



Did you know?

The Natchez Trace Parkway has...

- Over 25 campgrounds along its corridor
- Over 100 wayside exhibits
- Over 300 types of wildlife, including eight federally listed threatened and endangered species
- Over 2,200 types of plants, including dogwoods, live oak, water tupelo and bald cypress



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“This new road, opening the woods, among redbuds and white blossoms of dogwood, curving about under a cool evergreen cover. For miles no power lines or billboards. Just tree, rock, water, brush and road. The new Trace, like a river, following natural contours and giving focus to the land; it so brings out the beauty...to drive the Trace one sees that highway does not have to outrage landscape.”

A passage from Blue Highways
about the Natchez Trace

— **William Least Heat-Moon**

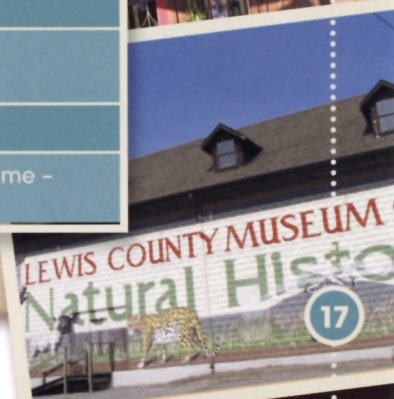
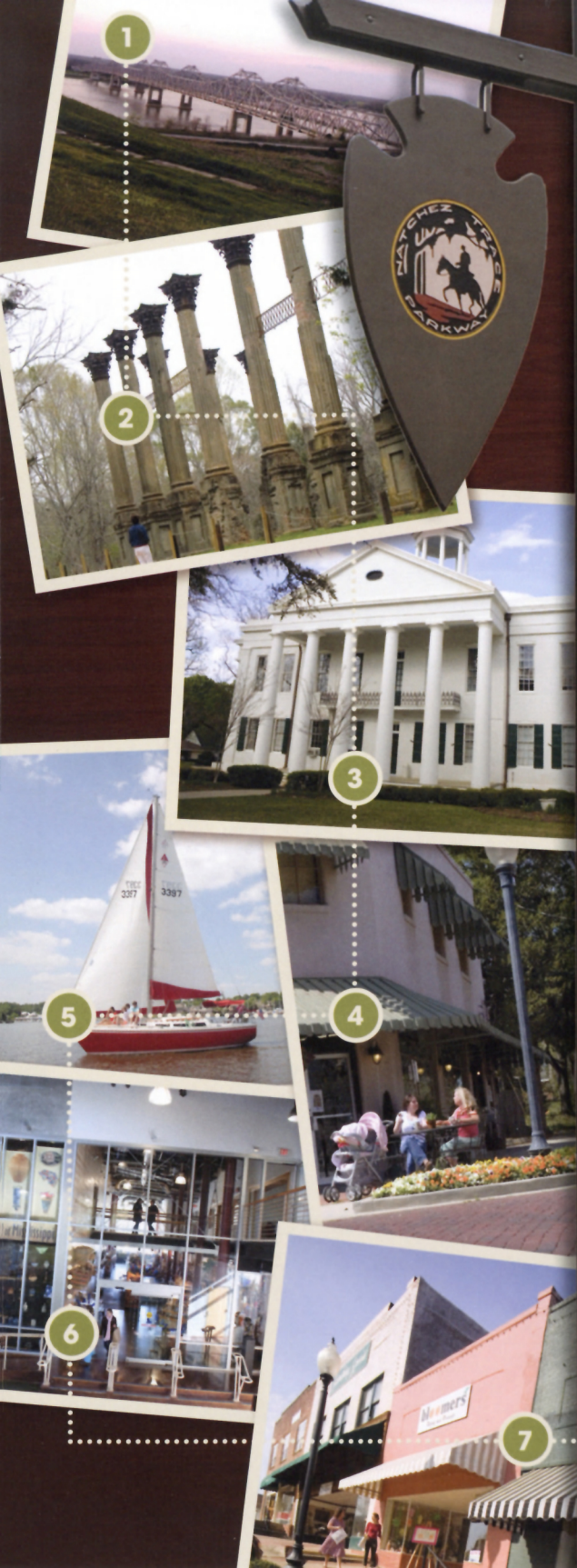
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Winding its way through American History

Stretching from the Mississippi River in Natchez through the Shoals area in Alabama and across the Tennessee Valley to Nashville, the Old Trace was first used by American Indians. In the early 1800's, it was the main return route for Ohio Valley traders who, rather than fight the Mississippi currents, sold their flatboats for the value of their timber in Natchez and walked home through Choctaw and Chickasaw territory via the Old Trace.

By mid-century, steamboats made the trek unnecessary, and the Old Trace disappeared into the trees. Today, the 444-mile National Scenic Byway and All-American Road has emerged as one of America's most important examples of our nation's natural and cultural heritage. Administered by the National Park Service, the road's non-commercial environment coupled with a wide variety of historic sites, wayside exhibits and beautiful venues make it a memorable destination for an unhurried trip that both reveals and explains a unique time in our country's history.

1. Mississippi River – **NATCHEZ**
2. Windsor Ruins – **PORT GIBSON**
3. Historic Courthouse – **RAYMOND**
4. Clinton's Olde Towne – **CLINTON**
5. Ross Barnett Reservoir – **RIDGELAND**
6. MS Craft Center – **RIDGELAND**
7. Historic Downtown – **KOSCIUSKO**
8. Little Village – **FRENCH CAMP**
9. Natchez Trace Parkway Visitor Center – **TUPELO**
10. Elvis Presley Birthplace – **TUPELO**
11. State Park Swinging Bridge – **TISHOMINGO**
12. Spring Park – **TUSCUMBIA**
13. River Front Park – **SHEFFIELD**
14. Alabama Music Hall of Fame – **TUSCUMBIA**
15. W.C. Handy Birthplace – **FLORENCE**
16. Old Train Depot – **COLLINWOOD**
17. Lewis County Museum – **HOHENWALD**
18. Leiper's Creek Gallery – **LEIPER'S FORK**
19. Main Street – **FRANKLIN**
20. Country Music Hall of Fame – **NASHVILLE**



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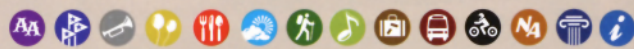
When the open road beckons and the urge to explore stirs... THE NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY AWAITS.

MS NATCHEZ

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A southern start in NATCHEZ is a nice way to begin your journey. Choose from carriage rides through the city and tours of some of the South's most historic homes to walking tours through downtown and a candlelight dinner overlooking the Mississippi River. This picturesque river town has a romantic history of grandeur and charm with unique restaurants, antique stores and bed and breakfast inns.

800.647.6724 ★ visitnatchez.org



MS PORT GIBSON

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About 40 miles outside of Natchez is the historic town of PORT GIBSON that features homes, churches and public buildings in a town General U.S. Grant declared "too beautiful to burn." The Ruins of Windsor showcase the stark beauty of the once stately Greek Revival mansion and offers visitors a glimpse back in time.

601.437.4351 ★ portgibsonchamber.com

MS RAYMOND

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Another 40 miles north brings you to the small antebellum city of RAYMOND. Raymond welcomes visitors with its picturesque charm and Civil War history. A driving tour highlights the historic Hinds County Courthouse (1859) and the architectural heritage of a National Register Historic District. The Confederate Cemetery and the Civil War Battlefield with its walking trail offer opportunities to explore history.

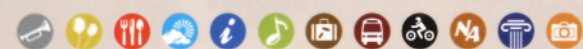
601.857.8041 ★ raymondms.com

MS CLINTON

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Just north of Raymond lies Clinton, a historic city whose visitor center features an array of historical artifacts, fine art and gift items created by local artisans. The beautiful brick streets in Clinton's Olde Towne accent unique shops, nearby restaurants and hotels perfectly demonstrating why Clinton is a Main Street Community. History buffs will enjoy the numerous historical landmarks.

601.924.2221 ★ clintonms.org

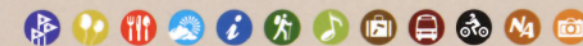


MS RIDGELAND

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Driving through Mississippi's capital city of Jackson brings you to RIDGELAND. This charming city has distinctive lodging and dining and is home to the Mississippi Craft Center and the Ridgeland Retail Trail. Situated along the Ross Barnett Reservoir, Ridgeland presents visitors with an environment of natural beauty, wonderful attractions, outstanding recreational facilities, multi-purpose trail and is Mississippi's premier shopping destination.

800.468.6078 ★ visitridgeland.com



MS KOSCIUSKO

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Leaving Ridgeland, the Ross Barnett Reservoir parallels the Parkway for several miles and offers some of Mississippi's most beautiful scenery. An hour north of the reservoir is KOSCIUSKO, one of the oldest remaining settlements on the Parkway and once a campsite for travelers making the long trip from Natchez to Nashville. Today, visitors can enjoy a variety of antique shops, restaurants and a bed and breakfast inn. Kosciusko celebrates the birthplace of Oprah Winfrey and the annual Natchez Trace Festival.

662.289.2981 ★ kadcorp.org

MS FRENCH CAMP

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FRENCH CAMP, 22 miles north of Kosciusko, was established circa 1810 by Louis LeFleur as LeFleur's Stand. This stop includes a Visitors Center, Council House Café, historic village, bed & breakfast inn, museum, crafts and sorghum making. Less than 15 minutes from French Camp is Jeff Busby, featuring picnic and camping areas, self-guiding trails and an overlook that is one of Mississippi's highest points (603 feet).

662.547.9464 ★ frenchcamp.org



MS TUPELO

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Continuing the journey northward brings you to TUPELO and the headquarters for the Parkway. Located at the Visitors Center are self-guiding trails, restrooms, exhibits and an orientation program. Visitors can also enjoy Tupelo's museums, numerous restaurants and hotels, historical sites and attractions, including the Elvis Presley Birthplace, Tupelo Automobile Museum and the Tupelo Buffalo Park.

800.533.0611 ★ tupelo.net

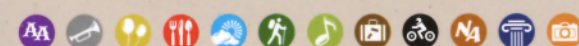


MS TISHOMINGO COUNTY

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TISHOMINGO COUNTY—Located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and home to beautiful vistas from Woodall Mountain, the highest point in Mississippi, two award-winning state parks and more than 50,000 acres of lakes, more than 12,000 acres of pristine and protected hunting areas with 10 parks created by the Corps of Engineers. This is an outdoor enthusiast's paradise. Explore miles of hiking trails and streams perfect for canoeing, fishing and swimming or arts and craft shops and the old Tishomingo County Courthouse, once the "Marriage Capitol of the South."

800.386.4373 ★ tishomingofunhere.org



AL COLBERT & SHOALS AREA

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Heading out of Tishomingo County, ALABAMA is practically next door. COLBERT FERRY, located on the Trace about 18 miles after you enter the state, offers beautiful picnic, fishing and boating areas.

The SHOALS AREA—Tuscumbia, Sheffield, Muscle Shoals and Florence—is located some 15 minutes east of the Trace where notable attractions in Tuscumbia include the Helen Keller Birthplace and childhood home and the Alabama Music Hall of Fame. Visitors can experience unique architecture at the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Rosenbaum home and then jazz their blues away at the W.C. Handy, "Father of the Blues," Birthplace and Museum in Florence. Visit the area's recording studios to discover Muscle Shoals music in "Sweet Home Alabama."

MUSCLE SHOALS, SHEFFIELD & TUSCUMBIA
800.344.0783 ★ colbertcountytourism.org
FLORENCE ★ 888.356.8687 ★ visitflorenceal.com



TN COLLINWOOD

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Passing through the Shoals area leads to the Wayne County Welcome Center in COLLINWOOD, TENNESSEE where friendly volunteers tout attractions like Collinwood's Old Depot Library, the only surviving building associated with the Tennessee Western Railroad. Tour the small museum at the Center, learn about local festivals and enjoy rural attractions like canoeing, fishing and hunting.

931.724.4337 ★ waynecountychamber.org



TN HOHENWALD

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Heading north, find the grave of Meriwether Lewis of the Lewis and Clark fame. Here are self-guiding trails,

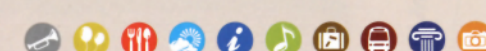


★ Capital City ★ City 444.0 Mile Marker



campgrounds, restrooms and a picnic area alongside a creek for some playful fun. As you continue north through a scenic landscape of forests, streams and waterfalls, tour the attractions of Hohenwald, ranging from an Amish-Mennonite settlement to a 60's era commune, plus a natural history museum, wineries, the Elephant Sanctuary in the Tennessee Welcome Center, an art gallery, golfing and much more.

931.796.4084 ★ hohenwaldlewischamber.com



TN LEIPER'S FORK & FRANKLIN

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Next is the historic Tennessee Valley Divide. When Tennessee joined the Union in 1796, this area was the boundary between the United States and the Chickasaw Nation.

Just northeast of the divide area are the communities of LEIPER'S FORK and FRANKLIN. Historic Leiper's Fork combines an eclectic mix of country simplicity and sophisticated charm. Experience outdoor lawnchair theatre, antiques, artisan and unique gift shops and country cooking. Rich in history, Franklin is just minutes from Music City with the beauty of Victorian and Antebellum

architecture backdropped by a rolling countryside. Known for its award-winning Main Street and small time charm, Franklin showcases antique galleries, unique shops in its historic downtown district and Civil War history.

LEIPER'S FORK ★ visitleipersfork.com

FRANKLIN ★ 866.253.9207 ★ visitwilliamson.com



TN NASHVILLE

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Nearing NASHVILLE is the architecturally stunning double arch bridge separating the Parkway and Tennessee Highway 96 followed by the northern terminus of the Parkway and access to Interstate Highway 40.

From history and sports to music of all genres, the city is full of fun and entertainment. In Music City, visitors can choose from over 40 fascinating attractions, a special events calendar jammed with things to do, live music all day, every day in over 200 live music venues throughout the city and a fabulous array of some of Tennessee's best restaurants.

800.657.6910 ★ visitmusiccity.com

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