5PM



## BONNIE BLUE FARM

Waynesboro • 931.722.GOAT  
bonniebluefarm.com

Bonnie Blue Farm is the only goat cheese dairy farm in Tennessee. It is the gourmet cheese provider for 5-star restaurants throughout the state of Tennessee. Group tours available.

Bonnie Blue Farm, Cheese, Collinwood, TN



## COLLINWOOD DEPOT LIBRARY

101 E Depot St. • 931.724.2498  
cityofcollinwood.org

The Library is the only building that survived the Tennessee Western Rail

Road. From 1888 to 1915, it was the last leg of the railroad supporting the iron industry. This building was restored by the Wayne County Historical Society and now serves the community as a library/museum.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ATTRACTIONS, EVENTS, LODGING & RESTAURANTS:

waynecountychamber.org  
931.724.4337



## HOHENWALD 385.9

Put a welcome visit in your sights where you'll find one of North America's largest collections of animal trophy mounts in the Lewis County Museum.

### HOHENWALD/LEWIS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Janet Johnson, Executive Director  
106 N Court St., Hohenwald, TN 38462  
931.796.4084 • Fax 931.796.6020

hohenwaldlewischamber.com  
director@hohenwaldlewischamber.com

Mon-Fri 8AM-3:30PM



## HOHENWALD MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

829 Columbia Hwy. • 931.796.5421

A beautiful public nine hole golf course that lies on 58 acres open year-round.

## LEWIS COUNTY MUSEUM

108 E Main St. • 931.796.1550  
lewiscountymuseum.com

The exhibit on Meriwether Lewis includes the key to the cabin where Lewis died.



Lewis County Museum, Hohenwald, TN

## STRAND ART GALLERY

100 E Main St. • 931.295.3219  
hohenwaldstrand.com

Featuring original artwork by local artists for the public to view and purchase.

## YODER'S HOMESTEAD MARKET

3555 Summertown Hwy.  
931.796.1646

Amish and Mennonite communities, market with home-baked breads and pastries.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ATTRACTIONS, EVENTS, LODGING & RESTAURANTS:

hohenwaldlewischamber.com  
931.796.4084



## LEIPER'S FORK/ FRANKLIN

### 428.8 & 438

You'll be moved by the drama of the Carnton Plantation and beguiled by the unique blend of old and new in a county where the good life is here and now: live music, art, antiques, shopping and more.

#### FRANKLIN VISITOR CENTER

400 W Main St., Suite 130  
Franklin, TN 37064  
866.253.9207 • 615.591.8514  
Fax 615.550.2707

visitwilliamson.com  
info@visitwilliamson.com

Mon-Sat 9AM-5PM  
Sun NOON-4PM • Closed on Holidays



#### CARNTON PLANTATION

1345 Carnton Ln. • 615.794.0903  
battleoffranklintrust.org

Home of The New York Times bestseller, *The Widow of the South*, the beautifully restored Canton Plantation served as a field hospital during the Battle of Franklin. Tour the plantation, ornamental gardens and private cemetery.

Carnton Plantation, Franklin, TN



#### THE CARTER HOUSE

1140 Columbia Ave. • 615.791.1861  
battleoffranklintrust.org

The Carter House, built in 1830, was caught in the center of the Civil War's Battle of Franklin. Located here is the most bullet riddled building still standing from the Civil War. Daily tours include a video presentation, museum and guided tour of the farmhouse and grounds.

#### LOTZ HOUSE

1111 Columbia Ave.  
615.790.7190 • lotzhouse.com

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.



Tour in Downtown Franklin, TN

#### FRANKLIN TOUR APP

iTunes Store or 209 E Main St.  
615.591.8514 • visitfranklin.com

History Meets Technology with the Franklin iPad Tour App. This FREE App is available at the iTunes store to download. If you don't have an iPad, don't worry. The Williamson County Convention & Visitors Bureau offers iPads to rent at the Visitor Center at 209 E Main St. Ideal for a walking tour or if you want to tour Franklin while sitting at a local eatery! The tour includes 6 loops:

Great American Main Street, Arts & Antiques, Haunts & Headstones, Historic Homes of Hincheyville, Battle of Franklin and Margin to Main. If you would prefer a tour guide, Franklin on Foot offers Franklin History Tours, Ghost Tours and Crime Tours.



#### 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

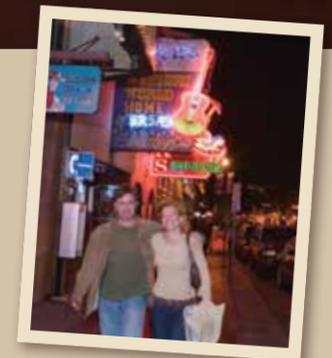
A charming historic village located on the Natchez Trace Parkway. Leiper's Fork is tucked away in some of Middle Tennessee's most beautiful countryside dotted with one-of-a-kind shops, antiques, artisans and art galleries—as well as plenty of good ole country cookin' and entertainment. Special events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

Leiper's Creek Gallery, Leiper's Fork, TN



FOR MORE INFORMATION  
ON ATTRACTIONS, EVENTS,  
LODGING & RESTAURANTS:

visitfranklin.com  
615.791.7554



Night at Honky Tonk, Nashville, TN

#### COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM

222 5th Ave. S • 615.416.2001  
countrymusicalloffame.com

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

Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, Nashville, TN



## NASHVILLE 444

Known for its music creativity, Nashville is also a stop for visitors who enjoy fine arts and history.

#### NASHVILLE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Butch Spyridon, President

150 4th Ave. N, Suite G-250  
Nashville, TN 37219  
615.259.4730 • 800.657.6910  
Fax 615.259.4126

visitmusiccity.com



#### MUSIC CITY VISITOR INFORMATION CENTERS

5th Ave. S & Broadway  
Inside the glass tower of  
the Sommet Center

Mon-Sat 8AM-5:30PM; Sun 10AM-5PM

4th Ave. N & Commerce  
Inside the US Bank Building

Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM

#### CHEEKWOOD

1200 Forrest Park Dr. • 615.356.8000  
877.356.8150 • info@cheekwood.org

Cheekwood is a 55-acre botanical garden and art museum located on the historic Cheek Estate.

#### GRAND OLE OPRY

2802 Opryland Dr.  
800.SEE.OPRY • opry.com

What began as a simple radio broadcast in 1925 is today a live-entertainment phenomenon.

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
ON ATTRACTIONS, EVENTS,  
LODGING & RESTAURANTS:

visitmusiccity.com  
800.657.6910



# ★ EVENTS ★

The following is a *sampling* of events you may find along the Parkway, for a complete calendar of event list, please visit [www.scenictrace.com](http://www.scenictrace.com).

## MONTHLY

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

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

**INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS ON THE NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY**  
Join park staff for programs on the Parkway's extensive natural and cultural history—including talks, guided walks and campfire programs.  
800.305.7417 • nps.gov/natr

**TUPELO, MS • PARKWAY VISITOR CENTER AT MILE MARKER 266**  
**PIONEER DAYS**  
Hands-on demonstrations based on pioneer activities. Free.



Pioneer Days, Tupelo, MS

**FRENCH CAMP, MS**  
**STEAK NIGHT**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Fri every month

**TUPELO, MS • FURNITURE MARKET BUILDINGS I & II**  
**TUPELO FLEA MARKET & CRAFTS SHOW**

Over 150 vendors offering food, crafts, clothing, pets, home interiors, jewelry and more. Admission.  
2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of each month  
662.842.4442

## 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**  
5K, arts & crafts, children's activities & guided historic tours.  
601.437.4500 • portgibsonmainstreet.com

## APRIL

**TISHOMINGO STATE PARK, MS**  
**31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL HOLLIS LONG DULCIMER FESTIVAL**  
Musicians preserve, teach and promote the dulcimer.  
662.438.6914 • mdwfp.comg

**NASHVILLE, TN**  
**AWESOME APRIL**

A month of major events, including Tin Pan South, Nashville Film Festival & the Country Music Marathon & ½ 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.  
3<sup>rd</sup> weekend • 662.841.6521

**CLINTON, MS**  
**CATERPILLAR PARADE**  
The parade kicks off market season.  
601.924.5472  
mainstreetclinton@clintonms.org

**TUPELO, MS • PARKWAY VISITOR CENTER AT MILE MARKER 266**  
**CELEBRATE WILDLIFE FESTIVAL**  
Family-friendly festival with wildlife demonstrations and guided walks. Free.

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

**HOHENWALD, TN • DOWNTOWN GLITZ & GLAM**  
Jewelry & accessories show.  
931.796.4804  
hohenwaldlewischamber.com

**KOSCIUSKO, MS • FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**"HIS LAST DAY" OUTDOOR DRAMA**  
An outdoor drama on Easter weekend.  
kadcorp.org

**RIDGELAND, MS • FREEDOM RIDGE PARK 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 1<sup>ST</sup>-5<sup>TH</sup> 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 • downtownfranklintn.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 SQUARE**  
**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

**RIDGELAND, MS**  
**RENAISSANCE AT COLONY PARK**  
**RIDGELAND FINE ARTS FESTIVAL**  
100 visual artists from across the U.S. display & sell their works. Children's art area.  
800.468.6078 • visitridgeland.com

**FLORENCE, AL**  
**DOWNTOWN WILSON PARK**  
**SHOALS EARTH DAY FEST**  
Children's tent with art & educational activities.  
256.740.4141 • 256.383.0783  
shoalsearth.com

## MAY

**TUPELO, MS**  
**DOWNTOWNLYRIC THEATRE**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TUPELO FILM FESTIVAL**  
World-class film screenings & workshops.  
Weekend after Mother's Day  
662.841.6521 • 800.533.0611  
tupelo.net/filmfest

**HOHENWALD, TN**  
**AMBER FALL WINERY & CELLARS**  
Cajun fest.  
Sat of Memorial Day weekend  
931.285.0088 • amberfallwinery.com



Gumtree Festival, Tupelo, MS

**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.  
Mother's Day Weekend  
662.844.2787 • gumtreemuseum.com

**WAYNE COUNTY, TN • CYPRESS INN**  
**MARVIN MORROW**  
**SINGING ON THE FARM**  
Family music festival with mule and wagon rides. Free.  
931.724.9663 • marvinmorrow.org

**JACKSON, MS • OLD TRACE PARK**  
**MISSISSIPPI SYMPHONY**  
**"PEPSI POPS"**  
Outdoor concert with a spectacular fireworks display over the reservoir.  
601.960.1565 • 800.898.5050  
msorchestra.com

**NATCHEZ, MS • VARIOUS VENUES**  
**NATCHEZ FESTIVAL OF MUSIC**  
Opera, Broadway and Jazz performed around the city throughout May.

**FRENCH CAMP, MS**  
**NATCHEZ TRACE HISTORICAL AREA**  
**PIONEER DAY**  
Craft demonstrations, musicians, pioneer games, horse and buggy rides, primitive cooking techniques and more. Free.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sat • 662.547.6835 • frenchcamp.org

**LEIPER'S FORK VILLAGE, TN**  
**LAWNCHAIR THEATRE**  
**4144 OLD HILLSBORO RD.**  
**POODLE SKIRTS TO BELL**  
**BOTTOMS COSTUME DANCE**  
Rock & Roll, Swing & Twist the night away. Free.  
615.715.1995 • leipersforkvillage.com

**RAYMOND, MS • DOWNTOWN SQUARE**  
**RAYMOND COUNTRY FAIR**  
Old-fashioned festival featuring arts & crafts, children's activities, pony rides, music & 5/10K runs.  
1<sup>st</sup> Sat • 601.857.8942  
raymondchamber.com

**TUPELO, MS • AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM/BANCORP SOUTH ARENA/OREN DUNN CITY MUSEUM**  
**TUPELO BLUE SUEDE CRUISE/DUDIE BURGER FESTIVAL**  
A classic car cruise with entertainment, swap meets, poker runs, car corral, an opening night movie and celebration of an iconic Tupelo burger joint.  
Weekend before Mother's Day  
662.842.4242 • bluesc.com

## JUNE

**NASHVILLE, TN • DOWNTOWN**  
**CMA MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
Features more than 70 hours of musical performances, autograph signings, celebrity sports competitions and other events.  
800.CMA.FEST • cmafest.com

**RIDGELAND, MS**  
**HEATWAVE TRIATHLON**  
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.  
601.853.2011 • heatwavetri.org

**TUSCUMBIA, AL**  
**SPRING PARK • S MAIN ST.**  
**HELEN KELLER FESTIVAL**  
Parade, presentation of "The Miracle Worker," a juried fine arts and crafts fair, history programs, historic tours, antique car show and musical entertainment.  
4<sup>th</sup> weekend • 256.383.0783  
helenkellerfestival.com

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

June Jam 10 K Run, Kosciusko, MS



**WAYNE COUNTY, TN • HIGH SCHOOL TOUR DE WAYNE BICYCLE RIDE**  
Century metric, century, half metric and family fun bicycle rides with sag support.  
931.724.4337  
waynecountychamber.org

**FRANKLIN, TN • DOWNTOWN TOUR OF HOMES**

Nine historic homes in & around historic downtown open to the public the first full weekend in June. Tickets are \$25 in advance; \$30 on site.  
615.591.8500 ext.18 • historicfranklin.com

**TUPELO, MS • DOWNTOWN TUPELO ELVIS PRESLEY FESTIVAL**

A festival in honor of Tupelo's most famous native son featuring two music venues, a preliminary to the Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist competition, an Elvis look alike pet parade, a "homecoming" through the streets of Downtown Tupelo and vendors.  
1<sup>st</sup> weekend  
662.841.6598 • tupeloelvisfestival.com

**JULY**



NT Longhunter telling tales of Trace Travel, Clinton, MS

**CLINTON, MS • TRACEWAY PARK ANNUAL FAMILY FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA**

Bring your lawn chairs for a day of food, fun, entertainment and fabulous fireworks.  
601.924.6082 • clintonms.org

**NATCHEZ, MS • VARIOUS VENUES FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL**

A weekend long celebration of fine food and wine.

**NASHVILLE, TN • RIVERFRONT PARK MUSIC CITY JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

Evening of free entertainment, fun and fireworks.  
615.259.4730 • visitmusiccity.com

**FLORENCE, MS WC HANDY MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
A week long tribute to the "Father of the Blues," W.C. Handy. Jazz and Blues music throughout the Shoals.  
256.766.7642 • wchandymusicfestival.org

**AUGUST**

**KOSCIUSKO, MS CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI FAIR**  
Family-fun midway entertainment, rides, exhibits & special events.  
662.289.2981 • kadcorp.org

**TISHOMINGO, MS J.P. COLEMAN STATE PARK J.P. COLEMAN DULCIMER DAY**  
Play with dulcimer musicians.  
662.423.6515

**HOHENWALD, TN LEWIS COUNTY MEMORIAL PARK SOUTH CENTRAL AREA FAIR**  
Fun-filled week of rides & events.  
931.796.5425

**SEPTEMBER**

**TISHOMINGO, MS MINERAL SPRINGS PARK ANNUAL IUKA HERITAGE FESTIVAL**  
Weekend filled with entertainment, food, family fun and more.  
Labor Day Weekend  
662.423.3781 • iukafestival.com

**TISHOMINGO, MS • BELMONT BEAR CREEK FESTIVAL & ANTIQUE CAR SHOW**  
Weekend filled with entertainment, food, family fun and more.  
662.454.3381

**TISHOMINGO, MS • BURNSVILLE BURNSVILLE WATERWAY FESTIVAL**  
Weekend filled with entertainment, food, family fun and more.  
662.427.9526

Burnsville Waterway Festival, Tishomingo, MS



**TUSCUMBIA, AL • SPRING PARK "OKA KAPASSO" RETURN TO COLD WAR NATIVE AMERICAN FESTIVAL**  
American Indian event showcases story telling, dancing, music, art/crafts and a torch—lighting ceremony.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sat • 256.383.0783 • okakapassa.org

**COLLINWOOD, TN RALPH HUGHES PARK OLD TIMERS DAY FESTIVAL**  
Home cooked breakfast kicks off the annual event with fun, food, antiques, and crafts.  
Labor Day weekend

**OCTOBER**

**RAYMOND, MS A PLACE CALLED RAYMOND ANNUAL FALL PILGRIMAGE**  
Lectures, music, historic home tours, outdoor movies and cemetery strolls.  
601.201.1632 • 601.857.8041  
friendsorraymond.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

**HOHENWALD, TN COURTHOUSE LAWN ANNUAL FALL CLASSICS CAR & TRUCK SHOW**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sat • 931.796.4084  
hohenwaldlewischamber.com

**CLINTON, MS • OLDE TOWNE FALL FOR CLINTON**  
Multiple events.  
601.924.5472  
mainstreet@clintonms.org

**FRENCH CAMP, MS FRENCH CAMP ACADEMY FRENCH CAMP HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
Celebrate Autumn's bounty through a down-home auction for charity featuring hand-stitched quilts, a country store and a grand dinner-on-the-grounds.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sat • 662.547.6835 • frenchcamp.org

**NATCHEZ, MS • MEET AT THE HISTORIC MT. LOCUST INN NORTH OF MILE 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.

**NATCHEZ, MS ROSALIE BICENTENNIAL GARDENS 640 S CANAL ST. FOR TICKETS GREAT MISSISSIPPI RIVER BALLOON RACE**  
A weekend of hot air balloons and live music overlooking the Mississippi River.  
800.647.6724 • natchezballoonrace.com

**CLINTON, MS • DOWNTOWN HAUNTING OF OLDE TOWNE**  
Family fun event celebrating Halloween in a safe carnival atmosphere.  
Late October • 601.924.6082 • clintonms.org

**LEIPER'S FORK VILLAGE, TN 4144 OLD HILLSBORO RD. LEIPER'S FORK 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF**  
Wonderful music and a wide variety of chili from vendors.  
615.715.1995 • leipersforkvillage.com

**LEWIS SITE, TN • HOHENWALD, TN MILE MARKER 386 MERIWETHER LEWIS**  
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*



Oktober Heritage Festival, Hohenwald, TN

**HOHENWALD, TN • DOWNTOWN OKTOBER HERITAGE FESTIVAL**  
Arts & crafts, food & car show.  
2<sup>nd</sup> weekend • 931.796.4084  
hohenwaldlewischamber.com

**FRENCH CAMP, MS NATCHEZ TRACE HISTORIC DISTRICT SORGHUM MOLASSES DEMONSTRATION**

See the old-fashioned sorghum press, cooking pit and taste the warm molasses fresh from the spigot.  
Every Sat • 662.547.6835 • frenchcamp.org

**TISHOMINGO, MS 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 Waterway (25, 45, 50, to 69, 14 and 43 to Demopolis, AL).  
1<sup>st</sup> Fri-Sat • 800.386.4373 • tishomingo.org

**NOVEMBER**

**TUPELO, MS • PARKWAY VISITOR CENTER AT MILE MARKER 266 AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE EVENT**  
The Parkway travels through the traditional homeland of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. Learn more about these cultures.

**NATCHEZ, MS NATCHEZ CITY CEMETERY ANGELS ON THE BLUFF CEMETERY TOUR**  
Elaborate portrayals of individuals buried here.  
1<sup>st</sup> weekend • 800.647.6724  
natchezcemetery.com

**DECEMBER**

**CLINTON, MS • DOWNTOWN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE**  
Lighting of Olde Towne.  
1<sup>st</sup> Sat • 601.924.5912 • clintonms.org

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

**RAYMOND, MS • SQUARE CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE**  
Christmas Parade & Lighting of the Tree.  
1<sup>st</sup> Tue • 601.857.8942  
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.  
2<sup>nd</sup> full weekend  
615.591.8500 • historicfranklin.com

**HOHENWALD, TN • STRAND THEATRE WINTER WONDERLAND**  
Fabulous displays of lights and holiday scenes.  
931.295.3076 • hohenwaldstrand.com.

**THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

**INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS ON THE NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY**  
Join park staff for programs on the Parkway's extensive natural and cultural history—including talks, guided walks and campfire programs.  
800.305.7417 • nps.gov/natr

**TUPELO, MS & RIDGELAND, MS JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAMS**  
Free children's activities on Sat in June and July.  
800.305.7417 • nps.gov/natr

**NATCHEZ, MS 640 S CANAL ST. FOR TICKETS NATCHEZ SPRING & FALL PILGRIMAGE**  
25 Historic antebellum mansions open their doors as hostesses in period costumes.  
March/April/September/October  
800.647.6742 • natchezpilgrimage.com

**CLINTON, MS • OLDE 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-mid July • 256.383.4066  
888.329.2124 • helenkellerbirthplace.org

"The Miracle Worker" Outdoor Drama, Tuscumbia, AL



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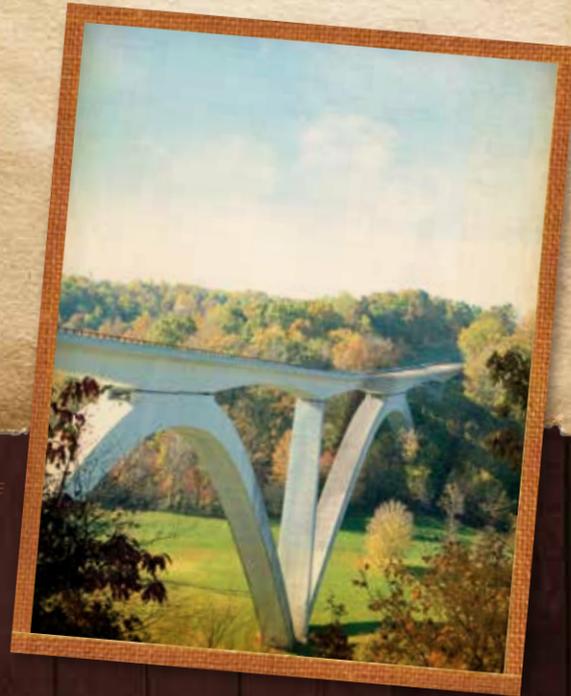
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