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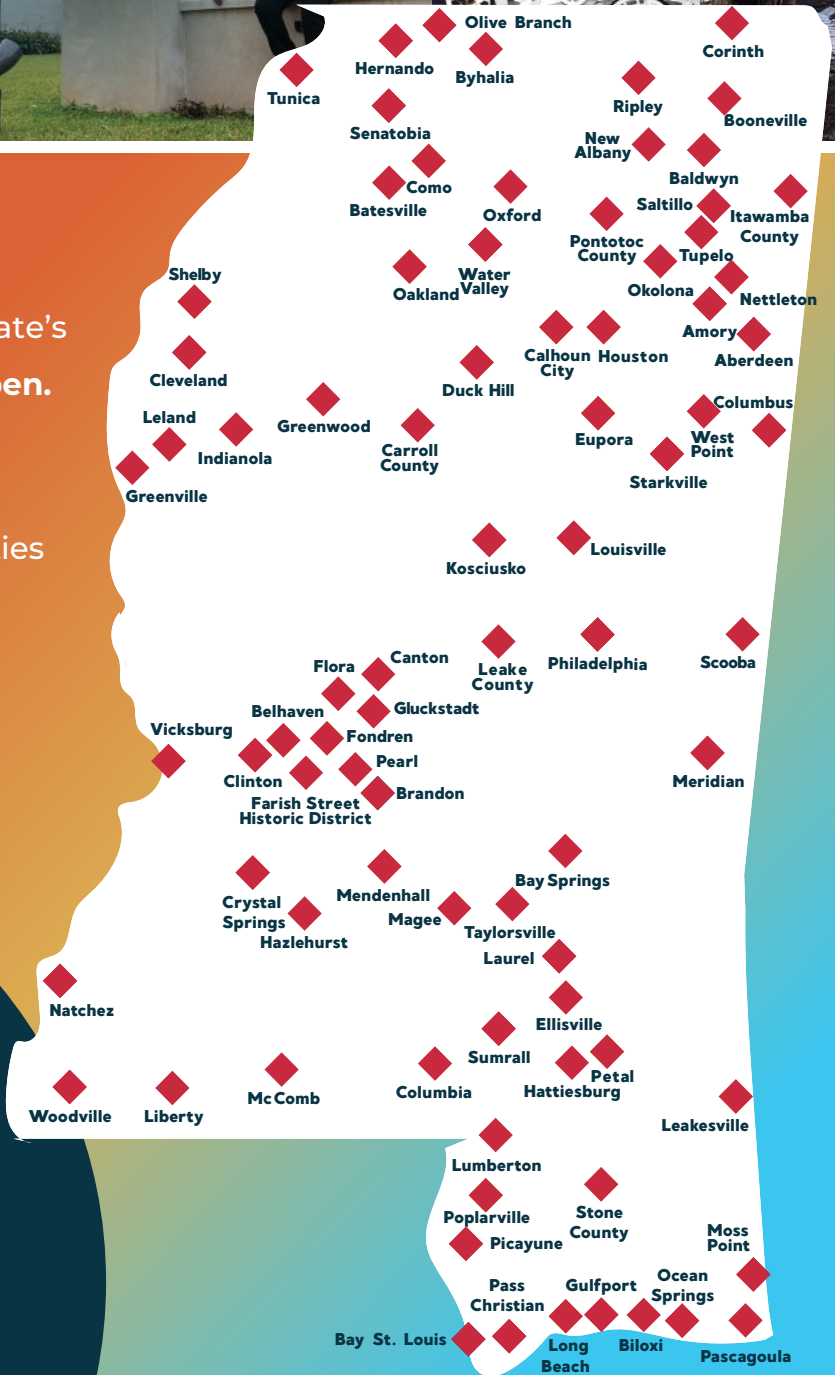
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We're proud to share our beloved Mississippi with you. I hope this guide inspires your journey and helps you discover all the reasons we're proud to call this state home.

Enjoy your visit and we hope to welcome you again soon,

Governor Tate Reeves

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Restaurant Revival: Resurrection Is in the Air at Many Mississippi Eateries

If The Mayflower Cafe is any indicator, 1935 is the new 2026. The restaurant scene in Mississippi is undergoing a culinary renaissance—new flavors and bold fusions are breathing life into historic buildings while carrying iconic Southern fare forward.

The Mayflower Cafe in Jackson is blossoming into a new season. The story of this restaurant dates back to immigrants from the Greek island of Patmos, where hamburger stand–style humble beginnings grew into the building we know and love today.

Enter: Hunter Evans and Cody McCain, co-owners of Elvie's, in 2024. Shortly after Evans was named a James Beard Award finalist for Best Chef: South, they purchased The Mayflower Cafe building and began adding their signature culinary expertise, while also making strategic renovations that celebrate the structure's past.

Visit this scrumptious site to savor the retro neon lights, vintage seafood bins and old-time diner feel (you may recall this locale from its feature in "The Help," filmed in Jackson and Greenwood). Fast forward to today; the restaurant was recently named in The New York Times' 2025 Restaurant List, which highlights the 50 best restaurants in America.

Taste equal parts timeless hospitality and famous flavors at these other historic, revamped restaurants: The Downtowner, Gulfport; Hen & Egg, Jackson; Walker's Drive-In, Jackson; Lusco's, Taylor; and Community Grocery, Woodville.


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- 12/31 - Celebrate New Year's at the Crossroads!

2026

- 1/23-25 - Clarksdale Film & Music Festival
- 4/9-12 - Juke Joint Festival & Related Events
- 4/12 - Cat Head Mini Blues Fest
- 5/9 - 19th Clarksdale Caravan Music Fest (Cat Head/Bad Apple Blues Club/Bluesberry)
- 5/9 - Pinetop Boogie & Crawfish Boil. Ground Zero Blues Club, benefiting Pinetop Perkins Foundation, 4pm til
- 5/16 - Women In Blues festival
- 5/22-23 - Ground Zero Blues Club Anniversary
- 5/23 - Tater Superbad Blues Festival
- 5/24 - 6th annual Bad Apple Blues Festival
- 5/28-30 - Son House Tribute Festival
- 6/19-21 - B.A.M. Fest (Birthplace of American Music)
- 8/7-9 - 38th Sunflower River Blues & Gospel Festival
- 8/7-9 - Cat Head 24th Anniversary Weekend
- 9/5 - 8th Red's Old-Timers Blues Fest (MLK Park Stage)
- 9/26 - 3rd Jessie Mae Hemphill Hill Country Blues Festival at Crossroads Cultural Arts Center
- 10/ 2026 TBD - Mighty Roots Music Festival (Stovall Farm)
- 10/8-10 - King Biscuit Blues Festival (Helena, Arkansas)
- 10/2026 - TBD - Hopson Pumpkin Pickin' Festival w/ music, kids' activities and more
- 10/11 - Cat Head Mini Blues Fest/Clarksdale Super Blues Sunday
- 10/11 - Clarksdale Super Blues Sunday: Including: Cat Head Mini Blues Fest, Bluesberry Café, Delta Blues, Ground Zero Blues Club, Pinetop Perkins Homecoming, Levon's, Hooker Grocer, Red's and more!
- 10/15-17 - 34th annual Mississippi Delta Tennessee Williams Festival
- 10/17 - Clarksdale Crossroads Blues Festival
- 10/29-11/01 - Hambone Festival
- 10/31 - Cruz'n The Crossroads Car & Truck Show
- 12/31 - Celebrate New Year's at the Crossroads w/multiple shows around town

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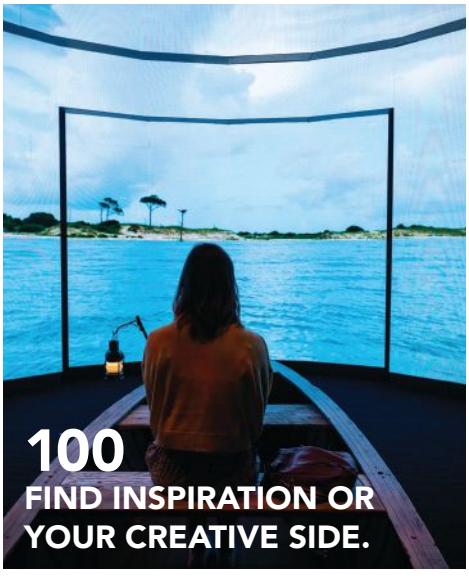
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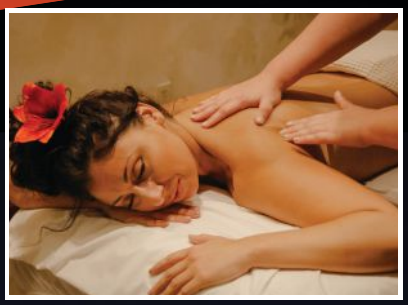
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LET YOUR TASTE BUDS AND SENSE OF ADVENTURE GUIDE YOU TO SAMPLE SOME OF THE STATE'S UNIQUE RESTAURANTS, STORIED SPOTS AND FUN FESTIVALS.

BY GWYN GOODROW

Explore a culinary scene where traditions are honored, farmers are family and chefs are artists. There's heartfelt hospitality in every bite.

NORTHERN MISSISSIPPI'S CULINARY CHARM BLENDS TRADITION WITH INNOVATION.

In **Columbus**, **J. Broussard's** shares a touch of New Orleans sophistication. This family-run bistro serves dishes like veal tenderloin scallopini and pecan-crusted catfish. **Commodore Bob's Yacht Club** in nearby **Starkville** is all about laid-back luxe. Although there's no water in sight, beachy vibes emerge in seafood dishes, perfect for dinner or weekend brunch.

Slip on an apron at **Greenwood's Viking Cooking School**, where hands-on classes turn food lovers into confident cooks. **Ember & Oak Prime** in **Southaven** brings rustic elegance to the table with bold, flame-seared flavor. Try the Creekstone Farms filet with grilled broccolini.

Cleveland's Octoberfest, named Mississippi's Best Fall Festival by Travel + Leisure, attracts crowds for musical entertainment, crafts and the Mississippi Delta Barbecue State Championship. The aroma alone is worth the trip.

IN CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI, CULINARY ARTISANS DELIVER SOUTHERN COMFORT WITH A TWIST.

In the tiny town of **Learned**, **H.D. Gibbes & Sons** has operated as a general store since the late 1800s. It's no-frills cooking with tender ribeyes, whole-rack lamb chops and fresh seafood served on paper plates to folks who appreciate delicious food.

Tucked away in **Flora**, **The Briar Patch** is where small plates, craft cocktails and local musicians set the scene. Just down the road, **The Flora Butcher** provides melt-in-your-mouth wagyu cuts for top chefs and home cooks alike.

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"Our menu tells the story of this place, of the Greek immigrants who came to Mississippi with a dream and the citizens of Jackson who kept that dream alive with their loyalty and patronage." ~The Mayflower Cafe

The **JXN Food & Wine Festival**, held each March at the Mississippi Museum of Art, invites guests to enjoy stage performances and chef-led demonstrations. It's a sensory celebration rooted in the region's rich heritage. Nearby, **Jackson's** Belhaven neighborhood is home to a trio of notable dining experiences.

At **1908 Provisions** at **The Fairview Inn**, menus pay tribute to rural roots with pasture-raised beef, local hydroponic greens and stone-ground Delta grits. In a renovated 1940s cottage, Chef Hunter Evans serves up New Orleans flair and refined Southern flavor at **Elvie's**. A James Beard Award finalist, Evans prepares standout dishes like redfish almondine. On weekends, the breakfast menu draws a loyal following. A few blocks away at **The Manship Wood Fired Kitchen**, the salmon trails a whisper of smoky notes. Its fire-kissed flavor and delicate texture convey the chef's refined touch. The vibe is casual. The meals are exceptional.

Craving something sweet? Pick up a **Cotton Blues Cheesecake** at a local grocery store and taste why this **Waynesboro**-born dessert is a Southern favorite. Just seven ingredients turn each handcrafted treat into a decadent indulgence.

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI PAIRS BOLD FLAVORS WITH BREEZY CHARM.

In **Hattiesburg**, **Big Trouble** hits all the senses with bold Asian American fusion. Try the spicy chicken katsu, the creamy crab rangoon dip spiked with pineapple chili sauce or the chili crisp queso.

Historical homes near scenic bluffs make **Natchez** a popular destination. Even better, each July, the **Natchez Food & Wine Festival** presents multi-course dinners in historic mansions and hosts the popular Tastings Along the River. Consume Natchez's riverfront elegance, then head south towards

CHRIS GRANGER





ABE'S BAR-B-Q, CLARKSDALE

bountiful seafood and salty breezes. In **Bay St. Louis**, **Thorny Oyster** at the Pearl Hotel blends sea-to-table flavors with upscale style. The seafood plateau, with oysters, crab claws and lobster salad, is as coastal as it gets.

Step into **White Pillars**, where balmy breezes drift through a stately 1905 home, and nostalgia greets you at the door. Austin Sumrall, the chef and owner, was a James Beard Award semifinalist in the Best Chef: South category in 2020 and 2025. This **Biloxi** landmark is known for buttery pork steak piccata and wood-grilled Gulf fish. Each bite exudes seaside charm as history lingers in the intimate ambience.

A swirl of savory aroma pulls you toward **Fields Italian** in **Ocean Springs**, where the menu boasts bold, chef-inspired dishes. One whiff of spaghetti with beef and pork meatballs, and you'll understand why people wander in from the street. It's Italy, right on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. **The Lady May**, just down the street, celebrates home-cooking techniques nurtured by the love found in grandmothers' kitchens. Brunch comes to life with a traditional Crawfish Monica.

Also in Ocean Springs, **Vestige** stands out for its exceptional, detail-driven culinary experience. It was named one of five finalists for the James Beard Award for Best Restaurant in the nation. Led by Alex Perry, this minimalist haven is a love letter to regional cuisine, serving fresh Gulf seafood and scratch-made bread in a curated space.

Food in Mississippi is more than sustenance. It's shared meals, laughter and love around the table. Above all, it's an invitation to come hungry, stay awhile and gather memories that taste like home.

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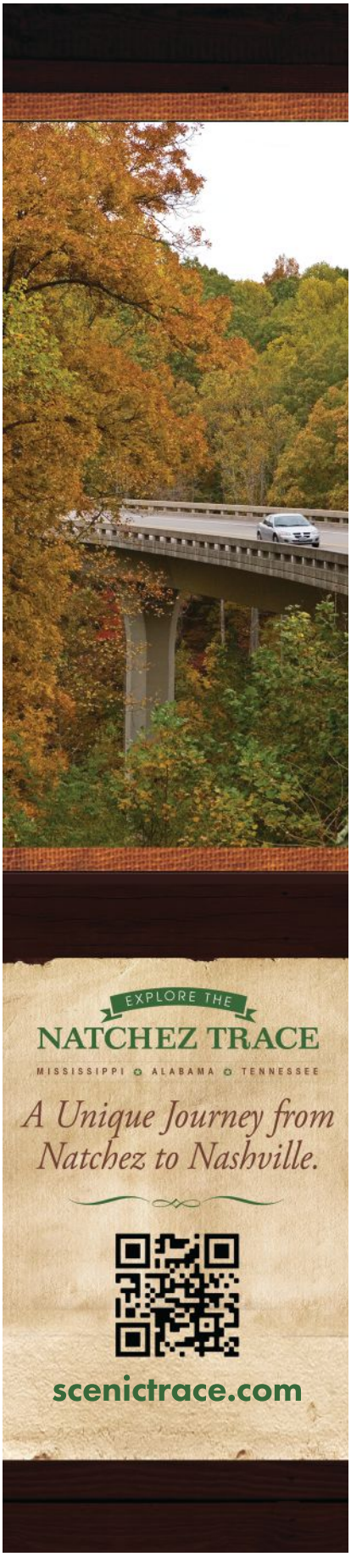
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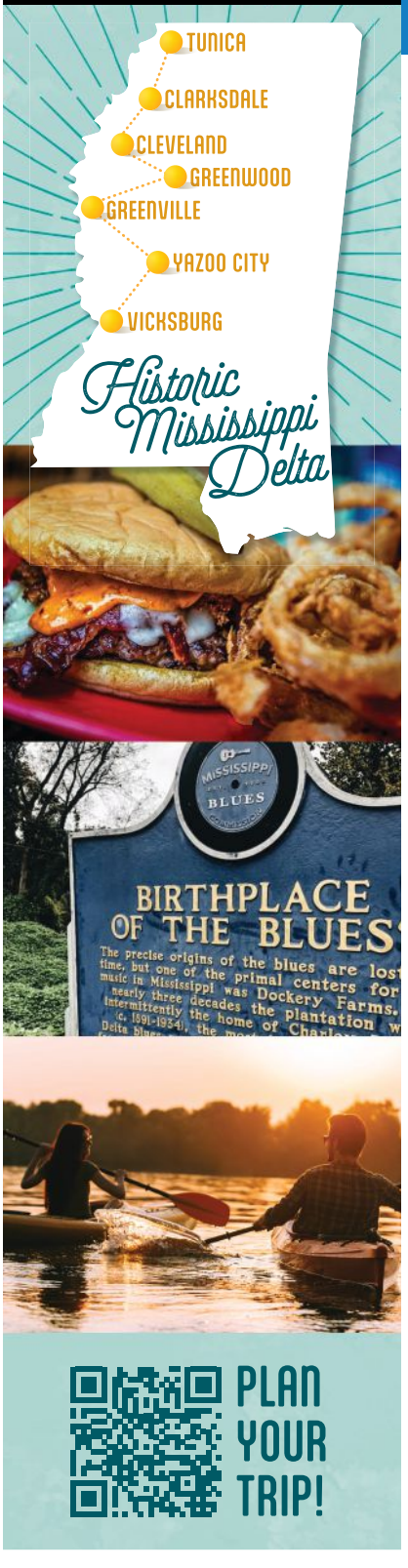
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FROM LUXE TO LAID-BACK: A GUIDE TO UNFORGETTABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

Whether you're dreaming of a luxury hotel, a charming B&B or a comfy cabin tucked deep in the woods, Mississippi has a stay to match your travel style. From the rolling hills of the north to the breezy Gulf Coast, the state is home to an eclectic mix of accommodations that reflect its rich history and artistic spirit. Explore lodging options across the state that showcase true Southern hospitality with modern flair.



HOTEL TUPELO

NORTH

Nestled in the hills of **Itawamba County**, the **Fulton's Cabins at Midway** are a hidden gem for travelers looking to escape the hustle. Think peaceful mornings on a screened-in porch, fire pits under a starry sky and interiors that blend rustic woodwork with modern touches. This spot is perfect for couples, solo adventurers or small families who want a nature-centric getaway with all the comforts of home.

Moon Lake Farm in **Belden** is not just a place to stay—it's a destination. Located just outside of Tupelo, this working farm offers a unique blend of tranquility and style. Lodging options include a fully restored farmhouse with bohemian vibes and wrap-around porches. The property also hosts weddings and retreats, making it ideal for special occasions with a Southern twist.

CENTRAL

Located in a beautifully restored 19th-century building in downtown **Louisville**, **The Mason Boutique Hotel** brings modern luxury to small-town Mississippi. Its seven rooms are individually designed with plush bedding, exposed brick and curated artwork. Step outside and you're just a short walk from antique shops, bakeries and charming cafes that highlight the town's historic character.

A favorite among travelers looking for a romantic Southern experience, **Jackson's Old Capitol Inn** is steeped in charm and hospitality. Inspired by New Orleans courtyards, the inn's centerpiece is a lush, ivy-covered patio complete with a classic fountain and wrought-iron balconies. It's an ideal spot for couples, artists or history lovers exploring the capital city.



THE GRADUATE, OXFORD

SOUTH

If you're looking for grand Southern elegance, the **Ross Mansion Bed & Breakfast** in **Hattiesburg** delivers in full. This historic property features antique-filled rooms, sprawling porches and a peaceful setting just minutes from Hattiesburg's vibrant downtown. Whether you're staying overnight or hosting a wedding, it's easy to imagine a scene from a movie unfolding on the lawn.

Check out **The Inns of Ocean Springs** if you're traveling south. This collection of boutique inns and B&Bs feels more like staying in an artsy friend's beach house than a traditional hotel. Located in the heart of **Ocean Springs'** walkable downtown, guests can explore art galleries, sip craft cocktails then retreat to a suite that's equal parts comfort and coastal charm—ideal for relaxed mornings and creative energy.

Beatnik, also in **Ocean Springs**, isn't your average hotel—it's a design-lover's dream. With four Scandinavian-inspired "floating cabins" and mid-century modern aesthetics, the Beatnik embraces Mississippi's funky side. It's steps from The Collective—a gathering space with boutiques, a bar and food trucks—making it ideal for travelers who want to immerse themselves in local flavor.

Hotel Whiskey in **Pass Christian** and **Pascagoula** is a boutique hotel that punches well above its weight with sleek design, modern finishes and walkable access to downtown shops and the Gulf Coast. Named for the original 19th-century Whiskey Point, the hotel blends local lore with upscale minimalism. Great for couples, solo travelers or small groups seeking a low-key beach escape.



HOTEL LEGENDS, BILOXI

A new player in the historic **Natchez** lodging scene, **The Big Muddy Inn and Blues Room** blends riverside views with contemporary edge. While it pays homage to the town's rich history, its playful branding and casual vibe attract a younger crowd looking for a more laid-back experience—think bike rentals, local beer on tap and plenty of Natchez soul.

Don't stop there! Bring your vacation dreams to life by visiting the hotels pictured here, and get ready for some serious R&R: **Dunleith Historic Inn**, **Natchez**; **Hotel Tupelo**; **The Graduate**, **Oxford**; **Hotel Legends**, **Biloxi**; and **Cotton House**, **Cleveland**.



COTTON HOUSE, CLEVELAND

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Anchuca in Vicksburg

Once you step inside Anchuca, you'll find more than just a beautifully restored historic mansion. You'll find a vision for the future. Owned and operated by Anna Kate and Sam Andrews, a spirited young couple with deep Mississippi roots, Anchuca offers an elevated and thoughtful take on the classic inn experience.

With a keen eye for both preservation and comfort, the Andrews have infused the space with luxurious touches: crisp linens, curated antiques and indulgent breakfasts. But what truly sets Anchuca apart is the feeling of warmth and welcome. Guests are treated more like old friends than visitors, invited to linger on the porch swing or join in a conversation about the town's layered Civil War history.

Anchuca isn't just a place to sleep—it's a chance to engage with Vicksburg's past, present and promising future.

The Thompson House Inn in Leland

In the heart of the Delta, The Thompson House Inn is more than a bed-and-breakfast. It's a movement. Revived by the Galloway and Gehrke families, this historic home has been transformed into a modern-day sanctuary for travelers seeking connection.

The restoration is as much about people as it is about property. The Thompson House offers a rare kind of retreat—one that nurtures both rest and inspiration. Every detail reflects a thoughtful balance of tradition and innovation. The architecture respects the home's legacy, while the interiors reflect a clean, modern aesthetic. Guests come for the comfort, but they return for the sense of belonging.



CHUNKY RIVER, MERIDIAN

Wild Discoveries AND OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

MISSISSIPPI'S WATERWAYS, TRAILS AND NATURAL LANDSCAPES ARE JUST WAITING TO BE EXPLORED.

Mississippi, known for its soulful music, rich history and Southern hospitality, is also a hidden gem for outdoor enthusiasts. Across its diverse landscapes, from the rolling hills of the north to the flat delta plains of the central region and the piney woods of the south, Mississippi offers a range of outdoor experiences waiting to be explored. Whether you're hiking scenic trails, paddling down serene rivers or birdwatching under ancient oaks, you'll discover that the Magnolia State is rich in natural treasures.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI

Nestled in **Amory** is a serene slice of nature known as the **Northeast Mississippi Nature and Interpretive Trail**. This tranquil trail system meanders through wetlands and hardwood forests, offering an easy and peaceful walk ideal for birdwatching. Interpretive signage along the trail helps visitors connect with the local ecology, making this spot a favorite for families and nature lovers. Expect sightings of herons, owls and songbirds as you enjoy the scenic stillness.

The **Tanglefoot Trail** in **New Albany**, stretching 43.6 miles along a former railroad corridor, is perfect for cyclists, walkers and runners seeking a scenic escape. Winding through the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, this multi-use trail connects small towns, farmlands and wooded areas. It's a beautiful ride in every season and an excellent way to immerse yourself in North Mississippi's natural beauty.

A favorite for weekend adventurers, **Tombigbee State Park** near **Tupelo** offers a mix of recreation and rest. Visitors can enjoy hiking trails, volleyball courts, disc golf, fishing and mountain biking. Nestled around Lake Lee, the park is perfect for family picnics and tranquil nature walks, making it an ideal destination for active travelers.

CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI

Mountain biking enthusiasts, look no further than **Brandon**. The **Brandon Quarry North Trail** is a rugged, winding ride featuring tight turns, short climbs and wooded terrain. Maintained by a passionate biking community, this trail is a thrilling way to experience Mississippi's wild side on two wheels.

Set within the Natchez Trace Parkway corridor in **Ridgeland**, the **Chisha Foka Multi-Use Trail** honors the Choctaw legacy while offering 10-plus miles of paved trail for hiking, jogging and biking. Winding through shaded woods, wetlands and ridges, it's an accessible route for all ages and a peaceful retreat from city life.

In **Hollandale** you'll find **Leroy Percy State Park**. This oldest state park in Mississippi is a true hidden gem. Towering cypress trees, artesian springs and ancient oaks line its hiking trails. The adjacent Wildlife



CRUISIN' TIKIS, BAY ST. LOUIS

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Management Area makes this a unique spot where hikers can also hunt and observe native wildlife. Campsites and cabins offer a rustic getaway deep in the Delta.

In **Grenada**, the **Lost Bluff Hiking Trail** at Grenada Lake is ideal for adventurers who enjoy a challenge. This loop offers sweeping views of the lake and surrounding hills, especially vibrant during fall foliage. Nearby, the **Lee Tartt Nature Preserve** focuses on wetland conservation, birdwatching and ecological education—perfect for families or school groups looking to connect with nature.

Step back in time at the **Mississippi Petrified Forest** in **Flora**, where ancient trees turned to stone millions of years ago. The shaded nature trail winds through fossilized logs and dense foliage, offering educational signs and a prime spot for birdwatching. It's both a natural wonder and a lesson in prehistoric geology.

Nestled around a spring-fed lake, **Golden Memorial State Park** in **Walnut Grove** offers scenic hiking and historical charm. The park is named in honor of a local World War I veteran and features a peaceful walking trail, plus fishing and picnic areas, making it an ideal place for a laid-back afternoon in nature.

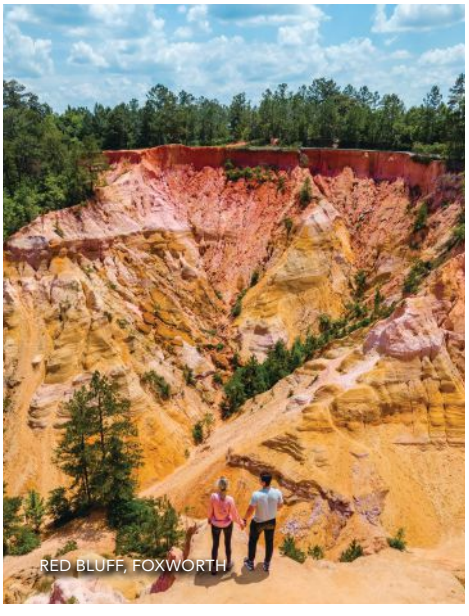
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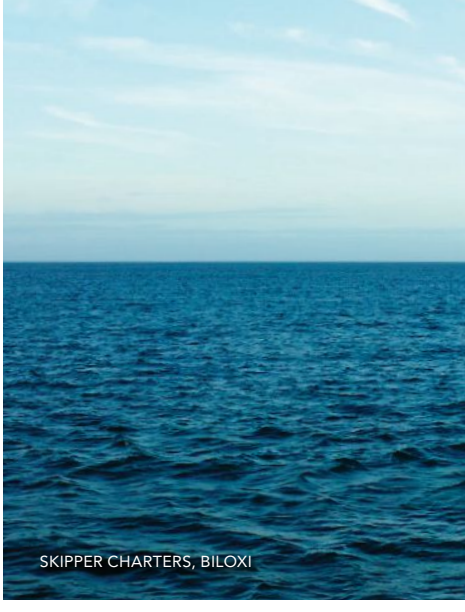
Stretching 44 miles from **Hattiesburg** to **Prentiss**, the **Longleaf Trace** is a paved multi-use trail cutting through pine forests and small towns. Ideal for cycling, walking, running or birding, it's a model of Mississippi's dedication to accessible, healthy outdoor living. Multiple rest stops and scenic views make this trail a favorite for locals and travelers alike.

Looking for a full day of water-based fun? **Clarkco State Park** in **Quitman** offers boating, tubing, water skiing


GRENADA LAKE


RIDGELAND MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL


RED BLUFF, FOXWORTH


SKIPPER CHARTERS, BILOXI


CRYSTAL LAKE KAYAKING, FLOWOOD







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VINTAGE AIR BIPLANE TOURS, RIDGELAND

and fishing on a 65-acre lake, along with a total of 14 miles of nature and biking trails. A well-marked and incredibly maintained 5-mile nature trail encircles the park, affording a close look at Mississippi flora and fauna. The trail is sectioned for shorter walks of less than a half-mile. There is an observation tower at the upper end of the lake. Bicycles are permitted as long as they yield to foot traffic. Surrounded by wooded hills, this park also features campgrounds and scenic pavilions—ideal for family reunions or weekend getaways.

One of the most beloved canoeing destinations in the state, the Okatoma Creek is perfect for a day of paddling. The **Okatoma Outdoor Post** in **Seminary** provides canoe and kayak rentals for those looking to float along the cool, spring-fed waters. Gentle rapids, rock gardens and shaded banks create an adventurous yet beginner-friendly trip through the piney woods.

Mississippi's natural beauty stretches beyond the eye and deep into the heart. Whether you're pedaling through pine forests, paddling down creeks or hiking along historic bluffs, each destination reveals a different facet of the state's wild charm. From peaceful nature preserves to adrenaline-pumping bike trails, Mississippi is an underrated haven for outdoor adventurers. So, pack your hiking boots, grab your kayak paddle and get ready to explore the great outdoors, Mississippi-style.



MISSISSIPPI WAR MEMORIAL, JACKSON



WINDSOR RUINS, LORMAN

Dig into Mississippi's RICH HISTORY

FROM ITS PREHISTORIC PAST TO 20TH CENTURY CIVIL RIGHTS STRUGGLES, MISSISSIPPI'S STORY IS ONE OF ENDURANCE AND ACHIEVEMENT.

BY SHERRY LUCAS

The first humans migrated to Mississippi lands on the heels of the Ice Age, transitioning over millennia from hunter-gatherers to agriculture-based communities. European exploration, trade and settlement brought conflict and displacement of native tribes, and Mississippi's fertile soil beckoned planters who built a thriving cotton economy made possible by the labor and suffering of enslaved Africans and their descendants, whose legacy of perseverance continues to define the state's identity. Mississippi Freedom Trail markers across the state honor its pivotal role in the nation's Civil Rights Movement.

The **Museum of Mississippi History** and connecting **Mississippi Civil Rights Museum** in **Jackson** bring that past to vivid life. A trove of storied artifacts include: a walking stick gifted to Gov. Walter Leake in 1825 by Marquis de Lafayette, the last surviving general of the American Revolution; a rare 20-star U.S. flag marking Mississippi's 1817 admission to the Union; the rifle Byron de la Beckwith used to murder civil rights activist Medgar Evers; and a chess set made of bread and saliva by a Freedom Rider in Parchman prison.

The nearby **Old Capitol Museum** preserves its stately 1839 Greek Revival structure, grand staircases, soaring rotunda and Mississippi's most historic room—the House Chamber, the site of the secession convention in 1861. Research family roots at the nearby Winter Archives and History Building.

The **Natchez Trace Parkway's** scenic route is a ride through its history as a travel corridor for Native Americans, settlers, slave traders and soldiers. Walk in their footsteps at: **Emerald Mound**, the nation's second-largest Native American mound; **Mount Locust Historic House**, one of the parkway's two remaining stands or inns; and the **Sunken Trace**, a section of the iconic Old Trace worn down by thousands of years of foot, horseback and wagon traffic. Marvel at geologic history at **Cypress Swamp**, formed after a Pearl River course change, and imagine life centuries ago at **Chickasaw Village Site**.

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LEGENDS AND LORE IN THE NORTH

From the parkway, check out **Trace State Park** in **Belden**, just west of Tupelo. Frontiersman Davy Crockett lived there with the Chickasaw people as a horse trader after his defeat in Tennessee for re-election to Congress, and before he joined the Texas Revolution and met his fate with fellow defenders at the Battle of the Alamo. Channel the folk hero on the park's miles of trails, maybe even on horseback.

Legion State Park in **Louisville**, an area first home to the Choctaws, is a time capsule of 1930s rustic park architecture. Developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps, its Historic District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and its stunning Legion Lodge, built of stone and hand-hewn timbers and logs sourced on-site, is the standout.

Tupelo's Oren Dunn City Museum, housed in the breeding barn of a former dairy farm, maintains that historic appeal in farming equipment displays, silos and a fully intact 1870 dogtrot house. An old streetcar-turned-diner is another outdoor draw. Indoor highlights include a tabletop model train display of 1940s Tupelo.

In **New Albany**, the **Union County Heritage Museum** covers history across the ages with a great fossil collection, Ingomar Mound site artifacts on loan from the Smithsonian, an expansive "Sporting Life" exhibit, a Safari Room full of mounts and an outdoor Pioneer Village. Its lovely William Faulkner Literary Garden showcases plants mentioned in the celebrated author's works.

CIVIL WAR, CIVIL RIGHTS IN THE CENTRAL REGION

Across the state's central region, get a sense of history both ancient and recent. In **Canton**, a **Mississippi Freedom Trail Marker** on the **Madison**



DOCKERY FARMS, CLEVELAND


VICKSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK

County Courthouse grounds honors civil rights activist Annie Devine and her lifelong commitment to voting rights and equitable access to education and health care.

Combine a rest stop and history nod on U.S. 49 in northeastern **Hinds County** at the **Pocahontas Mounds** site. Construction and use of the platform mound and nearby burial mound date to A.D. 1000 to 1300. This site served as a regional ceremonial and political center of the Plaquemine culture.

Learn more about **Vicksburg's** crucial role in the Civil War at the **Vicksburg National Military Park**, from campaign and battle to 47-day siege and the surrender that cleaved the South in two and proved vital for Union victory. The park's 1,400 monuments and memorials honor those who fought, and the **USS Cairo Gunboat and Museum** provide an up-close look at river-based weaponry of the era.

UNTOLD STORIES, VINTAGE FINDS IN THE SOUTH

Don't miss **Windsor Ruins** in **Lorman** for the haunting beauty of the 1861 plantation mansion's column remains, all that survived from an 1890 fire. With recent stabilization work and improvements at the site, view the enormous columns—23 full columns and five partial ones—from an ADA-accessible walking trail around the perimeter. Further south in **Fayette**, a **Freedom Trail Marker** at the **Jefferson County Courthouse** honors civil rights icon Charles Evers, elected first African



WHITEHALL HOUSE, COLUMBUS

American mayor of a biracial town in the state since Reconstruction.

The **African American Military History Museum** in downtown **Hattiesburg**, housed in a former USO for African American soldiers, spotlights their part in the nation's defense, from the American Revolution through the Global War on Terror. Get behind the wheel of World War II's Red Ball Express truck convoy (as did Medgar Evers) or mount a horse mannequin for a Buffalo Soldier's perspective.

Glimpse 19th-century Southern life in the historical mansion and cottages of **Beauvoir**, the last home of Confederate President Jefferson Davis in **Biloxi**, and research the Confederacy and genealogy in his presidential library.

Schedule a **Gulf Coast** visit October 4–11 to see history on the move as **Cruisin' The Coast** marks its 30th anniversary. Awarded USA Today's Best Car Show for six years, the classic cars showcase covers 20th-century vehicle history in nearly 10,000 cars, Model Ts to muscle cars and more, from across the country and beyond. Live bands and daily events stretching across a dozen cities in three counties turn the coast into "America's largest block party."

A lifelong Mississippian and longtime feature writer, Sherry Lucas has spotlighted her home state's cultural treasures, artistic achievements and vibrant communities for decades in newspapers, magazines and online news outlets.

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THE SOUND AMPHITHEATER, GAUTIER

The State IS YOUR STAGE

VISITING MISSISSIPPI, A STATE KNOWN FOR ITS OUTSIZED CONTRIBUTIONS TO MUSIC AND CULTURE, IS TO EMBARK ON AN ADVENTURE WHERE INCREDIBLE PERFORMANCES ARE WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED.

BY JIM BEAUGEZ

And that's exactly what you'll find, from hole-in-the wall juke joints to outdoor festivals under the stars.

Not all of our performances are found on a stage, though. Legendary master puppeteer and filmmaker Jim Henson, who created "The Muppets" and "Fraggle Rock," performed his puppetry on a sound stage as he turned characters like Kermit the Frog—inspired by the local fauna of nearby Delta swamps—into enduring cultural personalities.

Henson would have turned 90 in 2026, and he's not the only homegrown celebrity with a milestone birthday this year. Comedian Jerry Clower, whose Southern drawl and front-porch storytelling made him a hit in the 1970s and '80s, would have become a centenarian, while actor Sela Ward will celebrate her 70th trip around the sun.

"All the world's a stage," quipped William Shakespeare. If only he could see what we have to offer in Mississippi. Let's explore all the ways visitors can experience original performing arts in the Birthplace of America's Music.

NORTH

The signature event in downtown **Baldwyn**, the **County Line Music Festival**, is an annual, free celebration held each spring, right on the border separating the Lee and Prentiss county line. Featuring a variety of regional acts, from solo singer-songwriters to full bands, the event is a lively, community-driven showcase of music across genres and open to all ages and tastes.

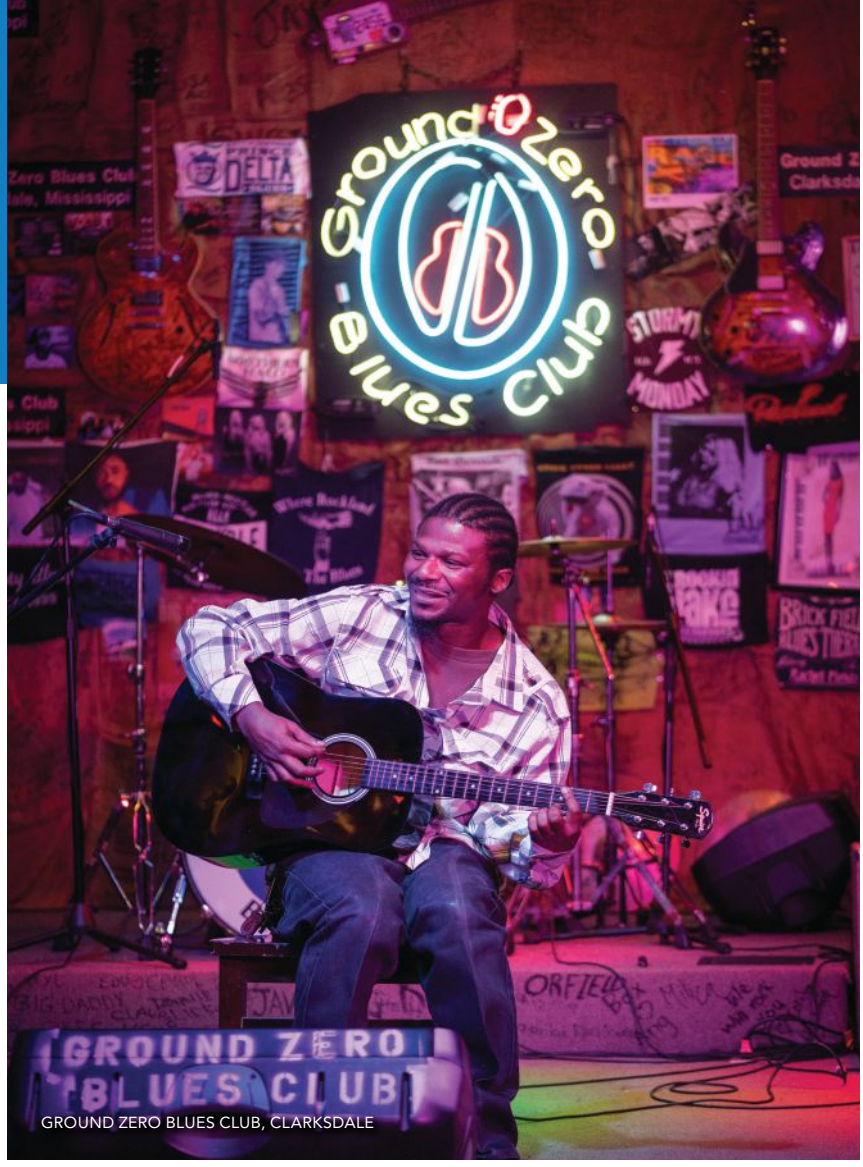
The creative community in **Oxford**, home to a literary legacy that includes masters William Faulkner, Donna Tartt and John Grisham, celebrates the art of independent cinema with the **Oxford Film Festival**. Seventy-five miles southeast in **Starkville**, the **Magnolia Independent Film Festival**, founded in 1997 and still going strong today, also showcases the work of independent filmmakers.

At **Hollywood Memorabilia**, located in **Tunica's** Hollywood Casino, visitors will find the Mid-South's largest collection of authentic movie memorabilia. The free exhibit includes the time-hopping DeLorean driven by Michael J. Fox in "Back to



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BOBBY RUSH



GROUND ZERO BLUES CLUB, CLARKSDALE

the Future," a model of the Titanic as it sank in the northern Atlantic Ocean and costumes worn by actors in "Forrest Gump" and "The Terminator."

The **Bologna Performing Arts Center** at Delta State University in the central Delta town of **Cleveland** has hosted world-class touring acts like Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit, Tedeschi Trucks Band and Kool & the Gang. The modern theater, which Mississippi magazine named the Best Performing Arts Venue in the state, seats 1,100 without a bad seat in the house.

Clarksdale is home to a lot more than the blues. One of its famous non-musicians, the playwright Tennessee Williams, spent his formative years here and visited often once his family moved away. In fact, he based many of the outlandish characters and scenes from plays like "A Streetcar Named Desire" and "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" on people he encountered in Clarksdale. Every autumn since 1992, the **Mississippi Delta Tennessee Williams Festival** has hosted productions of his plays from touring and local theater companies.

CENTRAL

Entertainment is abundant in the capital region, where a wealth of restaurants, clubs and other attractions keep visitors streaming to **Jackson** neighborhoods like the **Belhaven** and **Fondren** districts. While the region is known for its signature soulful blues music, comedians like Rita Brent are regulars—the laughs are big at **Jackson's MikeTown Comedy Club**, which hosts talent from across the region. For more dramatic fare, head to the intimate **Black Rose Theatre Company**, now in its 34th season, located in downtown **Brandon**.

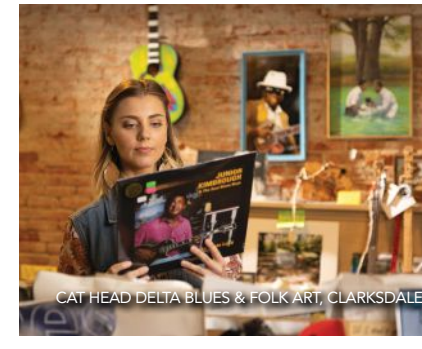


DULING HALL, JACKSON

Mark the birthday of Jim Henson, the pride of **Leland**, with a visit to the annual **Leland FrogFest**. A celebration of the origins of his most famous creation, Kermit the Frog, this festival is held in the town center near the Rainbow Connection Bridge spanning Deer Creek, named for the song from his 1979 smash hit "The Muppet Movie."

Meridian has given the world its share of celebrities, including Jimmie Rodgers, known worldwide as the father of country music. Emmy-winning actor Sela Ward, though, is the city's most visible export today. The star of TV programs "CSI: NY" and "FBI," who's also appeared in feature films like "The Fugitive" and "The Day After Tomorrow," even has her own boulevard—**Sela Ward Parkway**. Visitors can cruise the parkway to some of Meridian's cultural and culinary hot spots, such as Weidmann's Restaurant and the Mississippi Arts & Entertainment Experience, which celebrates and honors the state's legends of sound, stage and page—telling the story of the remarkable impact of Mississippi's creative legacy.

Like many places in Mississippi, **Vicksburg** is home to a profound musical legacy. And native son Willie Dixon, who wrote and performed some of the best-known standards of Chicago blues, is one of the most beloved. Vicksburg's "Gold in the Hills" production will celebrate with its 90th season this year. The **Music and Culture Festival**, held at the Vicksburg


CAT HEAD DELTA BLUES & FOLK ART, CLARKSDALE



SAENGER THEATER, HATTIESBURG

Convention Center downtown, celebrates the River City's artistic legacy with visual art displays, live music from performers like Grammy-winner Bobby Rush and a Youth Talent Search.

SOUTH

The 100 Men Hall in **Bay St. Louis** was once a thriving venue on the Chitlin' Circuit, the loose network of juke joints and concert halls that hosted blues and R&B acts like Ray Charles, James Brown and Etta James in the segregated South. James Booker, a New Orleanian who learned to play piano in town, was another popular draw. Now, every Labor Day weekend, the hall hosts **Booker Fest**, a three-day celebration of the legacy of the musical genius who mentored performers such as Dr. John and Harry Connick, Jr.

Take a short drive east to **Biloxi** for the annual **Crawfish Music Festival** on the grounds of the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center. Combining the local delicacy—boiled to perfection by the sackful in an enticing array of aromatic Cajun spices—with live music has been a recipe for success for decades. Whether you pick country music night or rock night, or both, you won't leave unsatisfied.

Pascagoula, birthplace of the late Jimmy Buffett, is also home to the river that lent the city its name, the last free-flowing river watershed in the U.S. Take a break from exploring the maze of bayous in the Pascagoula River's delta for the **Free Flowin' Fest**, a gathering featuring live music, games, a classic car show and plenty of local cuisine.

Jim Beaugez, a Mississippi native and resident, has written about traditional and contemporary American music and culture, and especially the music of his home state, for The New York Times, Rolling Stone, Smithsonian, Garden & Gun and other media outlets.

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HARD ROCK HOTEL & CASINO, BILOXI



CASINOS, TUNICA

It's Time to PLAY IN MISSISSIPPI

MISSISSIPPI VACATIONS OFFER PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS OF ALL AGES TO SIMPLY HAVE FUN.

BY CHRIS TURNER-NEAL

Whether you're looking to play a few holes at one of the state's many excellent golf courses, roll the dice on a gaming floor or splash around with the kids at a waterpark, Mississippi's got you covered.

CASINOS

Mississippi's many casinos and resorts serve up plenty of excitement on and off the casino floor, with amenities the whole family can enjoy at properties in every corner of the state.

NORTH

Tunica has grown into a hot spot for casino and resort vacations, offering world-class gaming, dining and entertainment right next to the natural adventures and cultural experiences of the Mississippi Delta.

Over 850 slot machines ring out alongside table games and a suite of dining options at **Fitz Casino Hotel**, right on the banks of the Mississippi.

The Next Level Lounge at **Gold Strike Casino Resort** features the newest, most intriguing games in a modern, elegant setting.

Top-notch music and comedy acts, a best-in-class poker room and sportsbook betting headline the amenities at **Horseshoe Tunica**, but don't neglect the steakhouse and spa.

CENTRAL

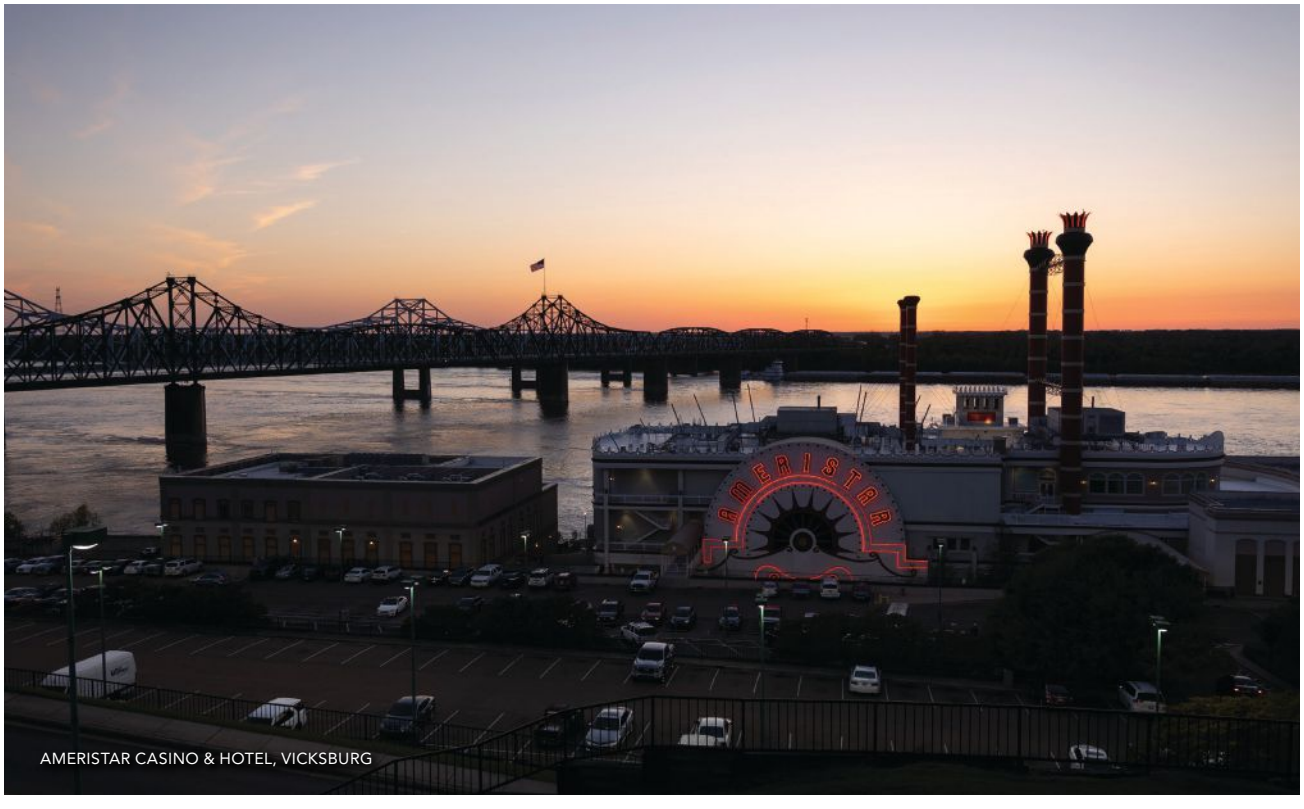
Operated by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, the complex of properties at **Pearl River Resort** in **Choctaw** comprises two full casino-hotels complete with world-class dining options, a golf club and a water park, offering something for any vacationer.

Greenville's Tropicana Casino provides an oasis of slots and table games in the middle of historic downtown Greenville, the unofficial capital of the Delta.

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PEARL RIVER RESORT, CHOCTAW



AMERISTAR CASINO & HOTEL, VICKSBURG



BEAU RIVAGE RESORT & CASINO, BILOXI

With a rooftop bar and fleet of food trucks to fuel you, you'll be fully energized to hit the award-winning gaming floor at **Bally's** in **Vicksburg**.

Vicksburg's WaterView Casino & Hotel is ready to host, with a hotel full of freshly renovated rooms right on the river and 30,000 square feet of fun-filled gaming floor.

SOUTH

The **Silver Slipper Casino Hotel** in **Bay St. Louis** draws guests in with an expanded sports book and one of the most lavish buffets on the Gulf Coast, along with its full slate of gaming options.

With three hot tubs, a swim-up bar, nine restaurants and a spa stocked with Aveda products, you can seamlessly move from game-floor thrills to total relaxation at the **Hard Rock Hotel & Casino** in **Biloxi**.

Palace Casino Resort is **Biloxi's** only smoke-free casino—so yes, it's the gaming floor, dining options and golf course leaving you breathless.

Visit **Island View Casino Resort** and **Beach View Casino Resort** for the best of both worlds in **Gulfport**.

Experience the Blue Shell Spa, Windance Golf and plenty of dining and entertainment options. Plus the **Beach View Casino Resort** offers smoke-free fun for everyone.

You'll be spoiled for choice come dinnertime at **Scarlet Pearl Casino Resort** in **D'Iberville**, which tempts hungry guests with a steakhouse, cafe, Vietnamese bistro, pizza parlor or room service.

The calendar at **Magnolia Bluffs Casino Hotel** in **Natchez** is full to bursting with gaming promotions and live entertainment.

READY FOR MORE FUN?

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MISSISSIPPI HAS MANY MORE QUALITY CASINOS THAN THOSE FEATURED HERE—DON'T SLEEP ON THESE!

NORTH

LULA
Isle of Capri Casino Hotel
caesars.com/isle-lula

TUNICA
Hollywood Casino
hollywoodcasinotunica.com

1st Jackpot Casino
1stjackpot.com

CENTRAL

GREENVILLE
Harlow's Casino Resort & Spa
harlowscasino.com

VICKSBURG
Ameristar Casino & Hotel
ameristarvicksburg.com

Riverwalk Casino Hotel
riverwalkvicksburg.com

HEIDELBERG
Bok Homa Casino
bokhomacasino.com

SOUTH

BAY ST. LOUIS
Hollywood Casino Gulf Coast
hollywoodgulfcoast.com

BILOXI
Beau Rivage Resort & Casino
beaurivage.com

Harrah's Gulf Coast
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Golden Nugget Biloxi
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Boomtown Casino Biloxi
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Treasure Bay Casino and Hotel
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OLD WAVERLY CLUB, WEST POINT


LYNN MEADOWS DISCOVERY CENTER, GULFPORT

GOLF

Mississippi's wide-open spaces and mild winters mean that golfers have their pick of courses across the state all year-round.

NORTH

Thriving under new management, the **River Birch Golf Club** in **Amory** challenges all levels of golfers and hosts tournaments all summer long.

At **Timber Truss Golf Course** in **Olive Branch**, you can sign up for lessons to level up your game, try out the innovative TrackMan golf simulator or just hit the links with friends.

The fairways at **Holly Springs' Kirkwood National Golf Club** wind through the Mississippi woods, offering golfers both the pleasure of nature and some cool shade as they play.

CENTRAL

The Refuge at the Sheraton sits on 200 acres of trees and rolling hills in **Flowood**. It features a renovated course layout that is more player friendly, with multiple tees ranging from 4,000 to more than 7,000 yards and varying angles of attack. Or visit **Pearl**, where four sets of tees, generous landing areas, a well-stocked clubhouse and a full calendar of events make the **Patrick Farms Golf Club** one of the most welcoming courses in the state.

SOUTH

Exclusively for guests at Beau Rivage Resort & Casino, the Tom Fazio-designed **Fallen Oak** golf course in **Saucier** takes players on a 7,500-yard odyssey past picturesque lakes and pecan and magnolia groves.

Recently improved with native plants and a new water feature, **Windance Country Club** in **Gulfport** has become a fixture on Golfweek's annual Best Places You Can Play roundup of standout courses.

The championship course at **The Preserve Golf Club** in **Vancleave** is certified by Audubon International as a signature sanctuary for its integration of natural considerations into its course management.

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OTHER ADVENTURES

Mississippi's got much more than golf and gaming to keep families smiling.

NORTH

Just outside **Hernando**, the 120 acres of **Cedar Hill Farm** offer outdoor experiences every season of the year, along with hayrides, a petting zoo and a restaurant serving complimentary potatoes with every meal.

At the aquarium attached to the **Mississippi River Museum** at the RiverPark in **Tunica**, anglers and nature lovers alike can marvel at the native animals on display, showing visitors what lives in the river right next door.

CENTRAL

The **Shiloh Splash Park** in **Brandon** is open all summer long, cooling off kids and adults alike and renting pavilions for private events.

The **Winner's Circle Park** is home to three age-specific playgrounds along with the largest pickleball court in the state. Head over to **Flowood** for shaded play equipment, outdoor sculptures and open-air pavilions.

SOUTH

At the **Grand Paradise Waterpark** in **Collins**, slide into summer fun on one of the many thrilling water slides, or just lounge in the lazy river.

Kids can climb, play, learn and explore at **Lynn Meadows Discovery Center** in **Gulfport**, with indoor and outdoor activities and a special spot just for those with sensory issues.

The **INFINITY Science Center** in **Pearlington** boasts a carnivorous plants exhibit, hurricane prediction lab, virtual reality experience and many more fun, educational experiences, with an emphasis on space and aeronautics—NASA has a facility just down the road!



ELVIE'S, JACKSON

New & Noteworthy IN MISSISSIPPI:

HERE'S WHAT'S FRESH FOR 2026.

Mississippi is on a roll, with rising culinary stars, fresh stays and cultural happenings popping up from coast to capital. Whether you're into bold flavors, boutique hotels or rich heritage, the Magnolia State is serving up something new at every turn. Here's what's making headlines and what's on the horizon.

A TASTE OF NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Mississippi's culinary scene is heating up, and the James Beard Foundation has taken notice. The 2025 semifinalists shine a spotlight on chefs and restaurants that bring serious talent and flavor to the table around here.

In **Jackson**, Hunter Evans of **Elvie's** earned a nod for Best Chef: South. His refined Southern menu puts a modern twist on familiar comforts, making Elvie's a standout.

Farther south in **Biloxi**, Austin and Tresse Sumrall of **White Pillars** were also nominated in the Best Chef category. Known for their inventive, Gulf-inspired cuisine, the Sumralls continue to push the envelope with every dish.

Ocean Springs' beloved **Vestige** was recognized for Outstanding Hospitality. Its warm, thoughtful approach to service and elevated menu create a dining experience that keeps guests coming back for more.

FRESH STAYS AND STYLISH SPACES

Hospitality in Mississippi is growing, and recent developments reflect a mix of creativity, charm and convenience. In **Ocean Springs**, the new **Springs Hotel** blends mid-century modern design with coastal charm.

In **Oxford**, **Roundabout RV & Water Resort** provides flexible lodging close to campus and town. Whether you're in for game day or a weekend getaway, it's a smart new option for visitors.

Brandon is growing, too. A new hotel near the Brandon Amphitheater is in the works, making it easier for concertgoers and travelers to stay close to the action. Keep an eye out for **Home2 Suites** by Hilton, coming to Stribling Lane.

On the **Biloxi** beachfront, Wealth Hospitality is investing big with two new hotels, **Home2 Suites** by Hilton and **Residence Inn** by Marriott. Set to open in 2026, these extended-stay properties will offer more than 200 rooms just steps from the sand.


HOTEL VELA, GULFPORT

In **Gulfport**, Centennial Plaza Resort has expanded with the **Grand Centennial Hotel and Oasis Resort**. A new addition is also in the mix, **Hippie Fish**. This fun spot promises a casual atmosphere with golf, games and great food. Not to mention the state-of-the-art **Hotel Vela**, which provides a boutique atmosphere of charm and elegance just steps away from Gulfport's casino scene and beautiful beaches.

CULINARY GEMS AND COOL CONCEPTS

Food lovers have plenty to be excited about with a wave of new restaurants and creative concepts across the state. In **Pocahontas**, **Sacred Ground Barbecue** is drawing hungry fans with smoky Southern goodness. The latest venture from celebrated chef Derek Emerson, it blends soulful barbecue with his signature attention to detail.

Jackson welcomes **Hen & Egg**, led by "Top Chef" alum Nick Wallace. This new spot offers elevated comfort food with a touch of Southern flair and a lot of heart.

Down on the coast, **Bay St. Louis** now boasts **Hen House**, a speakeasy-style bar that's all vintage charm and crafty cocktails. It's already become a go-to hangout for locals and visitors alike. In **Ocean Springs**, **The Traveler** at **Walter Anderson Museum of Art** offers a coffee shop, restaurant, community hub and art exhibition, all in one.


RENDERING OF CHICKASAW HERITAGE CENTER, TUPELO

CULTURE AND COMMUNITY: COMING SOON

Mississippi's cultural story continues to grow, with new attractions and important milestones on the way. **Tupelo** is preparing to open the **Chickasaw Heritage Center** in 2026. This landmark project will honor the history and contributions of the Chickasaw people with immersive exhibits and cultural programming.

Clinton's Mississippi College will mark its bicentennial in 2026 with a name change to **Mississippi Christian University**. The rebrand reflects a new chapter for the state's oldest institution of higher learning.

Jackson has a big event series in the works. From 2025 through 2027, the city will host the **National Folk Festival**, one of the country's leading cultural events. Expect a lively celebration of foodways, music, crafts and traditions that reflect Mississippi's diverse roots.

LOOKING AHEAD

From new hotels to national accolades and meaningful milestones, Mississippi is on the move. Whether you're planning your next trip or just keeping an eye on what's new, there's a lot to discover—and more to come in 2026 and beyond.


ROUNDABOUT RV & WATER RESORT, OXFORD

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HALEY FARRIS FINE ART, GREENWOOD

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GENUINE AND CREATED WITH LOVE—THESE UNIQUE TREASURES ARE CRAFTED BY THE STATE'S ARTISANS.

HALEY FARRIS FINE ART

From hand-thrown pottery and custom-tailored denim to small-batch honey and gourmet confections, Mississippi's creative spirit shines through the artisans and makers who call the Hospitality State home. Across the state, from the Delta to the Gulf, local businesses are crafting beautiful, delicious and one-of-a-kind products you'll be proud to take home.

In **North Mississippi,** creativity meets craftsmanship. **Greenwood's Haley Farris Fine Art** offers vibrant, contemporary abstract pieces that brighten any room and celebrate Mississippi's soul—shop her original paintings and prints online. In **Indianola**, **Taste of Gourmet** offers Mississippi-made dips, soups, desserts and more—perfect for gifting or entertaining, and it's all just one click away on the online storefront. In **Leland**, shop for a bottle of **Vito's Salad Dressing**, a local favorite packed with flavor and perfect for dressing up any meal. **Tupelo** is home to **Blue Delta Jeans**, where premium, custom-made jeans are crafted just for you. Schedule a fitting or order online from their Oxford or Tupelo location. In **Oxford**, **Satterfield Pottery** combines form and function with beautiful, handmade stoneware perfect for everyday use or elegant table settings. And don't forget to check out **Double B Boot Company** in **Pontotoc** for boots, belts and more.

Head to **Central Mississippi** for earthy charm and indulgent treats. In **Louisville**, visit **The Good Earth Pottery**, where each unique mug, bowl or plate reflects natural tones and textures. **Starkville** lights up with **Glo Cubes**, a fun and festive way to brighten drinks and events with glowing, color-changing ice cubes. In **Ridgeland, Spark Confectionary** will tempt your sweet tooth with artisan marshmallows, gourmet chocolates and handmade candy. Find your next sugar fix in the online shop.



DOUBLE B BOOT COMPANY, PONTOTOC



LAUREL MERCANTILE CO.

Down in **South Mississippi**, the coastal charm is bottled, jarred and carved. In **Wiggins**, **Ironwood Honey Company** delivers raw, natural honey with rich Gulf Coast flavor—shop online or find it at select markets. **Laurel**, made famous by HGTV's "Home Town," boasts two must-see brands: **Laurel Mercantile Co.** and **Scotsman Co.**, where Ben and Erin Napier's handcrafted cutting boards and serving trays mix style and utility.

Purvis rounds things out with a sweet and spicy Southern staple—**The Grumpy Man's** delicious pepper jellies, sauces and salsas.

Wherever your travels take you across Mississippi, you're never far from something authentically crafted and proudly made, right here.

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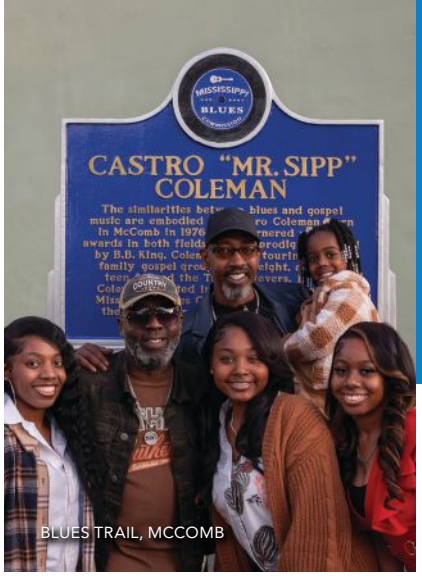
Follow the MUSIC

Mississippi's musical heritage runs deeper than the mighty river itself, weaving together country, blues and rock 'n' roll into one unforgettable symphony. Since October 2024, Visit Mississippi has added new trail markers—celebrating Mr. Sipp in **McComb**, the B.B. King Museum in **Indianola**, Mel Brown and Jesse Robinson in **Jackson** and country legends Lloyd Green and Craig Wiseman in **Hattiesburg**. With 218 Blues Trail markers and 44 Country Music Trail markers dotting the landscape, your musical journey awaits.



GATEWAY TO THE BLUES MUSEUM, TUNICA


JESSE ROBINSON



BLUES TRAIL, MCCOMB

CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI

Jackson pulses with living music traditions. Every Monday night, **Hal & Mal's Red Room** transforms into blues heaven during the **Central Mississippi Blues Society's Blue Monday sessions**. Local legends like **Jesse Robinson**—honored with his own **Blues Trail marker** at Hal & Mal's—helped establish this vibrant scene that nurtures new generations of musicians.

Philadelphia houses **Marty Stuart's Congress of Country Music**, a world-class tribute to country's cultural heritage featuring over 20,000 artifacts. In **West Point**, the **Black Prairie Blues Museum** offers an intimate journey through rare memorabilia and authentic blues atmosphere. And don't miss **Pops Staples Blues Trail marker** on Summit Street in **Winona**.

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI

Hattiesburg claims bragging rights as a birthplace of rock 'n' roll, where the **Mississippi Jook Band** recorded revolutionary sounds in 1936—decades before rock exploded nationwide. Today, the city honors country music royalty with **markers** celebrating songwriter **Craig Wiseman** and pedal steel legend **Lloyd Green**, both Mississippi natives who shaped Nashville's sound.

McComb's newest **Blues Trail marker** celebrates **Mr. Sipp**, the gospel-turned-blues sensation who won the International Blues Challenge and earned Grammy recognition. **Port Gibson** remembers the **Rabbit Foot Minstrels**, the traveling show that spread blues across the South featuring legends like Ma Rainey and Louis Jordan.

Create your own cultural trails in Mississippi. Wander among wafting notes of country, blues or rock, plus learn about the legends and living legacies we celebrate in every corner of the state. Press pause on your everyday details—hit play on the soundtrack of your life.

PRESS PLAY FOR MORE MUSIC.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI

Start your pilgrimage at the **Gateway to the Blues Museum** on **Highway 61** in **Tunica**, where you can record your own blues song. Then cruise to **Clarksdale**, birthplace of American blues and home of Mississippi's oldest music museum, the **Delta Blues Museum**. Since 1979, this space has preserved the stories that shaped a genre, celebrating 47 years of blues history in 2026. Just down **Highway 61**—that legendary "blues highway" immortalized by musicians from Roosevelt Sykes to Bob Dylan—you'll find yourself tracing the footsteps of B.B. King, Robert Johnson and Muddy Waters.

In **Indianola**, the **B.B. King Museum** tells the story of Riley King's transformation from Delta farm boy to international icon. **Tupelo** beckons with **Elvis Presley's birthplace**, where the King of Rock 'n' Roll first dreamed beneath Mississippi stars. The **"Becoming" statues** capture his journey from barefoot boy to global superstar.

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AMERICA 250 MISSISSIPPI

View the state's full calendar of events starting on page 128 and see all of Mississippi's America250 events at America250.MS.



VICKSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK

Happy 250th Anniversary, America: Mississippi Celebrates With Music and Soars to Great Heights

It's not every year that our nation turns 250 years old. Here in Mississippi, we love a reason to celebrate—but even more than that, we love to inspire by bringing traditions to life in new ways and by offering up our world-famous Southern hospitality any chance we get. Prepare to look up, and move forward, as we remember the years that have shaped our great nation.

MUSIC TO MOVE YOU

Patriotic music swells from brass bells and stirring notes lift into the air on many of our national holidays, but this year, Mississippi has something even more special in store. From Memorial Day to Fourth of July and beyond, get ready to enjoy big bands with big sounds, fireworks and family fun.

Symphony at Sunset will quicken the rhythm of your heartbeat by kicking off Memorial Day weekend with plenty of national pride in **Vicksburg**. According to Laura Beth Strickland, Visit Vicksburg's executive director, the music and the setting are equal parts amazing.

"The Friends of the Vicksburg National Military Park and the Four Seasons of the Arts have planned a special Symphony at Sunset this Memorial Day weekend to celebrate America's 250th birthday," she said. "It is truly a spectacular experience to hear the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra on the hallowed grounds of the Vicksburg National Military Park. We couldn't be more excited to be part of the journey to celebrate America's historic milestone to pause and reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans and look toward the future."

Then on June 20 in **Jackson**, **"United in Song: A Mississippi America250 Celebration"** will feature 1,000 voices from across Mississippi, along with an orchestra, children's choir, ballet dancers and special guests. The live televised event will be broadcast throughout the state on Mississippi Public Broadcasting.



BONITA LAKES PARK, MERIDIAN

Original arrangements will be created by Grammy and Dove Award–winning composer David T. Clydesdale, known for collaborations with Disney and the Boston Pops Orchestra and for his iconic arrangement of "The Star-Spangled Banner," performed by Sandi Patty at the 1984 Statue of Liberty Restoration Celebration.

"This milestone invites us to reflect on our nation's journey and celebrate the ideals that bind us together," according to First Lady Elee Reeves, co-chair of America250 Mississippi Commission. "'United in Song' will highlight the incredible talent and unity of our people and remind us of the shared history that makes our country strong. I am honored to help lead this effort and look forward to celebrating America's 250th birthday with the wonderful people of Mississippi."

ATMOSPHERIC APPLAUSE

Independence Day will rock the state as well, and **Meridian's Fourth of July Celebration** at Bonita Lakes is no exception. Immerse yourself as musical performances flourish and fireworks ignite the sky with bursts of color against a starry night. Notice how streaks shimmer in the lakes' reflection at this stunning location—a perfect symbol as we reflect on the past during this historic occasion, while still keeping our eyes skyward. Laura Carmichael, executive director of Visit Meridian, offers some insight into this can't-miss event.

"As our nation prepares to commemorate America250, Meridian is proud to weave this milestone into our 2026 Fourth of July Celebration at Bonita Lakes," she said. "This event is a reflection of our community's role in America's story. From our deep musical heritage to our rich history of innovation and resilience, we're honoring the past while celebrating the vibrant spirit that carries us into the future."



MISSISSIPPI'S CHAMPIONSHIP HOT AIR BALLOON FEST, CANTON

CELESTIAL SALUTE

Fireworks aren't the only sky-high performance set to honor our semiquincentennial anniversary. **Wings Over Meridian**, featuring the Blue Angels, will fill the airspace with a stellar display on March 28–29, according to Capt. Luke Davis, commanding officer of NAS Meridian.

"**Naval Air Station Meridian** will host the Wings Over Meridian air show, featuring the Navy's elite flight demonstration team, The Blue Angels," he said. "NAS Meridian will also celebrate its 65th anniversary, and I can't think of a better way to showcase our mission of training the warfighter than by producing the nation's best carrier strike aviators and giving back to the community."

Other awe-inspiring events throughout the state will include **Mississippi's Championship Hot Air Balloon Fest** and **Canton Flea Market** arts and crafts show in **Canton**; **SPARK! Places of Innovation** and the **Storytelling Festival** in **Meridian**; and the **Vicksburg Independence Day Celebration**. Don your red, white and blue and find your kind of festivity this year. It's a perfect occasion to toast our sensational United States.

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THE GUEST ROOM, STARKVILLE

6 Hidden COCKTAIL GEMS

SPEAKEASIES, HOTEL HIDEAWAYS AND HOT SPOTS TO WHET YOUR WANDERLUST.

BY MELISSA TOWNSEND

Although some counties in Mississippi remained "dry" well into the 21st century, Mississippi's craft cocktail culture is not only alive—it's inventive, ambitious and delightfully experimental. Its Prohibition history is scandalous and rife with moonshine runs and gangster lore, but for adventurous visitors, a fantastic drink is never far away—especially with pro-level travel tips.

NIGHTBIRD

Beyond a glass door at The Oliver Hotel, Nightbird is **Oxford's** sultry, design-forward speakeasy. Step through a vestibule wallpapered in artful deception and into a moody room of navy velvet, cognac leather and blooming persimmon trees. Here, the cocktails are as thoughtful as the interiors. Discover playful variations on the classics such as a brown butter-washed bourbon Old Fashioned infused with toasted pecans and stirred with cinnamon maple syrup—pure Mississippi in a glass. Seasonal cocktails use local ingredients, while mini burgers from Chef Joel Miller's kitchen are an unexpected highlight. Every pour is personal. If you know where to look, Nightbird is one of the South's most artful cocktail escapes.
425 S. Lamar Blvd., Oxford

THE GUEST ROOM

Tucked beneath Restaurant Tyler with no exterior signage, The Guest Room is Mississippi's original speakeasy and **Starkville's** most atmospheric secret. Accessible only through the back alley, the space pairs moody lighting with copper, brown leather and vintage New Orleans touches. The bar team serves up seasonally rotating cocktails alongside a passionately curated bourbon list—one of Mississippi's best. Signature bites from upstairs, like catfish eggrolls and barbecue okra, complete the experience. Visit in winter for Miracle Under Main Street, a festive holiday takeover with cheeky decor, and don't miss the "Ghost Room" for Halloween. Cozy and full of charm, The Guest Room is where bourbon dreams and speakeasy stories converge.
100 E. Main St., Starkville

THE BRIAR PATCH

Off the beaten path in **Madison County**, The Briar Patch is a New Orleans-style cocktail tavern wrapped in Mississippi soul. This handsome hideaway delivers vintage charm and proper cocktails with serious pedigree. House originals like the Peace Street Parlay with Cathead Vodka reflect the bar's local spirit, while classics like the French 75 are crafted with reverence.

VISIT MISSISSIPPI


THE THOMPSON HOUSE SPEAKEASY, LELAND


THE BRIAR PATCH, MADISON


NIGHTBIRD, OXFORD


THE WILBUR BAR, OCEAN SPRINGS


MISCELLANEA SPIRIT HOUSE, OXFORD

TOP TO BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: VISIT MISSISSIPPI; THE BRIAR PATCH; VISIT MISSISSIPPI; JESSICA LANGSTON; MELISSA TOWNSEND

Punch bowls, flights and a Ramos Gin Fizz add to the fun. Live piano tunes and numerous rotating musicians set the mood, and every pour comes with a story. Whether sipping scotch from a gilded glass or ordering a Tequila Flight, The Briar Patch is one of Mississippi's most charming detours.
1150 Old Cedars Lane, Madison

THE THOMPSON HOUSE SPEAKEASY

Tucked underground in the historic Thompson House Inn on **Leland's** Deer Creek, this basement speakeasy is a time capsule straight out of the Roaring '20s, when cotton was king in the Delta. Hello, art deco! Drenched in dark Inverness green, this miniscule bar with a mahogany bar top is warm and intimate. With nods to the original homeowners, Wood and Idella Thompson, the basement now holds more than family secrets—it's a handcrafted cocktail destination with vintage spirit, where the old Delta gentry gathers for drinks before and after dinner. Sip on Wood's Old Fashioned garnished with fresh rosemary or the King Cotton—a smoked bourbon cocktail infused with lavender.
111 N. Deer Creek Drive W., Leland

THE WILBUR BAR

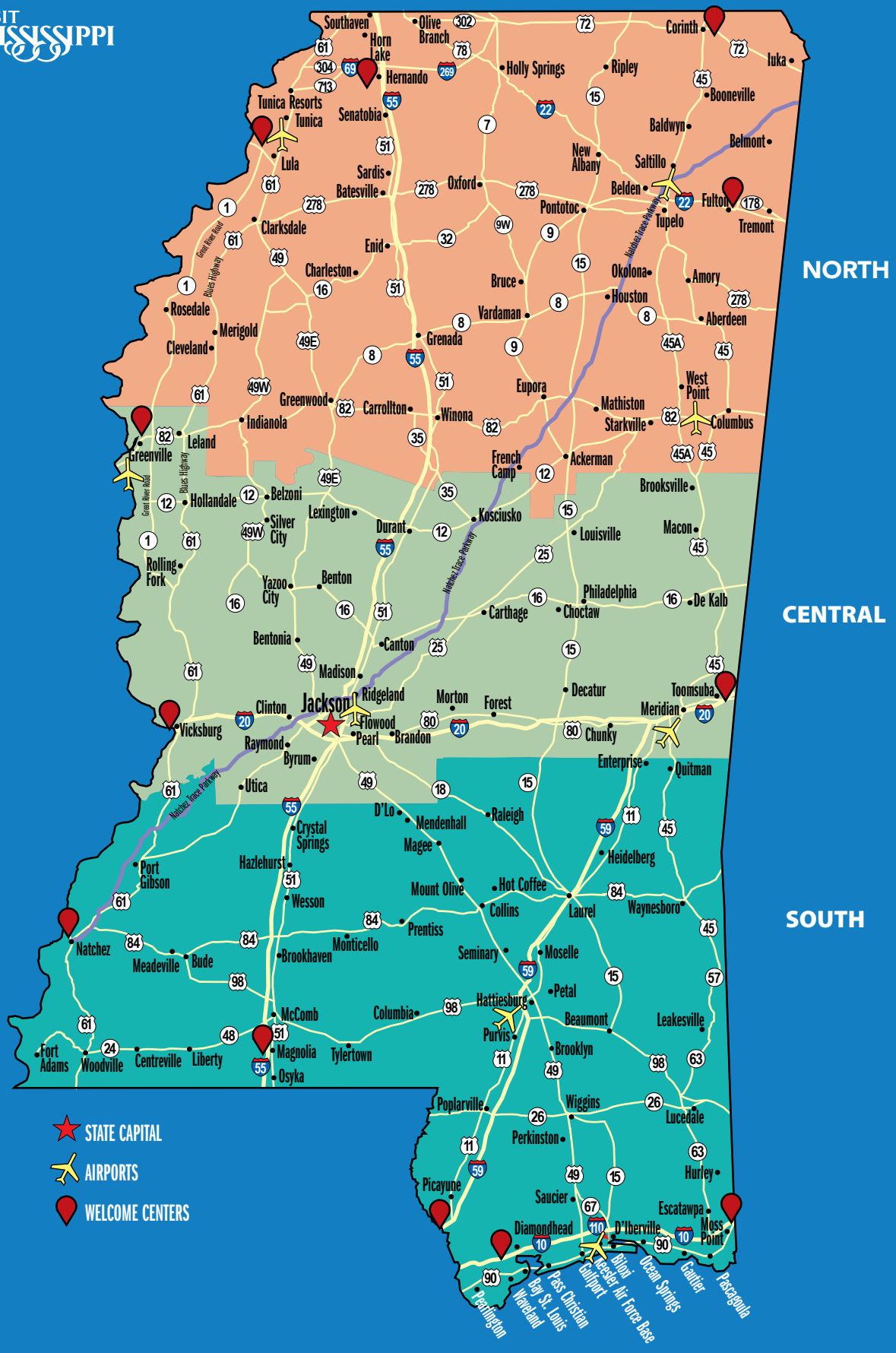
Slip behind a swinging bookshelf and into The Wilbur Bar, where coastal cool meets Prohibition charm inside The Roost, a boutique hotel in downtown **Ocean Springs**. Once the site of the old Wilbur Motel, the bar blends Al Capone-era intrigue with Walter Anderson prints and live local music in a setting that feels like a true neighborhood scene. The bites have been elevated since opening. Forget waiting for Happy Hour—The Wilbur Bar is open daily, shaking up Mississippi Derbies, seasonal signature creations and martinis from 3 p.m. till. Cheers!
604 Porter Ave., Ocean Springs

MISCELLANEA SPIRIT HOUSE

Cocktails in Narnia, anyone? Just steps off of The Square in **Oxford** is a bona fide modern-day speakeasy posing as a 19th-century apothecary shop. Depending on the reservation (recommended), guests are guided through a velvet-lined antique armoire, hanging fur coats and all. Like the C.S. Lewis fantasy novel, Miscellanea Spirit House offers wonder and excitement, but it does it with maximalist luxe design, including another secret passageway leading to additional lounge areas and patio. With classic cocktails, curated wines and enticing sharables, it's an insta-worthy adventure in high Mississippi style.
306 S. Lamar Blvd., Oxford

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VISIT MISSISSIPPI




NATCHEZ

Three REGIONS



NORTH REGION
PAGES 54–81

North Mississippi is filled with wafting notes of blues music, poignant plots from William Faulkner and Tennessee Williams, plus a bustling, college-town energy in Oxford. From Southaven down to Ackerman, the northern part of the state features stories of resilience, prime hunting and fishing spots, resorts, parks and museums, along with a thriving arts and cultural scene.

GAMEDAY AT THE GROVE, OXFORD



CENTRAL REGION
PAGES 82–103

Find your way to Central Mississippi to enjoy cutting-edge cuisine, honor civil rights heroes and take in epic views of the mighty Mississippi River. Visit Vicksburg, where history collides with modern attractions, comfortable accommodations and soul food eateries. Enjoy small town vibes and scenic trails in Kosciusko. Or meander among the many museums and food festivals in Jackson.

MISSISSIPPI ARTS + ENTERTAINMENT EXPERIENCE (THE MAX), MERIDIAN



SOUTH REGION
PAGES 104–125

If you're ready to wander through ancient oak tunnels, bask in historical charm or find plenty of places to play along the way, South Mississippi is calling you. Visit locales from picturesque Ocean Springs to southwestern Natchez—the namesake for the Natchez Trace. You'll find everything from upscale to down-home dining, sites dripping with history, gaming, golfing and boating, all right here on the southern side of the state.

PASS CHRISTIAN

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For more information on Travel Resources, Welcome Centers and Information Sources, see page 134.



North REGION

Enjoy All the Possibilities in North Mississippi: Indulge Your Inner History Buff, Artist and Outdoor Enthusiast

Welcome to North Mississippi, where culture runs deep, music tells stories and history speaks from the soil beneath your feet. This part of the state is a colorful blend of rhythm and roots—an unforgettable destination where the past meets the present in unexpected ways. Whether you're exploring towns wrapped in civil rights history or discovering the musical legends who've left their mark, the North region invites you to dive into meaningful moments and awe-inspiring sights.

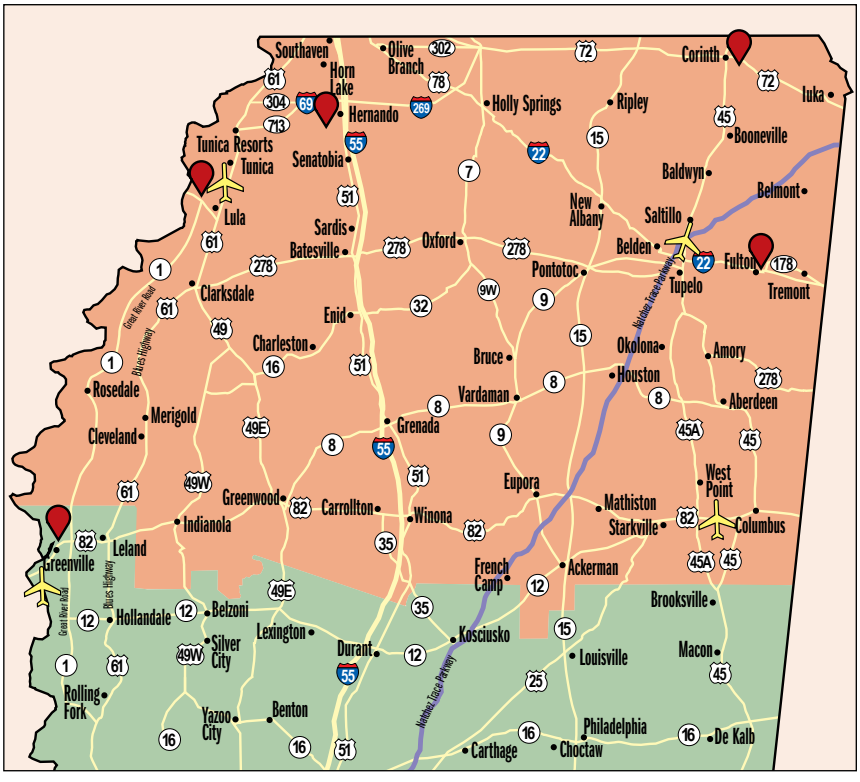
SOULFUL SIGHTS

Begin in **Cleveland**, where music lovers find their groove at the **GRAMMY Museum® Mississippi,** a state-of-the-art experience that celebrates the power and artistry of global music—especially the Delta sounds that shaped the world. From sound booths to stage lights, it's a hands-on harmony of culture and creativity.

Drive east near **Ruleville**, where **Dockery Farms** represents the birthplace of blues music. In **Southaven**, **The Lewis Ranch Experience** celebrates the former home of Jerry Lee Lewis, along with, goodness, gracious, a grand piano pool. This rock and country icon would've celebrated his 90th birthday last year.

History pulses in **Corinth**, where the **Corinth Contraband Camp** tells a lesser-known but deeply moving story of formerly enslaved people who built new lives during the Civil War. Walk the path lined with bronze sculptures and interpretive panels—this is history, lived and remembered.


CORINTH CONTRABAND CAMP



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In **Holly Springs**, the **Ida B. Wells-Barnett Museum** brings light to the fearless journalist and activist who refused to stay silent. Nearby, the **Hugh Craft House Slave Quarters** gives raw insight into Mississippi's historical legacy, helping connect past to present with honesty and respect.

And no visit is complete without walking the **Emmett Till Trail** in **Sumner**. Start at the **Emmett Till Interpretive Center**, where education meets empathy. Then visit the **Tallahatchie County Courthouse**, where one of the most pivotal trials in civil rights history took place.

Here, the landscape is layered with truth, remembrance and soul. North Mississippi doesn't just tell stories—it asks you to feel them.



MCCARTYS POTTERY, MERIGOLD



TENNESSEE WILLIAMS HOME AND WELCOME CENTER, COLUMBUS

CULTURAL TREASURES

In North Mississippi, the arts don't just decorate life—they define it. Here, creativity blooms from clay, canvas, camera and the written word. The stories of the region aren't only spoken: they're sculpted, painted and published, ready for visitors to admire or even take home.

Start your artistic journey at the **Caron Gallery** in **Tupelo**. This gallery features Mississippi artists, exclusively, and includes a variety of styles and mediums such as abstract pieces, landscapes and sculptures.

Then head to **Merigold**, where the world-renowned **McCartys Pottery** has been charming collectors since 1954. Created by Lee and Pup McCarty, this earthy yet elegant pottery, marked with a signature black squiggle representing the Mississippi River, blends Southern tradition with high-end style. It's more than pottery; it's legacy in your hands. The McCartys transformed an old mule barn into a garden studio that draws visitors from around the globe.

Columbus is where literature takes center stage—literally. Visit the **Tennessee Williams Home and Welcome Center**, located in the playwright's Victorian childhood home. Before Broadway and Pulitzer Prizes, there was Mississippi; and you can almost hear the Southern drawl of "The Glass Menagerie" echo through the halls. It's an ode to creativity, steeped in charm and heritage.

Keep the literary vibes going in **Oxford**, where **Rowan Oak**, home of Nobel Prize-winning author **William Faulkner**, feels like stepping into a Southern novel. The white-columned home and surrounding trails whisper with inspiration. It's where Faulkner wrote and rewrote the identity of Southern storytelling—and where visitors can walk the same creaky floors he once did.



ROWAN OAK, OXFORD

The art doesn't stop at museums and galleries—it spills into shops, sidewalks and charming squares where local flair meets everyday fun. North Mississippi knows how to shop stylishly, and every storefront has a story.

While in **Oxford**, be sure to visit **The Square**. Whether you're craving cute gameday looks, chic accessories or something new for your girls' getaway, charming boutiques bring energy and edge to every outfit. You'll also delight in live music, bookstores and coffee shops, all on the famous Oxford Square.

And in **Starkville**, take a stroll through the vibrant and youthful **The Cotton District**, where collegiate charm meets urban cool. With its colorful buildings, artisan shops and local eats, The Cotton District is more than just a shopping stop—it's a hangout, a photo op and a peek into the town's creative heartbeat.

North Mississippi doesn't just invite you to browse—it invites you to feel connected. From legendary writers to famous potters and from museum exhibits to stylish boutiques, this region turns tradition into treasure and creativity into community.



THE COTTON DISTRICT, STARKVILLE

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In Columbus, the pros come to play during the Bassmaster Open at the Tombigbee River, where anglers from across the country test their skills in these bountiful waters.

OUTWARD ESCAPES

When the sun is shining and the air feels just right, there's no better time to stretch your legs and explore the outdoors in North Mississippi. From fitness-focused fun and heart-pumping sports to peaceful fishing spots and unforgettable camping nights, North Mississippi offers endless ways to stay active while soaking in the state's natural charm. Whether you're lacing up your running shoes, grabbing a fishing pole or packing the cooler for a night under the stars, these destinations are ready to move you.

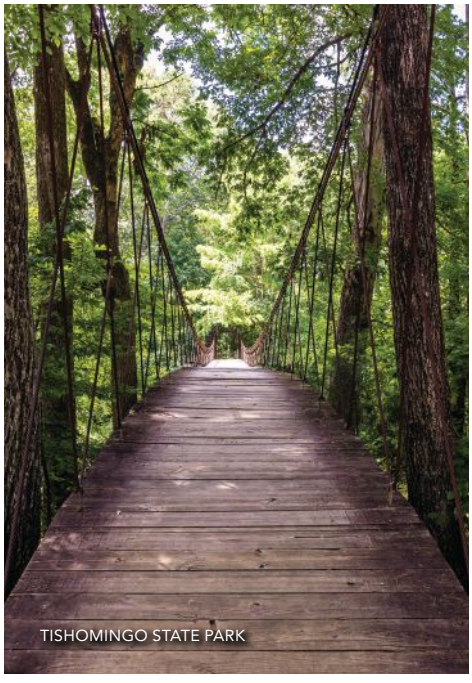
North Mississippi offers a diverse health and fitness scene, perfect for visitors looking to keep up their active lifestyle or try something new. In **Olive Branch**, the **Mid-South Ice House** brings winter fun to the South with year-round ice skating and hockey. Whether you're twirling on figure skates or chasing a puck down the rink, this cool indoor spot is a fun escape for all ages.

Running enthusiasts will find the **Double Decker Spring Run** in **Oxford** a must-do. Held during the city's iconic arts and music festival, this race winds through charming streets, pairing fitness with culture and community pride. Over in **Tupelo**, the **Autism Hero Run** offers not only a great workout but also the chance to support a meaningful cause in an inclusive atmosphere.

Hunters and anglers, rejoice! North Mississippi is rich with opportunities to reel in a prize catch or spot that perfect buck. Start by exploring **Mississippi's Wildlife Management Areas**, where seasonal hunting is available across thousands of acres.

Choctaw Lake near **Ackerman** is a peaceful haven for fishing, boating and spotting wildlife in its natural habitat. In **Columbus**, the pros come to play during the **Bassmaster Open at the Tombigbee River**, where anglers from across the country test their skills in these bountiful waters. And for crappie lovers, **Grenada Lake** is legendary. Locals and visitors alike know it as one of the best crappie fishing spots in the world.

If your idea of an outdoor adventure includes roasting marshmallows and falling asleep under the stars, North Mississippi has you covered. Campgrounds here range from peaceful lakeside retreats to family-friendly recreation areas.


TISHOMINGO STATE PARK



TANGLEFOOT TRAIL, NEW ALBANY

At **Blue Bluff Campground** in **Aberdeen**, stunning views of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway create a serene backdrop for fishing, hiking and sunset-watching. Over in **Hernando**, **Hernando Point Recreation Area** offers waterfront camping, boat ramps and picnic areas perfect for a weekend unplugged. Don't miss the **Tanglefoot Trail** for biking in **New Albany**. In **Tishomingo County**, visit **Pickwick Lake**, **Tishomingo State Park** and **J.P. Coleman State Park** in **Iuka** for plenty of amazing outdoor options.

From the thrill of a 5K to the quiet solitude of a lakeside campsite, North Mississippi invites you to unplug, recharge and embrace the outdoors. Whether you're here for a day of fishing, an evening skate or a weekend in the woods, there's something unforgettable waiting in every corner. So pack your gear, lace your boots and come play outside.

North Mississippi is ready to satisfy every side. Dive deep into its storied past, get your creative juices flowing or enjoy the outdoors with plenty of active and peaceful options. This region offers a little something for everyone and a whole lot of charm.


GRENADA LAKE

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ABE'S BAR-B-Q, CLARKSDALE

Setting the Bar With Soul Food

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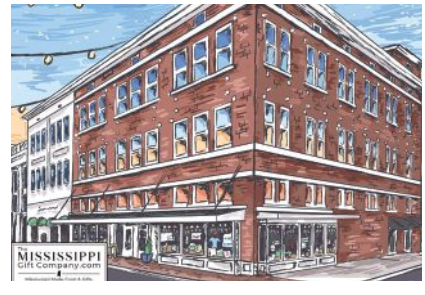
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North Mississippi's Creative Beat

North Mississippi's creative energy is alive and well. This area is full of charm, creativity and just plain ol' good vibes—and the arts and culture scene proves it.

Clarksdale is the place to be if you're a blues fan. The **Bad Apple Blues Festival** brings together local legends and rising stars in a relaxed, come-as-you-are setting. Held at the Bad Apple Blues Club, it's a soulful weekend packed with great music and Delta flavor.

In **Columbus**, the **Columbus Arts Council Gallery** is a hidden gem. Tucked inside the Rosenzweig Arts Center, the gallery rotates new exhibitions regularly, showcasing everything from painting and photography to sculpture and mixed media. It's a cozy, welcoming space where local artists shine.

Over in **Houston**, the **Spring Flywheel Festival** is more than just engines and antiques. The real highlight? Performances by the Chickasaw Nation Dancers and an arts and culture market that celebrates local traditions. It's a great mix of heritage, handmade crafts and community spirit.

Then there's **Oxford**—the city that never loses a party. The **Double Decker Arts Festival** turns the square into a lively explosion of color, music and food. You'll find dozens of art vendors, killer live music and something tasty on every corner.

And while you're in **Oxford,** don't miss **Square Books**. This indie bookstore is a local treasure, hosting tons of author readings and offering a curated selection that book lovers will adore.



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NEON PIG CAFE, TUPELO

Favorite Foodie Scenes

North Mississippi is home to some can't-miss spots for anyone who loves good food. In **Greenwood, Fan and Johnny's** offers Southern-inspired dishes from James Beard Award-nominated Chef Taylor Bowen-Ricketts. Menu items like panko chicken parm, tamales and duck ravioli keep locals and visitors coming back.

In **Oxford, City Grocery** holds its place on the town square with a menu built around Southern staples. Dishes such as shrimp and grits, oyster bar plates and cornbread are served alongside an impressive cocktail and wine list. The atmosphere is laid-back, yet elegant, just like the town itself.

Tupelo's Neon Pig Cafe is both a butcher shop and a restaurant. It's known for smash burgers, once voted best in America, an extensive craft beer menu and fresh, never frozen meat. The Neon Pig team prides themselves on bringing classic goodness back into the food industry with specialty house-cured meats.

Two Brothers Smoked Meats in The Cotton District in **Starkville** focuses on smoked meats served in sandwiches, tacos, wings and wraps. Favorites include pulled pork grilled cheese and pork-rind nachos.

North Mississippi's food scene is full of soul, flavor and friendly folks ready to serve it up hot. Come hungry, leave happy and plan your return trip before dessert!

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Considered one of the best small towns in the South by *Southern Living*, Cleveland is a welcoming place with a vibrant, walkable downtown. Pull up a chair and enjoy Southern fare at **Hey Joe's** and **Airport Grocery**, or have a slice at **Leña Pizza + Bagels**, recently named one of the best pizza places in America by The New York Times.

Fill your itinerary with so much more. Go shopping at trendy boutiques or explore the **Cleveland Train Museum**. Take a drive around the Delta region to see a landscape dotted with reminders of the past. Discover the beauty of **Great River Road State Park**. Then rest up in style at local lodging like **Cotton House** and **Lyric Hotel West End**.

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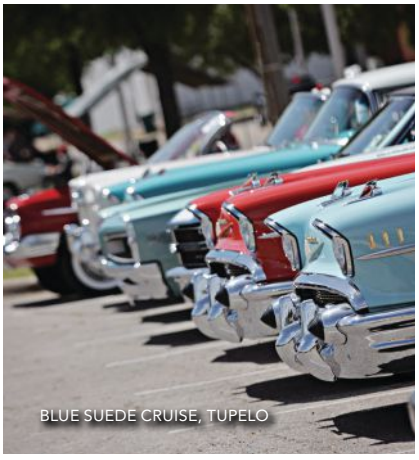
QUEEN'S REWARD MEADERY, TUPELO

Enjoy Beverages Galore in the North Region

Embark on a spirited adventure through North Mississippi by starting in **Oxford** at **The Sipp on South Lamar**. This place offers classic cocktails with a charming Southern twist. Head to **Taylor** for a behind-the-scenes tour (and tasting) at **Wonderbird Spirits**. This is the state's first gin distillery, nestled in a countryside setting. Next, toast to something sweet in **Tupelo** at **Queen's Reward Meadery**. They are crafting honey-based drinks that are buzzworthy in every sense. Finally, unwind in **Starkville** at **L'uva Wine Room**. This cozy hideaway has curated wines and inventive cocktails to cure every craving. Each stop is serving delicious blends, one glass at a time!


THE SIPP ON SOUTH LAMAR, OXFORD


KING COTTON CRAWFISH BOIL, STARKVILLE


BLUE SUEDE CRUISE, TUPELO

Festivals Celebrate Food and Fun in North Mississippi

Mississippi has an abundance of festivals that serve up flavor, fun and community spirit. In **Tunica**, the **Rivergate Festival** brings barbecue masters and crawfish lovers together with music, contests and family fun. **Tupelo's Blue Suede Cruise** rolls in classic cars alongside rock 'n' roll nostalgia. **Starkville** spices things up with the **King Cotton Crawfish Boil**, a beloved local feast of mudbugs and music. Then there's the quirky charm of the **The Starkville Derby**, where dachshunds dash for glory in a hilarious weenie dog race—the largest charity wiener dog race in the world, to be exact! Each event offers a taste of Southern culture at its finest and invites locals and visitors alike to experience the food and festivities that Mississippi has to offer.


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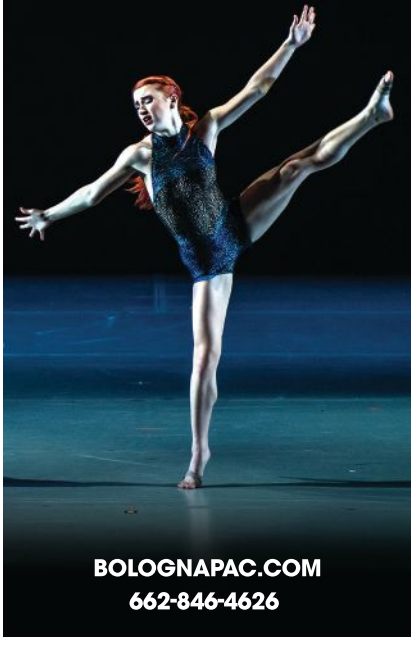


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Get the Group Together

Ready to hit North Mississippi with your best pals? Kick things off in the Delta. **Hey Joe's** in **Cleveland** is a local favorite for Southern classics and tasty cuisine in a lively atmosphere. Then head up the road to **Greenwood** and unwind at **The Alluvian Spa**, where luxurious treatments, thermal pools and personalized services are great for relaxing together before the next adventure.

The quaint and charming town of **Oxford** is a necessary stop on the itinerary. Grab sandwiches and small plates at **The Blind Pig Pub & Deli**, a cozy spot with delicious food. Stroll **The Square**, where you can browse unique boutiques, snap photos under the live oaks and magnolia trees and soak in all the small-town charm. After sunset, catch a show at **The Lyric**, a beautifully restored historic venue featuring concerts and live performances that add a touch of culture to any friends' trip.

If you're up for live music, check the schedule at **BankPlus Amphitheater** in **Southaven**—outdoor concerts make for perfect evenings. And who doesn't love singing along to their favorite songs with their favorite friends? For a bit of fun and games, visit **Gold Strike Casino** and **Horseshoe Casino** in **Tunica**. Both offer slot machines and table games where you and your pals can test your luck, catch live entertainment and enjoy excellent restaurants.

You'll find great food, relaxation, culture, music and excitement across North Mississippi. It's the perfect blend for a friendly, unforgettable getaway.



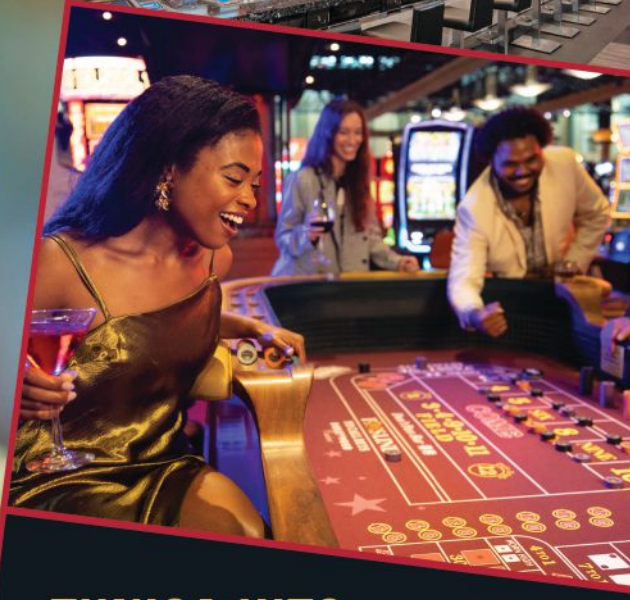
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BOTTLETREE BAKERY, OXFORD

You'll Find Something Sweet in North Mississippi

If you're exploring Northern Mississippi, save room for dessert. In **Oxford**, **Bottletree Bakery** charms with warm cinnamon rolls, flaky croissants and small-town hospitality. Whether you're grabbing a morning pastry or indulging in a mid-afternoon sweet tooth fix, this bakery offers a taste of local love and fresh ingredients in every bite.

Find the Perfect Couples' Getaway for You and Your Sweetheart

Love is in the Mississippi air! Start your romantic adventure in **Columbus** at **Allegro MedSpa**, where couples can unwind with side-by-side, Swedish, full-body massages and luxurious spa pedicures in the tranquil wellness sanctuary, dedicated to relaxation and rejuvenation. Next, drive to historic **Greenwood** for dinner at legendary **Giardina's Restaurant**, where intimate private booths and elegant courtyard dining create the perfect atmosphere for romance. Since 1936, this Delta gem has been serving exceptional steaks, fresh Gulf seafood and authentic Italian cuisine in old-world elegance with laid-back, "Delta casual" charm.

Continue your romantic journey to **Oxford** for handcrafted cocktails at **Saint Leo**, then venture to **Tupelo** for hiking and picnicking along the scenic 6-mile **Blackland Prairie** trail with its beautiful natural landscapes. Cap off your evening at **Park Heights Restaurant**, where sophisticated, creative Southern cuisine meets stunning rooftop views of downtown. From the reclaimed hardwood floors to the extensive wine list, every detail whispers romance. Whether you're savoring the famous grilled oysters, butter-poached Alaskan halibut or prime beef cuts, the gracious professional service and breathtaking downtown vistas make for an unforgettable night.

Let love lead the way through the Magnolia State!



SAINT LEO, OXFORD

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North Mississippi is full to the brim with family-fun opportunities, so get ready to snack, swim and play during your downtime with the kiddos.

Start your adventure at **Borroum's Drug Store** in **Corinth**. This old-school soda fountain offers plenty of delicious treats along with a fascinating history. Enjoy a shake and a famous slugburger (ground pork, soy flour and spices smashed into a patty and deep fried) in this historical setting. The drugstore opened shortly after the Civil War, but the current location dates back even further to 1843.

Dive into a water park and arcade–style camping trip at **Roundabout Oxford RV & Water Resort** in **Oxford**. Enjoy the Grand Lodge, arcade, water slides and yard games during your trip. Guests can choose from day passes, RV sites or cottage rental options—be sure to make your online reservation at least two days in advance.

Southhaven offers **The Playground By Simple Strokes Therapy**, an indoor sensory gym offering supervised playtime that encourages developmental skills. Check out the classes and camps or make a reservation for open playtime.

Then venture over to **Taylor** to indulge in famous Southern fried catfish. **Taylor Grocery & Restaurant** was built around 1889 and offers fried seafood, chicken, steaks, pork chops and more. Don't forget the Rotel fries, smothered in savory cheese sauce, and Miss Minnie's Peach Cobbler. This down-home eatery is great for all ages.

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Northern Mississippi Through the Ages: Gems of Culture and History

Northern Mississippi is more than a stop on the map—it's a journey through time. From Native American heritage to civil rights milestones, this region blends laid-back charm with powerful stories etched into every corner.

Start your journey at **Trace State Park** near **Belden**. It's more than a scenic spot—it's where Davy Crockett lived and traded horses with the Chickasaw Nation after his political days in Tennessee came to a close. The peaceful trails here echo with frontier history.

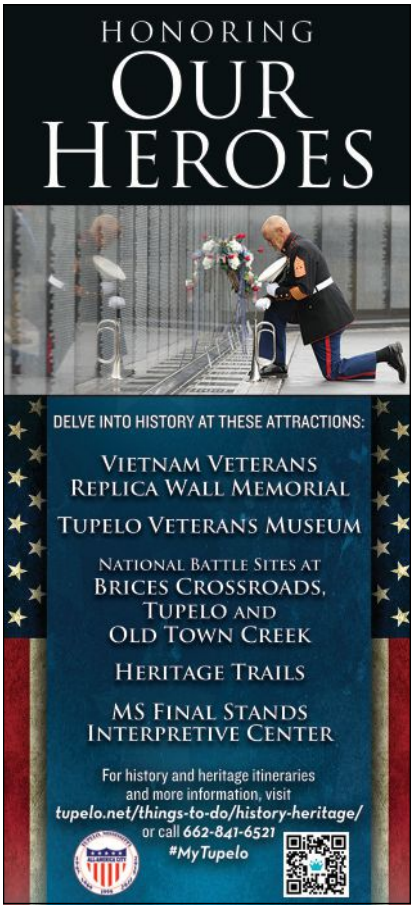
Just down the road in **French Camp**, step into the 1800s at the **French Camp Historic Village**. This cozy stop along the Natchez Trace is home to original log cabins, a museum and a working blacksmith shop. Grab a bite at the Council House Cafe while soaking in the charm.

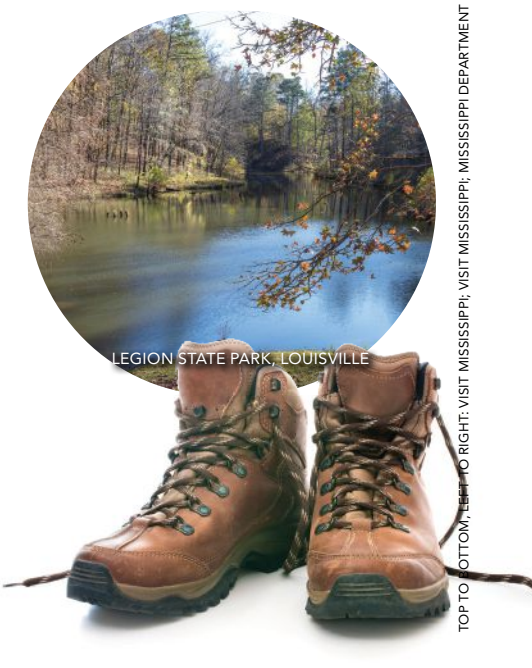
In **Louisville**, **Legion State Park** offers rustic beauty and deep cultural roots. The Legion Lodge, a hand-hewn log cabin built in the 1930s, still stands—right where the Choctaw Nation once lived.

Finally, head to **Ruleville**, to a site that honors **Fannie Lou Hamer**, a fearless voice for civil rights and justice. Her legacy is a reminder of Mississippi's powerful role in shaping American history.

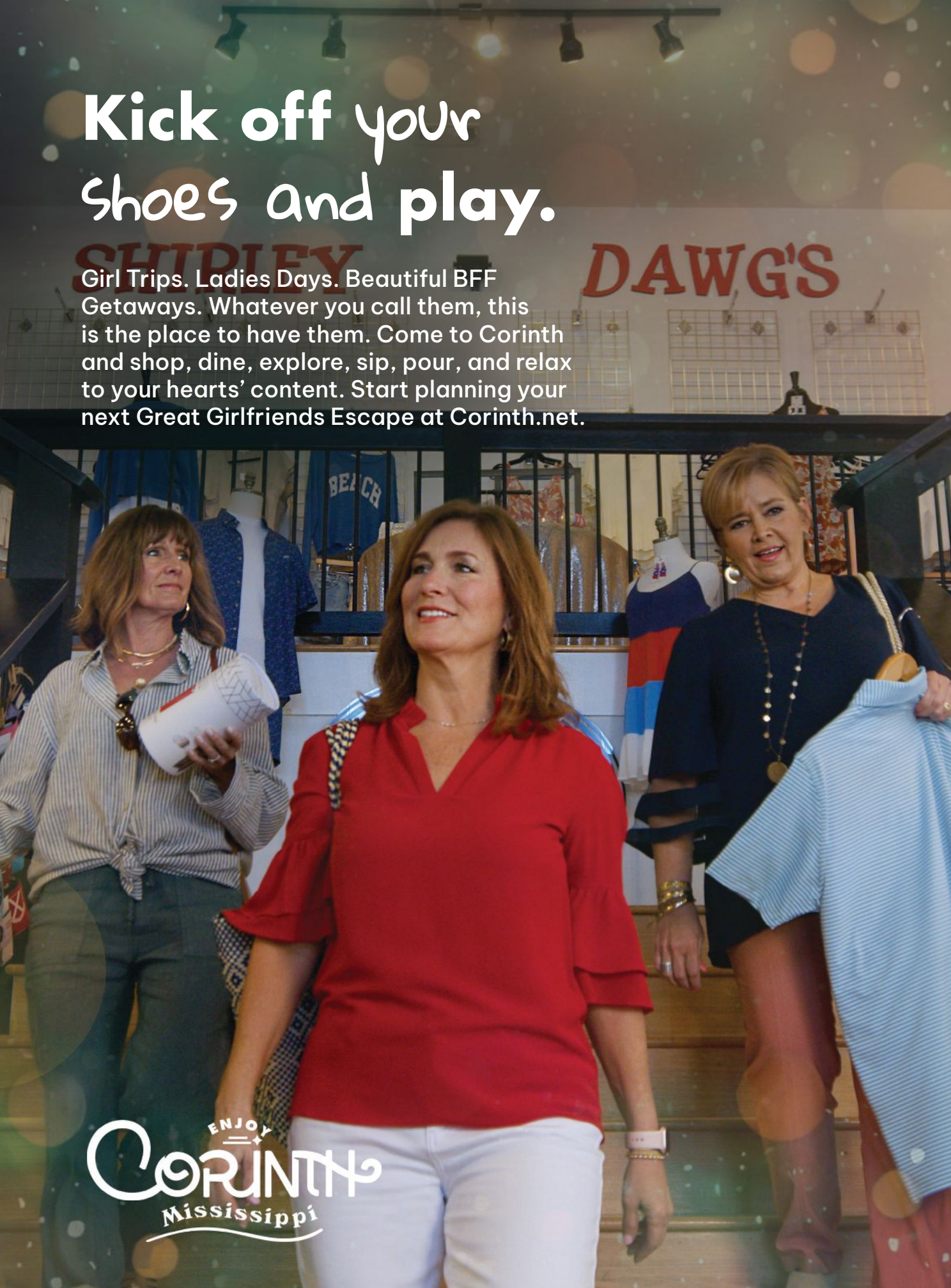
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Q: What is your favorite place in Mississippi and why?

A: I have several favorite places in Mississippi. I love the energy of Oxford in the spring. I love spending time with family in New Albany in the summer. I love the excitement of Starkville in the fall. I love ringing in the New Year with friends on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in the winter.

Q: What is it about Mississippi that inspires the creation of your art?

A: Mississippi is good people, small-town pride, family traditions and HOME! Mississippi links us to our past and is a bridge to our future. My artwork is inspired by the people and traditions that have shaped my life while growing up in the South.

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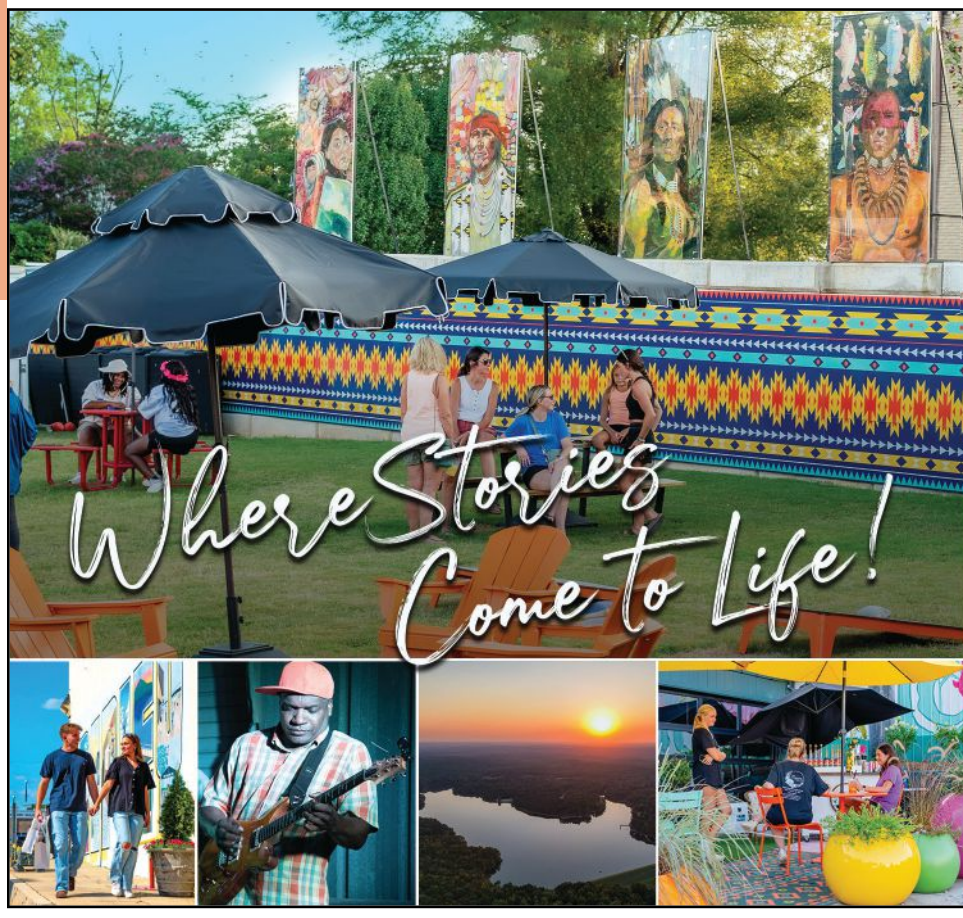




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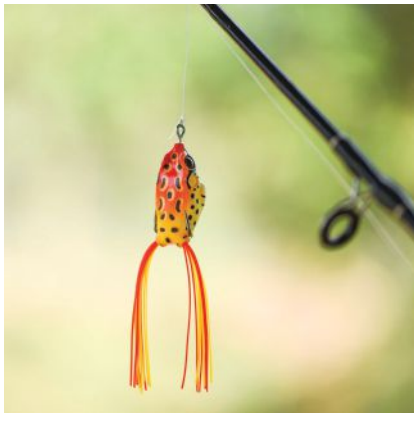
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In the heart of the Magnolia State lies **Jackson**—a capital city representing all areas of the state. It's a place brimming with culture, legacy and undeniable soul. This is where stories aren't just told; they're lived in full color. Walk the streets and you'll find history etched into every corner, layered with the resilience of generations who came before. Murals splash across brick walls, music pulses from open doorways and the scent of soul food drifts through the air like a warm memory. Here, art is born of both joy and struggle; and beauty isn't just seen—it's felt, shaped by time and tradition.

Start your journey at the stately **Mississippi Governor's Mansion**. This iconic structure is one of the oldest continuously occupied governor's residences in the U.S., a living piece of Southern charm surrounded by manicured grounds.

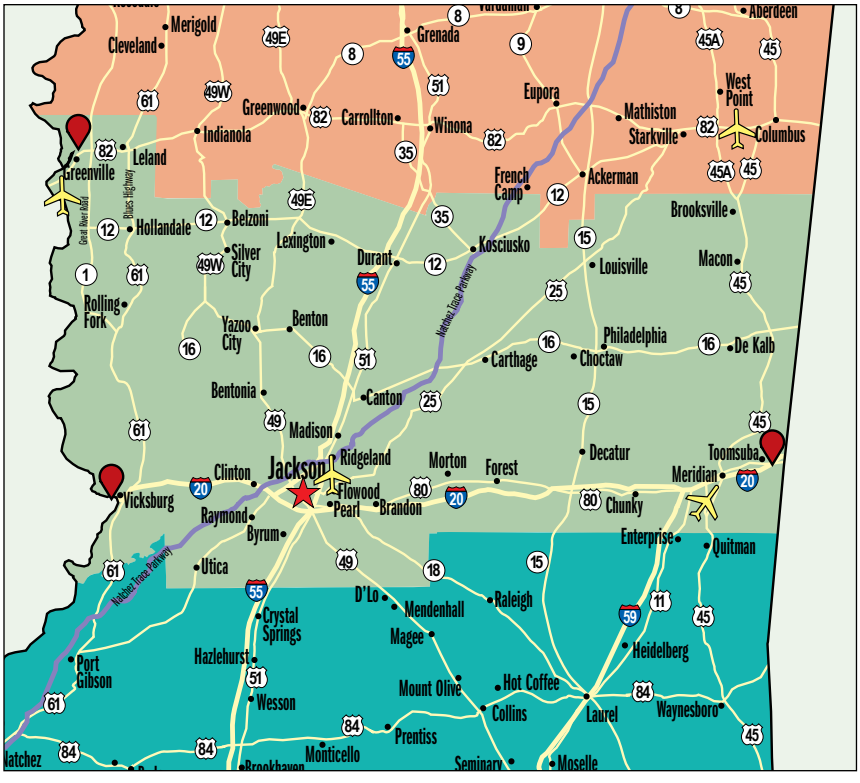
For a breath of fresh air—and a glimpse of ancient wonders—head to the **Mississippi Museum of Natural Science**. Tucked inside **LeFleur's Bluff State Park**, this gem features giant aquariums, prehistoric fossils and


MISSISSIPPI GOVERNOR'S MANSION

nature trails that wind through wild, green beauty. It's an excellent family-friendly opportunity to journey back in time and let curiosity run loose. The LeFleur Museum District also features the **Mississippi Children's Museum**; **Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum**; **Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum**; an accessible, state-of-the-art playground; the Museum Trail, a multi-use trail and greenway connecting the **Mississippi Farmers Market**, through **Belhaven** neighborhood, to **LeFleur's Bluff State Park**.

But in **Jackson**, history doesn't just rest behind glass—it breathes. At the **Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home National Monument**, stand where a movement stood still and honor a legacy that forever changed America. Continue your journey through time at the **Two Mississippi Museums**, the **Civil Rights Museum** and the **Museum of Mississippi History**, where centuries unfold in compelling exhibits from native peoples to civil rights champions. The museums offer dual admission and free visits on Sundays. Wrap up your visit at the **Mississippi State Capitol**—an architectural marvel and center of current political action.

Jackson isn't just a destination. It's a revelation. So come walk its streets, visit its museums and listen—because this city has a story to tell, and it's one you won't forget.



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BLUE FRONT CAFE, BENTONIA


AN EXHIBIT OF JIM HENSON'S DELTA BOYHOOD, LELAND

ARTS, CULTURE AND KEEPSAKES

Mississippi is a living fabric woven from the threads of art, literature and history—a state where storytelling runs as deep as the Delta soil. Its creative legacy lives not only in galleries and museums but also on street corners, riverbanks and within the preserved homes of literary legends. From the whimsical origins of a beloved Muppet to evocative murals that chronicle centuries of triumphs and tribulations, Mississippi's cultural highlights reflect the soul of the South. Whether you're tracing the roots of Southern fiction, admiring public art or exploring curated spaces that blend commerce with creativity, the state offers a rich and varied journey for all lovers of the arts.

Nestled in the Mississippi Delta, **Leland** proudly celebrates its connection to Jim Henson, the visionary creator of the beloved Muppets. **An Exhibit of Jim Henson's Delta Boyhood** is located on the banks of Deer Creek, a waterway teeming with wildlife that inspired Jim Henson as a boy. The museum honors Henson's legacy and his most famous creation, Kermit the Frog. Kermit is remembered for his friendly persona and cheerful presence that has offered comfort to kids for generations, and most notably, his performance of "Rainbow Connection." Visitors can explore exhibits that delve into Henson's early life and creative journey, offering a nostalgic glimpse into the world of puppetry and imagination.

Bentonia offers a taste of blues music at the **Blue Front Cafe**. This juke joint in Yazoo County dates back to 1948 and is run by blues legend Jimmy "Duck" Holmes.

Vicksburg's Levee Street is adorned with a series of 32 lifelike pictorial murals by artist Robert Dafford. These murals chronicle significant periods in Vicksburg's history, capturing the city's rich heritage and cultural milestones. Additionally, an abstract mural by local artist Martha Ferris, the first to grace

the floodwall in 2001, celebrates the convergence of the river, railroad and highway—three vital elements that have shaped **Vicksburg's** diverse identity. While you're there, visit the **Attic Gallery** with its 50-plus years of artistic expression and the **H.C. Porter Gallery** that boasts colorful mixed-media creations, both in beautiful downtown.

In the heart of **Jackson**, the **Eudora Welty House & Garden** offers an intimate look into the life of one of Mississippi's literary giants. Welty's home, preserved with its original furnishings, provides insight into her writing process and personal life. The surrounding garden, meticulously maintained, reflects the Pulitzer Prize winner's passion for horticulture and serves as a tranquil space that inspired much of her work.

For those seeking a blend of art, culture and commerce, **Renaissance at Colony Park** in **Ridgeland** offers a unique experience. This lifestyle center combines upscale shopping with artistic flair, featuring local art installations and hosting cultural events that celebrate Mississippi's creative spirit. Find everything from staple shops to delicious eats, and even stop by the Vintage Wine Market on-site for specialty sips.

Mississippi's dedication to preserving and promoting its artistic and cultural legacy is not merely a nod to the past—it's a celebration of identity, imagination and inspiration. Each landmark, from Delta museums to riverfront murals and literary homes, offers a unique lens to view the state's soul. These spaces don't just commemorate history—they keep it alive, evolving and accessible. For those who seek stories told in color, verse and craft, Mississippi invites exploration, reflection and a deep appreciation for the enduring power of creativity that continues to shape its identity.



VICKSBURG'S LEVEE STREET



EUDORA WELTY HOUSE & GARDEN, JACKSON

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The Mississippi Blues Marathon turns pavement into rhythm as thousands race through the soulful streets of downtown Jackson in one of the South's most spirited events.

OUTDOORS AND ACTIVE LIFESTYLE

If fresh air and adrenaline are your kind of souvenirs, Mississippi is ready to deliver in full. From running past vibrant street murals in **Jackson** to casting a line into the glassy, still waters near **Glen Allan**, adventure is always close at hand. This is a place where you don't just stop by for the view—you lace up, dive in and feel every heartbeat of the landscape. Mississippi isn't only a destination—it moves with you.

Kick things off on foot with a trio of race-day thrills. **Jackson's Fondren Urban Ultra** offers ultra-distance action—perfect for runners who crave both endurance and scenery. The **Mississippi Blues Marathon** turns pavement into rhythm as thousands race through the soulful streets of downtown **Jackson** in one of the South's most spirited events. Down the road in **Vicksburg**, the **Key City Classic** welcomes all levels with 5K, 10K and kids' run options.

Prefer your adventure off the asphalt? Mississippi is a haven for hunting and fishing enthusiasts. Tap into the state's abundant **Wildlife Management Areas**, perfect for spotting deer, waterfowl and game birds—or visit **Lake Washington**, where anglers chase record-breaking catfish in a serene Delta setting. Near **Madison**, **Camden Lake** combines scenic beauty with bountiful fishing, offering bass, bream and crappie just waiting to bite.

Campers, Mississippi has your campfire dreams covered. Swing by **Basil's** in **Ridgeland** or **Flowood** to grab gourmet sandwiches and snacks perfect for the trail or tent. Then settle in at **Jellystone Park** in **Pelahatchie**,

MISSISSIPPI BLUES MARATHON



where RVs, cabins and classic tent sites surround you with amenities, fun and a hearty dose of nature-loving nostalgia.

Whether you're sprinting through a finish line, sitting still with a rod in hand or stargazing by a crackling fire, Mississippi's great outdoors invite you to stretch your legs and your limits. Come breathe deep, push forward and get your heart racing—in all the best ways.

Central Mississippi offers the perfect vacation for every taste and every budget. Get ready to lose yourself in all the charming nooks from Brooksville to Vicksburg. Wander winding waterways; delve deep into history and civil rights stories; and immerse yourself in visual arts, music, literature and performing arts, plus plenty of native treasures. Your next slideshow of sweet memories starts right here.



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Tour Central Mississippi's Culinary Gems

Mississippi serves up bold flavors and unforgettable meals, and these standout spots prove it.

Plan a stop in **Greenville** at **Doe's Eat Place** to experience a legendary eatery where juicy steaks and Delta-style tamales steal the show. Comfort food at its finest, with a side of history.

In **Jackson**, **Pulito Osteria** offers handmade pastas and rustic elegance with a Mississippi twist. If casual is more your style, **Stamps Super Burgers** is a local legend. They are known for massive, flavor-packed burgers that hit the spot every time. Afterward, sip a cocktail at the literary-inspired **Library Lounge** inside the historic Fairview Inn.

Don't forget to check out **H.D. Gibbes and Sons** in **Learned.** It was named in Southern Living magazine's 30 Most Legendary Steakhouses in the South.

For a refined Southern dinner, head to **The Rustler Steakhouse and Lounge** in **Meridian**. You'll find classics like freshly baked bread, superb wines and prime steaks take center stage here.

Or hop in the car and head to **Ridgeland**, where **Jutamas Thai Restaurant** delights with authentic, vibrant Thai cuisine. Try the curries and spring rolls.

From Delta comfort to global flair, Mississippi's dining scene is well worth the trip and, dare we say…a second helping!



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Mississippi Makers Fest – Jackson
Experience the heart of Mississippi's creative community at the Mississippi Makers Fest in downtown Jackson. Held at the Two Mississippi Museums, this day-long festival features live music spanning blues, country and rock genres. Explore a diverse array of art, crafts and ceramics from local artisans and savor delicious offerings from food vendors. It's a family-friendly event that celebrates the state's artistic talent and culinary delights.

Wings Over Winston Airshow – Louisville
For aviation enthusiasts, this festival is a must-see. Held at the Louisville-Winston Airport, this event showcases historic aircrafts and thrilling aerobatic performances. Attendees can even take a ride in an open-cockpit biplane. With food vendors on-site and shuttle services provided, it's an exhilarating experience for your family.

Jimmie Rodgers Music Festival – Meridian
Celebrate the legacy of the "Father of Country Music" at the Jimmie Rodgers Music Festival in Meridian. As America's longest-running music festival, it offers a week-long lineup of live performances, a history seminar, talent competitions, a golf tournament and a New Orleans-style Gospel Brunch.

Neshoba County Fair – Philadelphia
Check out the Neshoba County Fair, also known as Mississippi's Giant Houseparty. It has plenty of fun for the whole family. Equestrian enthusiasts can enjoy harness racing during this high-energy, active adventure. Guests can also catch a beauty pageant, musical acts and much more.

Mark your calendars and be part of the celebrations that make the Magnolia State shine.

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Enjoy a Friends' Getaway in Central Mississippi

Looking for the ultimate friends' getaway? Round up the crew and head to Central Mississippi for a weekend packed with music, flavor and fun! Start your adventure in **Jackson**—grab a craft beer and play giant Jenga at **Fondren Public**, bowl a few frames in style at **Highball Lanes**, or catch live music and indulge in Southern cuisine at **Johnny T's Bistro & Blues**.

Then take the party west to **Vicksburg**! Try your luck at **Ameristar Casino**, where slots, table games and late-night laughs await on the Mississippi River, literally. Relax at the **Anchuca Historic Mansion and Inn** while you bask in the bygone elegance of this 1830s mansion. After you enjoy one of 10 luxurious guest rooms in this stately bed-and-breakfast, and plenty of time soaking up sun by the pool, be sure to taste the delectable offerings in the **Restaurant Anchuca**. The upscale ambience is coupled with a fork-tender filet mignon, succulent shrimp and grits and paneed catfish, just to name a few. You'll find the perfect pairing with an award-winning wine selection, too. **AK's Bakery** will delight your taste buds with macarons, cakes, homemade ice cream and much more. Whether you're chasing B&Bs or blackjack, Central Mississippi delivers the perfect mix of thrills and memories for your next group escape. Grab your friends—it's time to go!


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Romantic Roving

Ready to fall head over heels for Mississippi? The Magnolia State sets hearts aflutter with Southern charm and culinary magic.

Start at **The Magnolia Day Spa** at **Harlow's Casino Resort & Spa** in **Greenville**, where Swedish massages melt stress away. This wellness wonderland offers everything from facials to pedicures that'll have you floating on cloud nine.

Wine and dine at **Estelle Southern Table** in **Jackson**, where modern Southern flavors get a glamorous makeover. Sip cocktails while sharing elegantly reimagined classics—in the perfect setting for stealing kisses.

Don't miss the capital city's **Old Capitol Inn**, where legendary Chef Bruce Cain works his culinary magic. With over 60 competition medals under his belt, he transforms Southern traditions into pure edible poetry.

Adventure awaits at **The Rabbit Hole** in **Madison**. This waterfront gem blends vintage vibes with modern flair, serving handcrafted cocktails and creative comfort food.

Cap off your romantic romp aboard **Viking's Mississippi Delta Explorer**—an eight-day cruise with stops in **Greenville** and **Vicksburg**. Discover historic estates, Civil War sites and Delta blues while the mighty Mississippi carries your love story downstream.


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FONDREN BLOCK PARTY, JACKSON



Family Fun in the Heart of Mississippi

Looking for a family getaway with retro charm, interactive fun and Southern cuisine? Mississippi delivers. Here are some must-visit spots for you and your fam: Enjoy a full day of play at **Kids Towne Park and Dog Park** in **Clinton**, then roll on over to **Funtime Skateland** for even more family fun.

Catch the **Dixie National Livestock Show & Rodeo** at the Mississippi Fairgrounds—an annual event with bull riding, barrel racing and a special Kids Day full of activities.

Grab barbecue and Southern comfort food at **The Pig & Pint** in **Jackson**, with options for both picky eaters and foodie parents.

Don't miss the **Fondren Block Party** held every first Thursday, a lively **Jackson** event with music, food, local vendors and a family-friendly vibe.

In **Jackson** and **Meridian**, the **Mississippi Children's Museums** offer hands-on exhibits on science, reading and nature—perfect for curious young minds.

Check out the **Chahta Immi Cultural Center** in **Philadelphia** to see lots of native artifacts, woven baskets and traditional Choctaw garments. The center is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or after hours by appointment. It's a great place for the whole family to enjoy.

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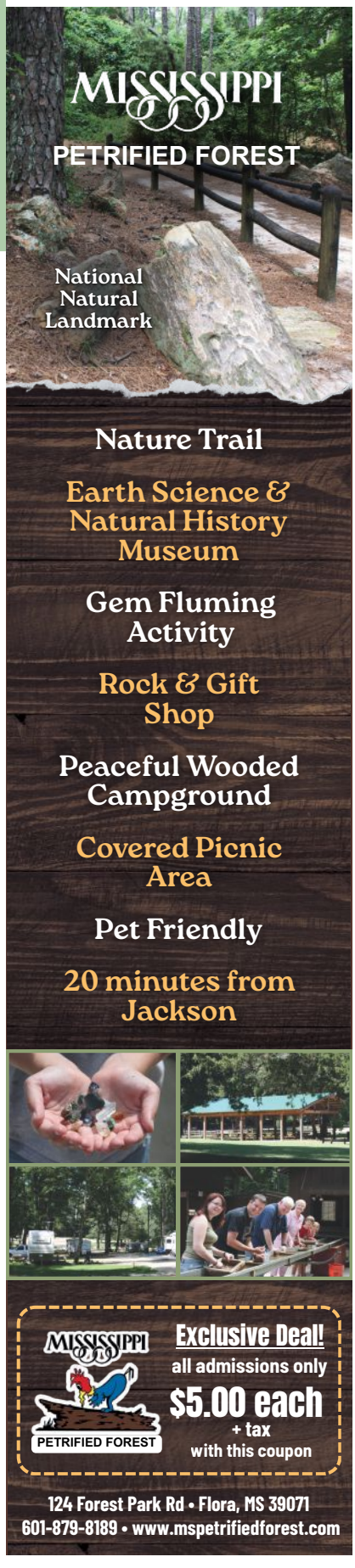
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Central Mississippi: A Journey Through Time

Mississippi is one of those places where history, culture and good food seem to appear around every corner.

In the capital city, the **Mississippi Civil Rights Museum** stands out as a must-visit. Opened in 2017, it's the first state-funded civil rights museum in the country, sharing powerful stories of struggle and change.

Also in **Jackson**, the **Mississippi Museum of Natural Science** lets visitors dig into the state's natural wonders. With huge aquariums, real fossils and forested trails, it's a hit for families and nature lovers alike. Hungry for more? **Jackson** features **The Iron Horse Grill**—bringing together history, music and Southern fare in a restored 1906 railroad building. Live music and classic dishes make it a local favorite. Plus, check out the **Mississippi Music Experience** museum upstairs.

In **Vicksburg**, visit **Rusty's Riverfront Grill** while immersing yourself in nearby museums like the **Catfish Row Museum**, **Jesse Brent Lower Mississippi River Museum** and **Old Court House Museum**.

Don't forget to add **The National Folk Festival**, coming to **Jackson** again in 2026, to your fun-filled itinerary. With more than 300 performers, the festival celebrates traditional culture with music, dance, crafts and food from across America—with a special emphasis on Mississippi's own culinary delights.

Whether you're exploring museums, strolling through historic landmarks or grabbing a bite at a local favorite, the Magnolia State tells its story in a laid-back but powerful way.

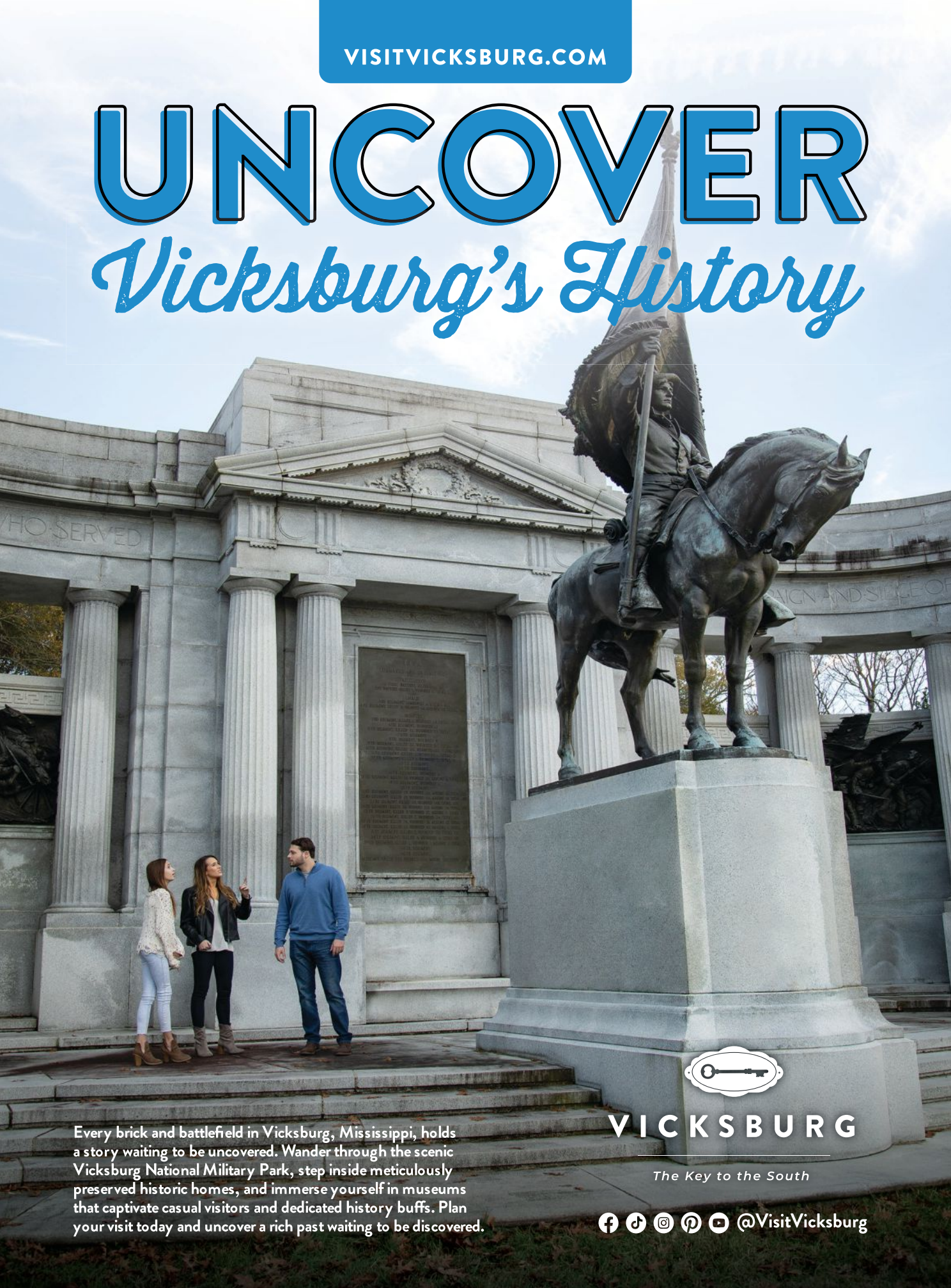

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Dr. Roderick Little, Director of Bands at Jackson State University, relishes Mississippi's rich blues history, an inspiration for his career. He cites the city of Jackson, his family and his students as further sources of inspiration and joy, and he is proud of all The Sonic Boom of the South has recently accomplished.

Q: In your spare time, what's your favorite thing to do or place to go in Mississippi?

A: This is somewhat of an unorthodox statement, and I believe more people are coming to realize this for themselves, but I love being in Jackson. Though I reside in Florence, Mississippi, I relish the opportunity to not only work in Jackson, but also to help strengthen and build its community. My responsibility to our students and community can be very demanding, so my favorite thing to do is to be with my family, often at home, or any place that life takes us to in Mississippi.

Q: Which parts of Mississippi's history, landscape or culture have inspired you in your career?

A: Obviously, Mississippi is the birthplace of the blues, so automatically, out of the necessity of connection, the spirit of music that resides in Mississippi has had a profound inspiration on my career.

Q: The Sonic Boom of the South has been recognized on a national level this year with the Super Bowl, the Rose Parade and Coachella. What does this mean for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)?

A: It's monumental for all HBCUs and speaks about the impact we have not only on our institutions but the world. We're humbled to have all these amazing opportunities for our students at Jackson State, but there are other HBCUs that have accomplished some of the same accolades. With this newfound attention on HBCU bands, I ask that people see their worth and come together to help support our students and program financially.

Q: What do you enjoy most about your work as you help shape the cultural future of Mississippi through your students?

A: It's just that—being able to shape the future of our great state and nation by working with a wide array of talented students. Whitney Houston said it best, "children are our future," and I have the great opportunity to honor those lyrics, contribute directly to Jackson's future and the state of Mississippi, because our students are also invested.



Little was voted 2022 HBCU band director of the year by Best American Craftsman (B.A.C.) Musical Instruments.

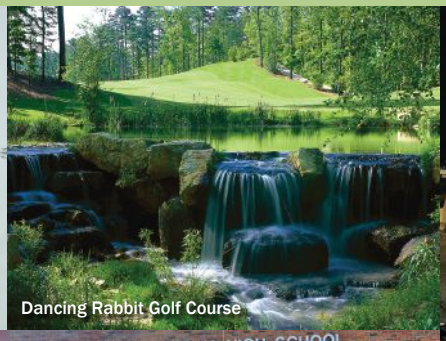
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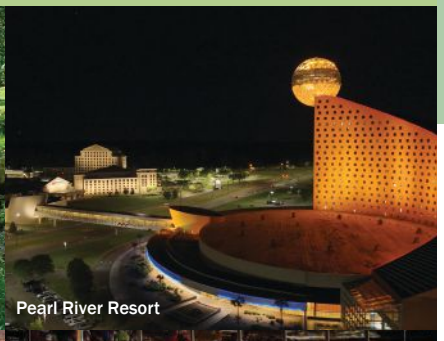
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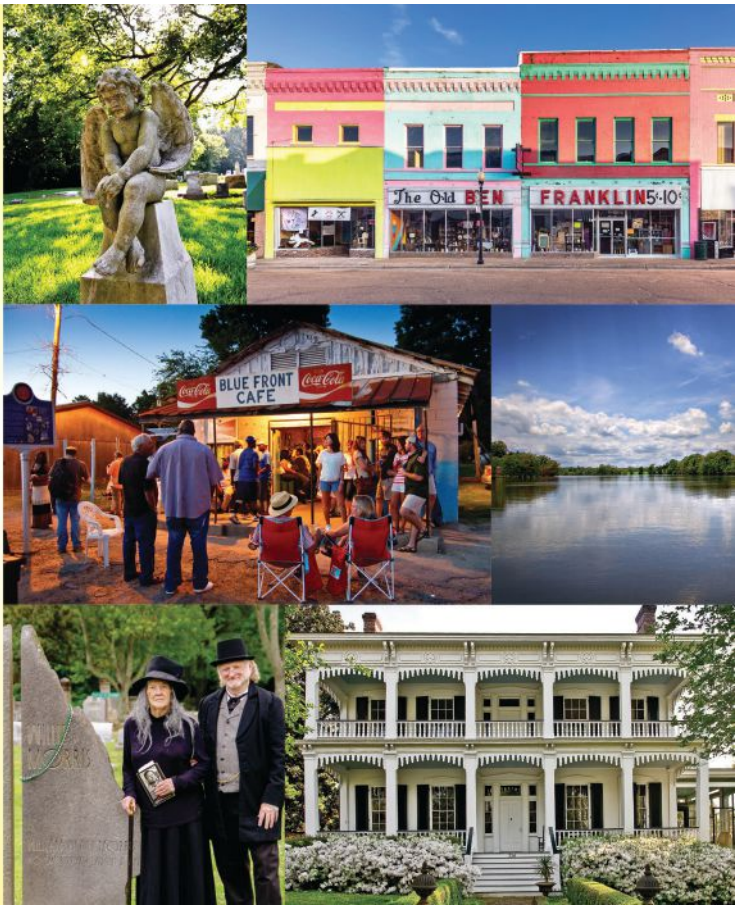
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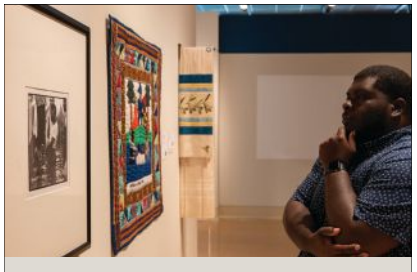
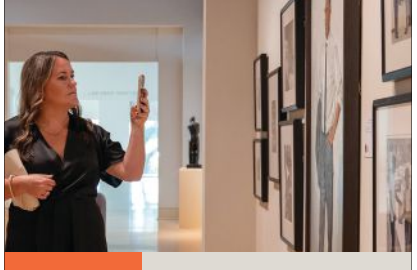
The Cultural Core of Mississippi

Central Mississippi's vibrant culture blends deep roots, diverse communities and strong creative energy. In **Jackson**, the **Mississippi Museum of Art** features regional and national artists, while the **Pearl River Glass Studio**—founded in 1975 by Andrew Cary Young—is a nationally recognized center for glass art, offering classes and preserving the craft. **The Mayflower Cafe**, opened in 1935 by Greek immigrants George Kountouris and John Gouras, is known for its iconic comeback sauce, a Mississippi culinary staple. This famous diner is featured on our cover.

The New Stage Theatre wows audiences with professional productions, from contemporary works to classics, and fosters new talent through the Eudora Welty New Play Series. Beyond the capital, the biannual **Canton Flea Market** draws over 1,000 artisans, ranking among the South's top arts and crafts events. In **Kosciusko**, the **Natchez Trace Festival** highlights regional creativity with handmade goods and performances.

In **Meridian**, **The MAX** offers immersive exhibits on the state's artistic and entertainment legacy. And **The Vicksburg Arts & Music Festival** blends visual art, live music and local cuisine, showcasing Mississippi's cultural richness.


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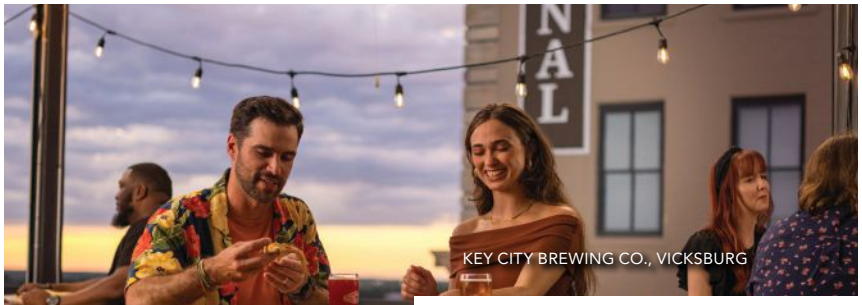

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Yet Canton's charm is not limited to these moments. It is woven into the year-round experience. Whether you are strolling through unique boutiques, discovering local art, or exploring museums that celebrate decades of professional filmmaking - there is truly something for everyone. Here, a weekend getaway feels like stepping into a story you'll want to relive time and again.

Plan your visit at CantonTourism.com and experience a town where every season tells a story. Come for the events, and stay for the warmth, history, and unmistakable character that make Canton truly unforgettable.



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ROOSTER'S, JACKSON



THE SIMMONS-WRIGHT COMPANY, TOOMSUBA

Soul Food Stirs Us

The heart of Mississippi serves up soul food with character and comfort. In **Jackson**, **Sugar's Place** is a cozy breakfast and lunch cafe dishing up grits, smothered pork chops and love on a plate. Also in **Jackson**, **Rooster's** puts a Southern spin on diner favorites. Don't miss the chicken fried steak! In **Meridian**, **Weidmann's**, the state's oldest restaurant, brings classic Southern flavors with a touch of elegance (and homemade peanut butter on every table). In **Toomsuba**, **The Simmons-Wright Company 1884 Cafe** serves lunch in a restored general store. The soul food is as nostalgic as the setting.

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Where Variety and Elegance Converge: History, Outdoors and Artistic Options Collide in South Mississippi

South Mississippi is full of Southern charm and a deep sense of history and culture. Here you'll find everything from historic homes and powerful civil rights sites to outdoor events and artistic celebrations—all set against a backdrop of beautiful scenery. Visitors to South Mississippi are greeted with a landscape filled with history, public memorials and cultural landmarks, along with plenty of opportunities to hunt, fish and explore outdoors. Each place tells a story—some celebratory, others solemn, but all significant to the Southern experience.

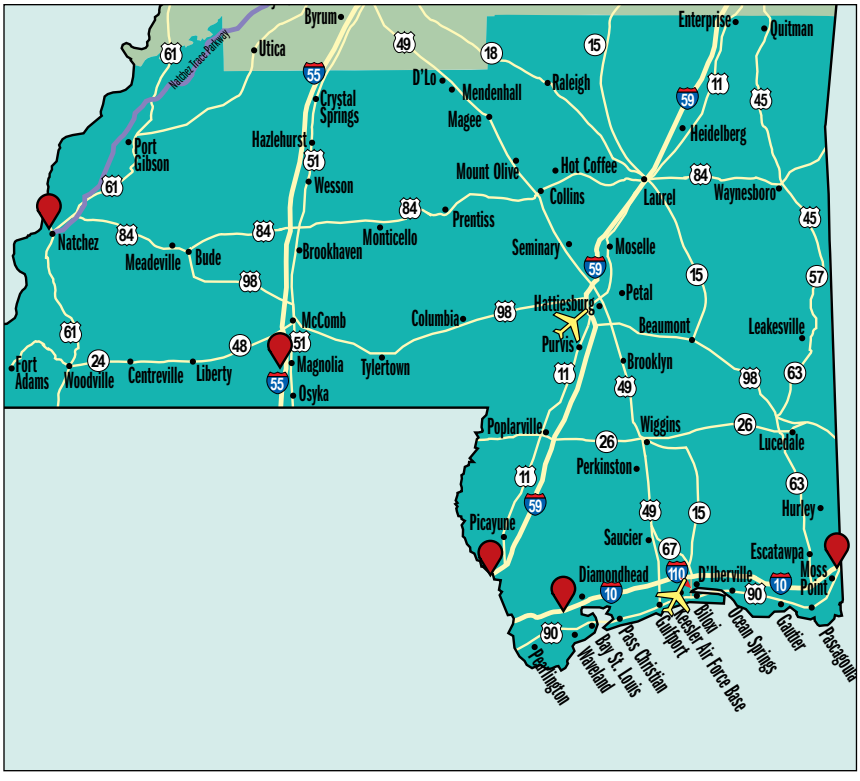
SIGHTS TO SEE

In **Natchez**, visit the recently renovated **Magnolia Hall**, which was constructed in the late 1850s and was named after the plaster magnolia blossoms that appear in the parlor ceiling centerpieces.

Also in **Natchez** is the **Proud to Take a Stand** monument, a powerful tribute to the more than 400 African American citizens wrongfully jailed during a 1965 civil rights protest. The monument honors those who, despite facing arrest and intimidation, stood firm in their demand for voting rights and equality. Set in a public park, the site is a must-see for those seeking to understand Mississippi's role in the broader Civil Rights Movement.

Further east in **Hattiesburg**, the **Vernon Dahmer Memorial** pays tribute to a man whose courage helped shape civil rights progress in Mississippi. A local businessman and NAACP leader, Vernon Dahmer championed voting rights for African American citizens in the face of grave danger. In 1966, he was murdered by the Ku Klux Klan after declaring, "If you don't vote, you don't count." His legacy lives on at the site of the Vernon Dahmer Freedom Trail marker, located at the site of his former home and store.


VERNON DAHMER MEMORIAL, HATTIESBURG



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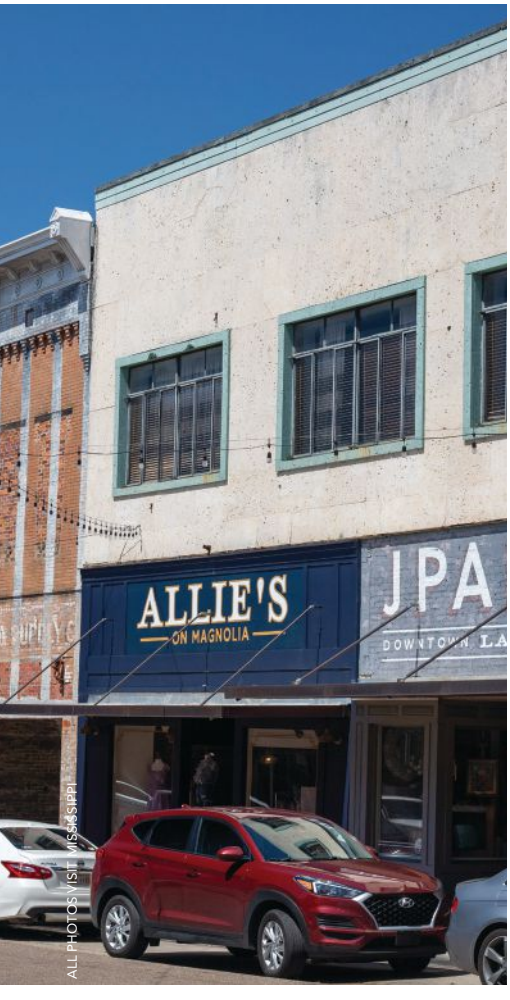


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ARTISTS, LITERARY LEGENDS & SHOPPING

Southern Mississippi doesn't just tell its story through history—it sings, paints, writes and retails it, too. This part of the state is buzzing with creativity, whether it's murals brightening up downtowns, quirky museums tucked in alleys or shops filled with handmade treasures and one-of-a-kind finds. If you're craving a mix of culture and a little retail therapy, this corner of Mississippi delivers in style.

Start your artistic journey in **Crystal Springs** at **ML Provisions**, where art and food come together in the most charming way. This stylish shop curates small-batch gourmet goods alongside custom hats, beautiful art, pottery and handmade gifts by local artists. It's equal parts gallery, kitchen and community gathering space. Whether you're looking for Mississippi-made hot sauces or artisan olive oils, you'll leave with something delicious and beautifully crafted.

In **Hattiesburg**, creativity spills onto every corner. The **Hattiesburg Pocket Museum** may be small in size, but it's packed with personality. Tucked away in an alley downtown, this hidden gem showcases rotating exhibits that are clever and completely unexpected. Right outside, you'll find the city's growing collection of **public murals**, which turn the streets into an open-air gallery. Snap a photo at the iconic "Greetings from Hattiesburg" mural, or just take a stroll and let the colors guide you.

A short drive away in **Laurel**, art is just as central to the town's identity. Mississippi native **Adam Trest**, whose delicate and nature-inspired artwork has earned national attention, is based here. His illustrations often highlight the flora and fauna of the Deep South, with a style that feels both nostalgic and fresh. Laurel's downtown is also covered in **vibrant murals**, each one telling part of the town's story—perfect for a relaxed afternoon wander.

But it's not just the visual arts that thrive here. The literary scene has deep roots, too. Visit former Poet Laureate **Natasha Trethewey's** Mississippi Writers Trail marker in **Gulfport**.

Once you've soaked in all that culture, it's time to indulge in some retail exploration—and Southern Mississippi has you covered with shops full of that special Southern touch.

In **Hattiesburg**, treasure hunting gets kicked up a notch at **The Lucky Rabbit**, a vintage and handmade marketplace that's become something of a local legend. Open only on weekends, this place is part thrift shop and antique store and part wonderland. Discover old-school arcade games, restored retro finds and a playful vibe that makes shopping genuinely fun.

Laurel shines when it comes to downtown shopping, especially if you're into stylish threads and Southern hospitality. **Allie's on Magnolia** is a women's boutique with a carefully curated selection of clothing, accessories and gifts—modern but with that effortless flair. Just around the corner, **Southern Antiques** is the kind of place where every corner holds a surprise, from vintage glassware to delightful furniture and Southern-made keepsakes.

If you're the kind of traveler who enjoys discovering a place through its creative heartbeat, Southern Mississippi is ready to inspire. So whether you're admiring a hand-painted mural or browsing for the perfect retail find, Southern Mississippi invites you to slow down and savor the creativity that runs deep through its veins. Arts and culture aren't just tucked into galleries here—they're woven into everyday life. And the shopping? Well, let's just say you might want to bring an extra suitcase.



Up the river in Natchez, the 2026 Natchez Balloon Festival offers a colorful mix of outdoor beauty and fun festivities.

GET OUTSIDE

From the breeze along the Gulf Coast to the piney woods of the interior, Southern Mississippi is built for outdoor adventure. Whether you're running your first 5K, reeling in a big catch or grilling over a campfire with friends, this region makes it easy to get out and enjoy nature.

If staying active is your thing, you're in luck—Southern Mississippi's calendar is packed with spirited races. In **Biloxi**, lace up your running shoes for the **2026 Harley Half Marathon**, a coastal run that's both challenging and beautiful, winding past historic sites and waterfront views. Also in Biloxi, the **Tunnel to Towers 5K** returns in 2026 to honor first responders and military heroes. It's more than a run—it's a powerful community experience.

Up the river in **Natchez**, the **2026 Natchez Balloon Festival** offers a colorful mix of outdoor beauty and fun festivities. The weekend includes family-friendly activities and unbeatable views of hot air balloons floating through the Mississippi skies. It's a great excuse to stretch your legs and enjoy the scenery.

If your idea of a great day outdoors includes camo or bait, Southern Mississippi has your next adventure waiting. The **Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks** manages dozens of **Wildlife Management Areas** perfect for

hunting deer, turkey, waterfowl and more. Just check out the website for regulations and maps.

Fishing fanatics, head to the **Mississippi Gulf Coast Billfish Classic** or the **Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo**, both held in **Biloxi**. These events are legendary for a reason—big prizes, big fish and even bigger bragging rights. Or, book a trip with **Shaggy's Charters** out of **Pass Christian Harbor** for a more laid-back day on the water. Looking for something a little different? **Legends of the Lower Marsh** in **Gulfport** offers kayak fishing tours that let you explore shallow waters while angling for redfish and speckled trout.

For a true escape, pitch a tent and let nature do the entertaining. Regional spots offer a plethora of cabin, tent and RV sites with primitive or water and electric hookups.

Before you head out, grab campfire provisions at **The Knight Butcher** in **Laurel**—like perfectly seasoned meats, snack packs and jerky made for trailside munching. In **Hattiesburg**, fuel up at the **Birdhouse Cafe** with a healthy wrap or smoothie to keep your energy up for the day's adventures.

Check out **Tylertown's Hidden Springs RV Resort**. Camp along the Bogue Chitto River, and enjoy the pool, playground, mini golf and seasonal shows. Or the family-friendly **Sugar Sands Campground** in **Vancleave** has it all—RV spots, fire pits and a quiet, wooded setting.

Don't miss your chance to get your blood pumping and to let your stress melt away. Take time to get your toes in the sand, your boots on the trail or your campsite set up under a canopy of stars.

It's time to indulge in all of South Mississippi's hidden gems. You'll find history, art and open-air adventures around every corner. No matter where you go or which itinerary you choose, remember that when you visit the Hospitality State, you're family.

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Chef and Co-Owner Alex Perry Vestige Ocean Springs, MS

Alex Perry, chef and co-owner of Vestige, a James Beard Award–nominated restaurant in Ocean Springs, creates tasting menus that celebrate the seasons. He continues to push toward perfection day after day, and he appreciates the staff members and diners who help make Vestige his happy place.

Q: How is Mississippi represented in your inspiration, creative process, cooking style or in particular dishes?

A: Of course the bounty we receive from the Gulf is a constant wellspring, but we also try and attune ourselves to the natural flora that ebbs and flows through the seasons...it gives us a sense of time and place when creating menus.

Q: What made you want to be a chef, and what continues to motivate you?

A: When my initial metier was coming up snake-eyes, some combination of the original Japanese "Iron Chef" and desperation led me to the kitchen. Motivation is a fickle mistress, so it's the desire to be just a little bit bitter each day that keeps the stoves lit.

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VESTIGE, OCEAN SPRINGS

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Q: The act of feeding people is such a personal process. What is your favorite thing about the daily aspects of your career?

A: We are lucky enough to cook with no compromises and still have a busy restaurant after 12 years in business... the guests and staff that have made that possible are a true source of joy each and every day.

Q: What is your favorite restaurant in Mississippi and why?

A: Snackbar—we were in Oxford to cook at the SFA Fall Symposium for the first time and the entire team we brought was on tenterhooks...Chef Vish picked up on that, then he and his crew proceeded to quell our nerves through amazing food and hospitality. The incredible cocktails didn't hurt, either.




GARNER FARMS, MIZE

A Little Sunshine + a Lot of Time With Family:

Agritourism Produces a Vibrant Crop

You may have noticed how **Garner Farms** of **Mize** has recently gone viral on TikTok. This family has taken the world by storm with their traditional values and work ethic, along with lots of fun harvest videos, family photos and more.

Owner Keith Garner shared some of his thoughts about agriculture in Mississippi, along with a few snippets about his day-to-day life.

"It is always good to support your local farmers," he said. "We should never depend solely on huge farms to supply all of the food supply. What if they have a disastrous year and lose the entire crop? We would be left with nothing."

"We hope that we have shown the world the amount of money, hard work and faith it takes to put food on the table."

Garner said that working with his family is at the top of his priority list, because "at the end of every day your family are the only people that you can depend on."

"It has always been important to us to work together and work with our children," he said. "All of our children have learned from a young age how to work and communicate with others."

"I think working together strengthens our relationships with each other."



ED'S BURGER JOINT, HATTIESBURG

Food-Forward Spots Down South

We're taking our taste buds on a foodie tour through South Mississippi and starting our journey in **Biloxi** at the **Sapphire Supper Club**. This is where vintage glam meets coastal cuisine. Nestled inside **Hotel Legends**, this elegant spot brings live jazz and a speakeasy vibe to your night out. Indulge in prime steaks, seafood towers and handcrafted cocktails.

Next, cruise over to **Woodville** for fresh, Southern-style dishes at **Community Grocery**. Known for quality ingredients and traditional Southern recipes, this Woodville staple serves up fried catfish, shrimp and oysters, pimento cheese with pepper jelly, steaks and fresh vegetables. Whether you stop in for sandwiches at lunch, a full dinner or grab-and-go items, it is a delicious dive into Mississippi's dining scene.

Wrap up the tour in **Hattiesburg** at the funky and family-friendly **Ed's Burger Joint**. This retro hot spot serves creative burgers and creamy shakes in a fun atmosphere. Don't miss the brisket burger! This is a place where road trip cravings meet comfort food heaven.

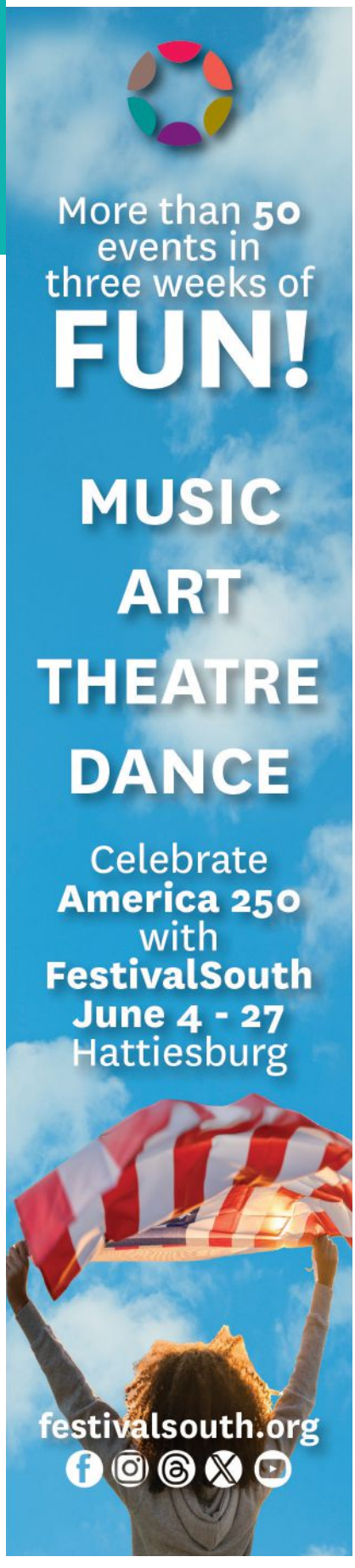


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Recently named a Top 11 city in the world for public art, vibrant murals and sculptures paint the streets of **Hattiesburg, MS**. These artistic masterpieces tell stories of the city's past and present, from civil rights and the creation of rock 'n roll to highlighting philanthropic leaders and HBURG's vibe. Learn more at **VisitHBURG.org**. Inspiration is waiting.

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Find Festivals That Bring Bold Flavor in South Mississippi

South Mississippi celebrates community with vibrant festivals blending local flavors, music and spirit. Memorial Day transforms **Biloxi** into seafood paradise at the **Annual Gulf Coast Oyster Cook-Off & Festival**. Restaurants prepare charbroiled and raw oysters while classic cars shine alongside live entertainment. **Crystal Springs** honors the delicious summer tomato with a plethora of tomato dishes, plants, games, live music, kids' activities and more at the **Tomato Festival**. **Mize** gives the watermelon its due with the **48th Annual Mississippi Watermelon Festival**. This community event features plenty of free watermelon, plus a 5K, car show, pageant and live music.

Ocean Springs hosts the **21st Annual Red, White & Blueberry Festival** with FREE vanilla ice cream topped with fresh berries, cooking demos and blueberry treats from local vendors. **Jazz in the Pass** welcomes 2,000-plus music lovers to **Pass Christian's** waterfront park. This free celebration features live jazz, dancing, food and crafts. **St. Clare Seafood Festival** in **Waveland** offers classic cars, carnival rides, fresh seafood and live music, supporting the local church.



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Cocktail Creations in the Southern Sector

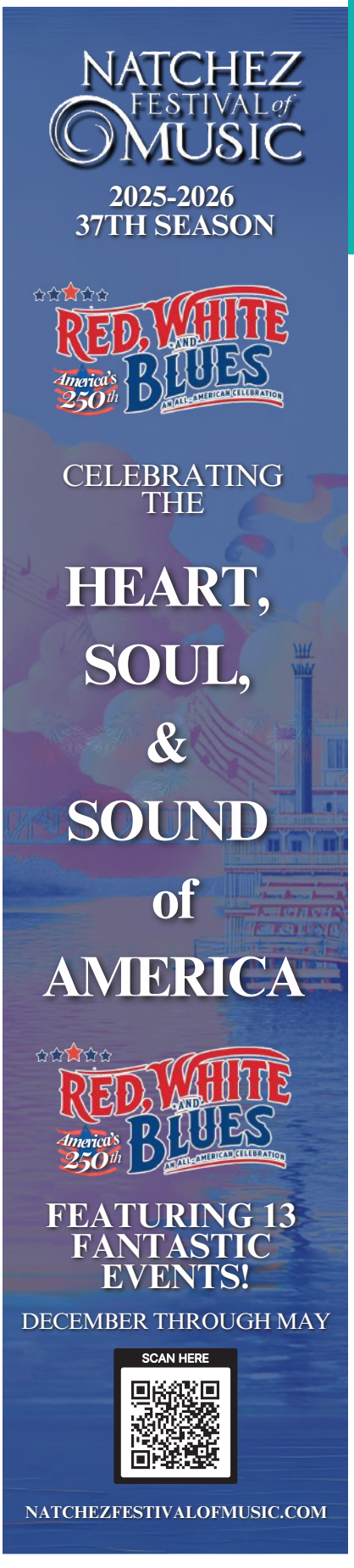
Sip your way through South Mississippi with spirited stops that blend local flavor with a Southern twist.

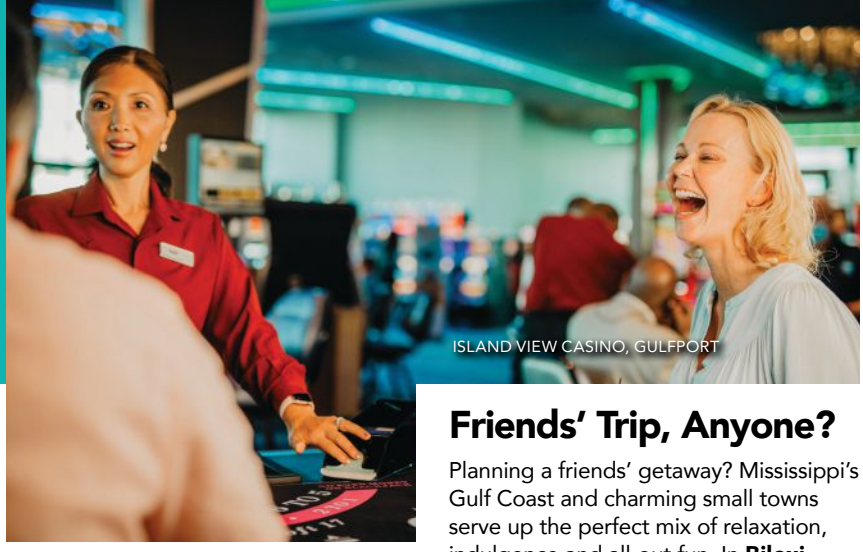
Begin in **Bassfield** at **Beaver Creek Distillery**, a hidden gem crafting small-batch spirits from locally grown grains. This spot's moonshine and whiskey offer bold, earthy tastes perfect for sipping straight or mixing into classic cocktails. A tour and tasting here feels like a toast to tradition, with a kick!

Head to **Natchez** with this diverse trio of stops. Start at **Natchez Brewing Company**, where craft beer meets Southern innovation. The taproom offers beers with surprising botanical blends that pair beautifully with this historic town's charm. Just a few minutes away, **Old South Winery** serves up muscadine wine, which is a unique Mississippi experience. Try a chilled glass on the patio for a refreshing break from the usual. Stroll down to the legendary **Under-the-Hill Saloon**, perfect for watching the sun sink over the mighty Mississippi. This historic bar, once frequented by river pirates and gamblers, now pours whiskey-forward cocktails and local beers in a fun setting.

Wrap up your cocktail crawl in **Ocean Springs** at **701 Craft**. The mixology takes center stage with inventive cocktails, top-shelf spirits and a chic coastal vibe.

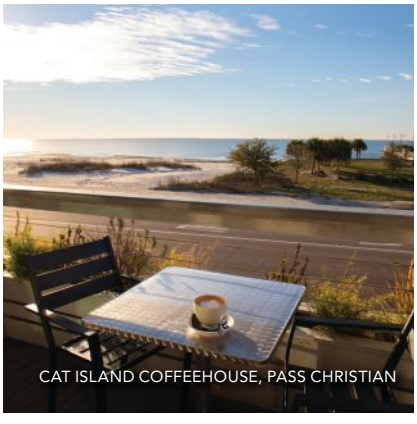





ISLAND VIEW CASINO, GULFPORT



MIMMO'S RISTORANTE, LAUREL


CAT ISLAND COFFEEHOUSE, PASS CHRISTIAN

Friends' Trip, Anyone?

Planning a friends' getaway? Mississippi's Gulf Coast and charming small towns serve up the perfect mix of relaxation, indulgence and all-out fun. In **Biloxi**, the good times roll at the **Beau Rivage** and **Hard Rock Casino**, where gaming, dining and entertainment keep the party going all night long. After a night out, recharge at the **IP Casino's** spa, or spend the day lounging poolside with drinks in hand at **Hotel Legends**, a staple stay complete with sleek design and views to match.

Just down the road in **Gulfport**, the **Island View Casino** offers beachfront play, with endless slots and easy access to the sand. Whether you're feeling lucky or just want to soak up coastal scenery, it's a must-stop spot.

Cap it all off with a coffee stop in **Pass Christian** at **Cat Island Coffeehouse**, where Gulf views, good brews and a bookstore scene make for a picture-perfect send-off. From slots to sunsets, Mississippi delivers memory-making moments at every stop.

Craving something quieter? Head to **Laurel**, where good food and better company take center stage. Grab brunch at **Cafe La Fleur**, known for its bold Southern flavors and cozy, eclectic feel. For dinner, **Mimmo's Ristorante** serves up pizza, pasta and small-town charm in one of Laurel's favorite hangouts.





MISSISSIPPI AQUARIUM, GULFPORT



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Family Fun in Southern Mississippi

Pack up the kids and get ready to hit the road—Southern Mississippi is calling! From splashy water fun to hands-on museums and mouthwatering eats, this region is bursting with ways to keep the whole crew entertained.

Kick off your adventure at **Margaritaville Resort Biloxi**, a tropical paradise for families. Dive into the rooftop water playground featuring a 450-foot lazy river, water slides and a swim-up bar. Inside, the 55,000-square-foot Escape Family Entertainment Center boasts over 250 arcade games, a 48-foot volcano rock wall and a ropes course with a zip line.

Just a short drive away, the **Lynn Meadows Discovery Center** in **Gulfport** offers interactive exhibits for all ages. Explore the Dolan Avenue Depot, create art at the studio or climb aboard the wooden train. Outside, the Tree House Village and Kids Street provide endless outdoor fun.

For marine enthusiasts, the **Mississippi Aquarium** in **Gulfport** is a must-visit. Discover native species, enjoy interactive exhibits and learn about conservation efforts in this state-of-the-art facility.

Visit **TrainTastic™** at the **Mississippi Coast Model Railroad Museum**, also in **Gulfport**. Guests can enjoy some of the largest, most scenic and interactive model railroad exhibits in the U.S.

If you're in **Laurel**, head to **Pearl's Diner** for a delicious meal after a day of adventures. Known for its classic diner fare and family-friendly atmosphere, it's the perfect spot to refuel and share stories from your day.



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MONMOUTH HISTORIC INN AND GARDENS, NATCHEZ

Southern Mississippi Through the Ages: Charm and Timeless Traditions

Southern Mississippi is a treasure trove of stories, flavors and experiences that capture the area's vibrant history.

Nestled in a charming 19th-century Acadian cottage, **The Sycamore House** in **Bay St. Louis** has served delectable dishes since the 1970s. Once a boarding house, it now offers a warm atmosphere perfect for enjoying classic Southern cuisine. The screened porch and patio create an ideal setting for dining under mature oak trees.

In the heart of **Lucedale**, the **Landmark Cafe & Grill** is a beloved local eatery known for hearty Southern fare and friendly service. Its inviting atmosphere makes it a great place to relax with family and friends.

Experience the tradition of round-table dining at local favorites like **The Dinner Bell** in **McComb**. These communal meals, featuring a lazy Susan loaded with classic dishes, encourage conversation and connection—a delightful way to share food and make new friends.

Step back in time at **Monmouth Historic Inn and Gardens** in **Natchez**, a National Historic Landmark built in 1818. Once home to Mississippi Governor John A. Quitman, the beautifully restored mansion and 26-acre estate operates as a luxury inn, complete with on-site fishing and fine dining.

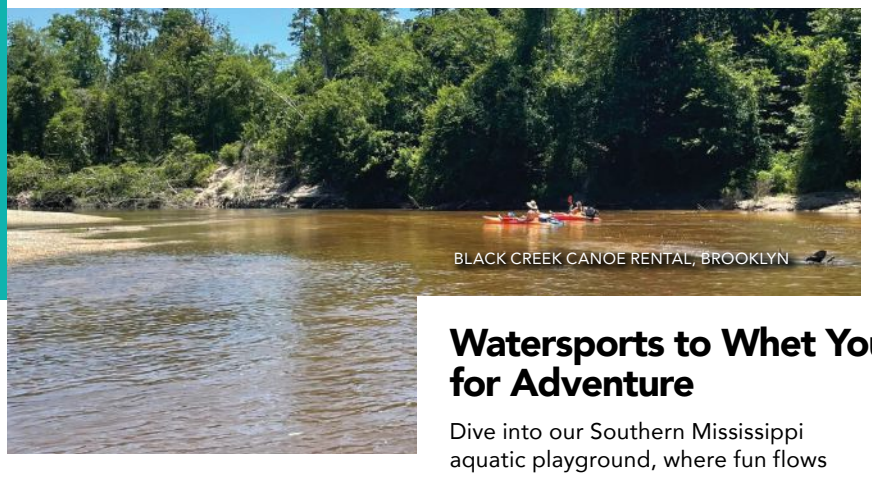
Overlooking Fort Bayou in **Ocean Springs, Aunt Jenny's Catfish Restaurant** is housed in an 1850s home and serves all-you-can-eat catfish, shrimp and chicken. Downstairs, the **Julep Room Lounge**, once frequented by Elvis Presley, adds a nostalgic touch. Guests can enjoy live music and cocktails in this cozy, historic setting.



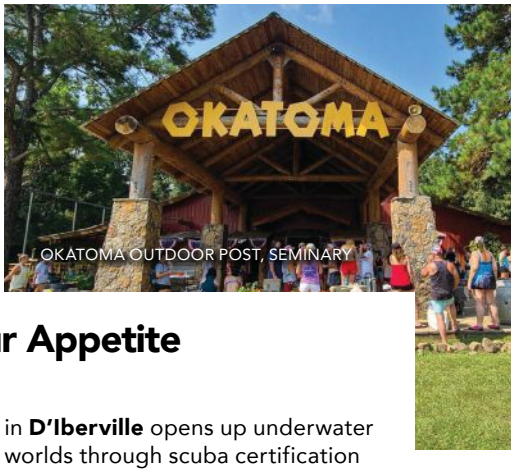
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Dive into our Southern Mississippi aquatic playground, where fun flows as freely as the tide! **Get Wet Inc.** in **Biloxi** has been the go-to destination since 1990, where you can race Jet Skis through warm Gulf waters, paddle kayaks from the beach or cruise on stable Aqua-Cycles. For a more serene experience, climb aboard authentic **Biloxi Schooners** for tranquil sails along the coastline while spotting playful dolphins. **Brooklyn's** Black Creek canoeing stream has plenty of paddling options with **Black Creek Canoe Rental**. **Adventure Locators** in **D'Iberville** opens up underwater worlds through scuba certification courses, revealing colorful marine life and coral reefs beneath Gulf waters. Wind enthusiasts should visit **Gulfport Boardsports** for kiteboarding and windsurfing gear, while inland adventurers can explore peaceful **Swallowfork Lake and Cabins** in **Poplarville's** pine forests for fishing and wildlife watching. **Seminary** features canoeing and kayaking, plus camping and lodging at **Okatoma Outdoor Post**.



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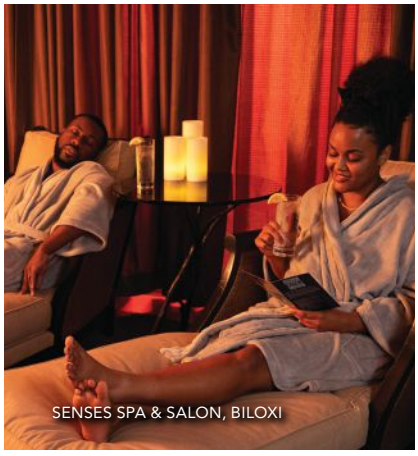


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SENSES SPA & SALON, BILOXI

Romantic Opportunities Roam the Corridors of South Mississippi

Love is in the salty air on Mississippi's coast, and romance awaits around every bend. Start your journey at the **Senses Spa & Salon** at **IP Casino Resort Spa** in **Biloxi**, where couples can unwind with a Couples Spark Massage, steam rooms and a tranquil spa lounge designed for total relaxation. Then head west to **Long Beach**, where you can steal a kiss beneath the legendary **Friendship Oak**, a centuries-old tree whose limbs stretch with timeless grace—a symbol of lasting love.

Visit **Field and Forest** in **Church Hill,** or head west to **Canemount Historic Inn** in **Lorman** for a dreamy overnight stay. These historic beauties, surrounded by towering oaks and soft Southern breezes, are made for slow strolls and candlelit evenings. Cap off your weekend in **Ocean Springs** at **Trilby's**, where a menu of coastal fare and a cozy, historic setting will have you savoring every bite—and every moment.

From sunlit spas to starry nights, South Mississippi is calling all romantics to explore, connect and fall in love all over again.

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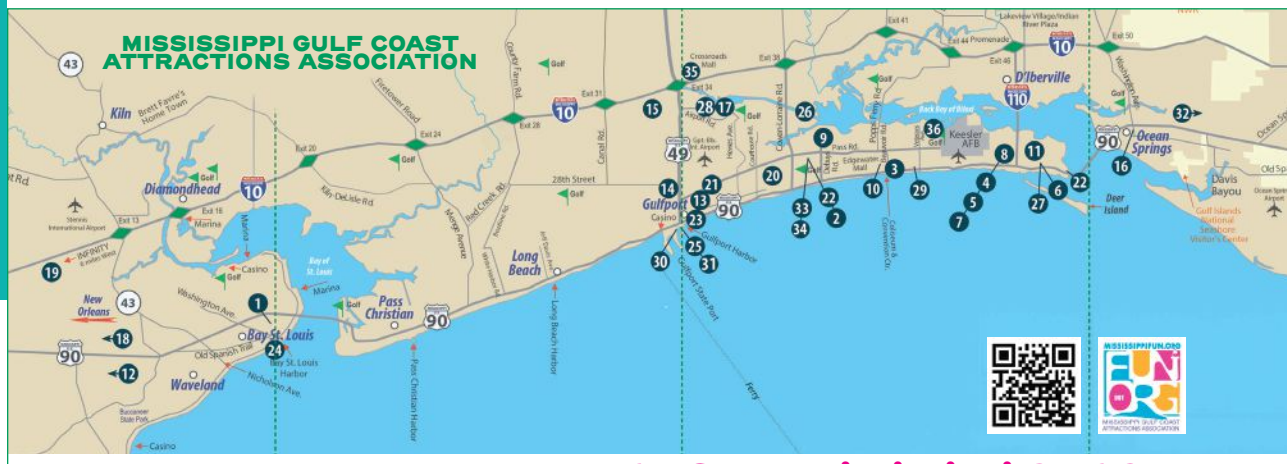
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EVENTS:

HIGHLAND GAMES & CELTIC MUSIC FESTIVAL
mshighlandsandislands.com

CRUISIN' THE COAST
cruisinthecoast.com

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faery-ball.com

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FAT MAMA'S TAMALES, NATCHEZ

Mississippi's Arts and Culture Scene Is Anything But Ordinary

From bagpipes to tamales and everything in between, Mississippi knows how to throw a party that celebrates creativity, culture and community spirit. If your idea of a good time includes music, art and mouthwatering local flavor, consider this your unofficial festival bucket list.

Start in **Gulfport**, where kilts and Celtic pride take center stage at the **Scottish Highland Games and Celtic Music Festival**. This high-energy celebration is packed with traditional athletic events, toe-tapping tunes and enough tartan to make your heart skip a beat.

Head north to **Hattiesburg** for **FestivalSouth**, a multi-week festival showcasing a variety of art genres such as music, visual arts, dance, film, hands-on family and teen opportunities, lectures, even a 5K run. Arts come alive from late May to late June each year.

Over in **Natchez**, a trip isn't complete without a stop at **Fat Mama's Tamales**, where the margaritas are legendary to visitors and locals alike.

The Gulf Coast gets artsy in **Ocean Springs**, home to the state's largest fine arts celebration, the **Peter Anderson Arts & Crafts Festival**. Think hundreds of vendors, handcrafted treasures and unbeatable coastal charm. While you're in town, don't miss the **Walter Anderson Museum of Art**, a tribute to the iconic local artist whose work brings nature and imagination to life in every brushstroke. Clearly, the Anderson brothers helped bring artistic flair to Ocean Springs.

In **Pascagoula**, the **Festival Hispano de Pascagoula** is a salute to Hispanic heritage, featuring colorful performances, traditional cuisine and community pride on full display.

And in **Wiggins**, the **Pine Hill Festival** brings small-town warmth with a side of creativity. With local art, handmade goods and plenty of Southern hospitality, it's the kind of event that turns strangers into neighbors.

No matter where you roam, Mississippi's cultural calendar is bursting with reasons to celebrate, and you're always invited.



VISIT MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi's GREAT OUTDOORS

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS
The mission of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks is to conserve and enhance Mississippi's wildlife, fisheries and parks, provide quality outdoor recreation, and engage the public in natural resource conservation. Learn more at mdwfp.com.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS
Looking for a place to hunt, hike or just find yourself outdoors? MDWFP has more than 50 Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) across the state with over 700,000 acres of opportunity. If you are looking for the heart of Mississippi's outdoors, a Wildlife Management Area is a great place to start.

For hunting seasons, bag limits and other information, visit mdwfp.com/wildlife-hunting/wildlife-management-areas.

MDWFP STATE FISHING LAKES
The Fisheries Bureau operates 18 prime State Fishing Lakes that total over 3,300 acres of picturesque waters. Sport fishing licenses and permits are required to fish these lakes. Only rod and reel or pole fishing is allowed on State Fishing Lakes.

State Fishing Lakes have paved boat launching ramps and abundant bank fishing areas, including handicap accessible fishing piers.

For more information, visit mdwfp.com/fishing-boating/lakes.

COASTAL PRESERVES
The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources manages 20 designated Coastal Preserves and five trail systems within several Coastal Preserves sites. For camping, hunting, fishing and other regulations, visit dmr.ms.gov.

PAT HARRISON WATERWAY DISTRICT
The Pat Harrison Waterway District (PHWD) is a Mississippi State Agency that provides camping, cabins and recreational facilities in Mississippi and is responsible for managing the rivers and their tributaries along the Pascagoula River Basin in Southeastern and East Central Mississippi. Visit phwd.net.

Parks included in the Pat Harrison Waterway District:
Archusa Creek: 601-776-6956
Big Creek: 601-763-8555
Dry Creek: 601-797-4619
Dunn's Falls: 601-655-8550
Flint Creek:.....601-928-3051
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Turkey Creek: 601-635-3314

Cabin Reservations:..... 800-748-9403
District Office: 800-748-9618

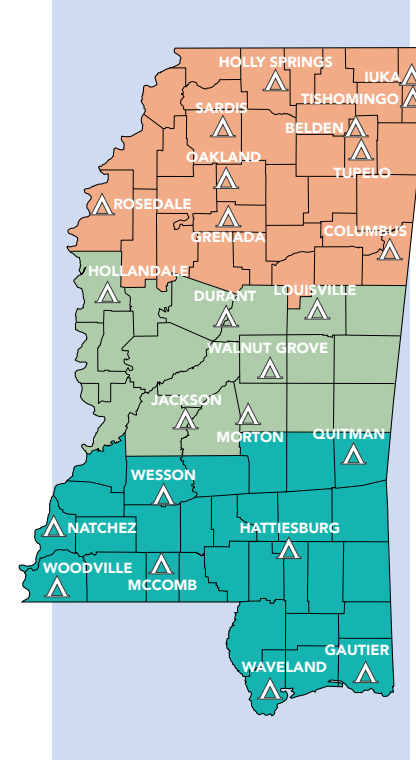
U.S. CORPS OF ENGINEERS LAKES
Five Mississippi lakes and one waterway are managed by the U.S. Corps of Engineers. For more information, select Mississippi at corpslakes.us.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SITES IN MISSISSIPPI
From battlefields to the Gulf islands, learn more about the Mississippi sites managed by the National Park Service at nps.gov/state/ms.

NATIONAL FORESTS IN MISSISSIPPI
From the pine forests of the Gulf Coastal Plain to the upland hardwoods in the northern part of the state, the National Forests in Mississippi covers 1.2 million acres of diverse natural resources and valued public lands spread across the state. Learn more at fs.usda.gov/mississippi.

Ranger Districts:
Bienville.....601-469-3811
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De Soto 601-528-6160
Holly Springs.....662-236-6741
Homochitto.....601-384-5876
Tombigbee.....662-285-3264

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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS
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MISSISSIPPI STATE PARKS
Hike a trail, enjoy the lake life or have a picnic with your family. Do it all and so much more at Mississippi's State Parks. Learn more about State Park fees and rules, accessibility, accommodations and activities at mdwfp.com.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Mardi Gras
January–February 17
Coastwide, **South**
Celebrate Mardi Gras across the Mississippi Gulf Coast with decorated floats, marching bands, beads and trinkets.
coastalmississippi.com/events/annual-events/mardi-gras

Mardi Gras Parade & Celebration
February 7
Downtown Aberdeen, **North**
Enjoy a family-friendly Mardi Gras parade through downtown, complete with floats, walkers, bands and beads galore.
aberdeenms.org
662-369-9440

Dixie National Livestock Show & Rodeo
February 13–21
Jackson, **Central**
Get ready for thrilling rodeo rides, live music and livestock shows.
dixienational.org

Mississippi Blues Marathon
February 20
Jackson, **Central**
Join this event for a morning of family, fitness and fun at the 2026 Mississippi Blues Marathon, Half Marathon, Marathon Relay, 10K, 5K and the BB Kids Half Mile Fun Run.
runsignup.com/race/ms/jackson/mississippiblues

World of Customs Auto Show
February 20–22
Tupelo Furniture Market, **North**
As Mississippi's largest indoor auto show, this show features an impressive array of classic cars, showstoppers and mouthwatering food.
worldofcustoms.com
662-538-8426

Oxford Film Festival
February 26–28
Oxford, **North**
This film festival exhibits over 100 quality films from across the globe and has been praised for its hospitality.
ox-film.com
662-232-2477

Jxn Food & Wine
March 20–22
Jackson, **Central**
Enjoy Jackson's premier gastronomic and wine event.
jxnfoodandwine.com

Oxford Conference for the Book
March 25–27
Oxford, **North**
This free conference includes several special events and sessions sponsored by the Center for the Study of Southern Culture.
oxfordconferenceforthebook.com

Hal's St. Paddy's Parade & Festival
March 28
Jackson, **Central**
Central Mississippi's annual celebration of spring has been described as a "green Mardi Gras" featuring parades, an after party and plenty of live music.
halsstpaddysparade.com

Natchez Powwow
March 28–29
The Natchez Bluff, **South**
This two-day cultural festival features traditional Native American singing, dancing, food, arts and crafts.
natchezpowwow.com
601-446-5117

Spring Arts Festival
March 28–29
Downtown Ocean Springs, **South**
More than 150 artists, crafters and plant vendors celebrate spring by offering paintings, pottery, jewelry, plants and much more.
oceanspringschamber.com/springartsfestival
228-875-4424

HubFest
March
Hattiesburg, **South**
Check out Hattiesburg's biggest festival, featuring art, music, food and fun.
facebook.com/hubfestms

Columbus Spring Pilgrimage
March–April
Columbus, **North**
This pilgrimage features a tour of homes, lecture series and more.
visitcolumbusms.org

Natchez Pilgrimage
March–April and September–October
Natchez, **South**
Natchez welcomes visitors to enjoy tours of the city's many historic homes and unique evening events.
visitnatchez.org
601-492-3000

Thacker Mountain Radio Hour
Thursdays in spring and autumn
Oxford, **North**
Tune into this weekly live radio show that features author readings and a wide variety of musical performances from The Square in Oxford.
thackermountain.com


VISIT MISSISSIPPI

Tupelo Con
April 4–5
Tupelo Furniture Market, **South**
Tupelo Con is a multi-genre event that features special guests, a diverse exhibitors' hall and a variety of activities like cosplay contests, gaming and panels.
tupelocon.org
662-842-4442

Juke Joint Festival
April 9–12
Downtown Clarksdale, **North**
Juke Joint Festival is half blues fest, half small-town fair and all about the Delta with a dozen day stages, 20-plus night venues, 100-plus blues acts, racing pigs, monkey-dogs and more.
jukejointfestival.com

Aberdeen Pilgrimage
April 10–11
Aberdeen, **North**
Wander through beautiful gardens, tour historic homes, view magnificent architecture and experience timeless charm.
aberdeenpilgrimage.org
662-369-9440

Sipp & Savor
April 11
Meridian, **Central**
This annual culinary arts festival showcases dozens of award-winning Southern chefs, craft brewers, distillers and mixologists in a lively chef-to-diner tasting format.
sippandsavor.com
601-581-1550

Crosstie Arts & Jazz Festival
April 18
Downtown Cleveland, **North**
This festival transforms Downtown Cleveland each spring with live jazz, art exhibits and family-friendly activities that celebrate the Delta's vibrant culture.
crosstiefestival.com

Double Decker Arts Festival
April 24–25
Downtown Oxford, The Square, **North**
Celebrate with food, music and art in Oxford on the historic downtown Square with live music and 100-plus art vendors.
visitoxfordms.com
662-232-2477



The Starkville Derby
April 25
The Cotton District, Starkville, **North**
The Starkville Derby is the biggest wiener dog race in the nation, chartering a community-wide celebration with vendors and pups lining the historic Cotton District.
starkville.org/places/starkville-dachshund-derby
662-323-3322

Tupelo Blue Suede Cruise
April 30–May 2
Cadence Bank Arena, Tupelo, **North**
Kickstart your trip with this cherished spring tradition that brings over 800 classic cars to Tupelo, filling the streets with chrome, nostalgia and energy.
bluesc.com
662-841-6521

Art in the Pass
April
Pass Christian, **South**
Art in the Pass brings together talented artists, live music, delicious food and family-friendly activities in a stunning beachfront setting.
facebook.com/artinthepass

Crawfish Music Festival
April
Mississippi Coast Coliseum, Biloxi
South
For more than two decades, this event has celebrated great food, fun rides and the best music over two weekends every April.
mscoastcoliseum.com
228-594-3700

Natchez Trace Century Ride
May 2
Madison Landing, Ridgeland, **Central**
This is quickly becoming the largest spring cycling event in Mississippi: Nearly 1,000 cyclists jump-start the cycling season while discovering small-town charm and hospitality by pedaling on stretches of the national scenic byway.
bikesignup.com/race/ms/ridgeland/natcheztracecenturyride

Canton Flea Market
May 7 and October 8
Courthouse Square, Canton, **Central**
This event is a historic, twice-yearly arts and crafts festival held around Canton's scenic courthouse square.
cantontourism.com
601-859-1307

Jimmie Rodgers Music Festival
May 7–9
Downtown Meridian, **Central**
Returning for its 73rd year, this three-day music festival honors Jimmie Rodgers, the father of country music, whose legendary fame attracts visitors from across the country and around the world.
jimmierodgers.com, 601-938-7427

Pepsi Pops
May 8
Old Trace Park, Ridgeland, **Central**
Enjoy picnicking and soaking up the sunset on the banks of the Reservoir with the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra. Listen to movie-score favorites plus more from the Great American Songbook, then stick around for patriotic tunes and a fireworks finale saluting 250 years of America!
msorchestra.com/event/pops-2-pepsi-pops-2026, 601-414-6005

MS Makers Fest
May 9
Jackson, **Central**
Get ready for music, food and art at the Two Mississippi Museums.
msmakersfest.mdah.ms.gov

Taste of Ocean Springs
May 14
L&N Train Depot, Ocean Springs
South
An elegant evening for guests to sip and savor an array of food and beverages served up by a selection of restaurants and nightlife venues.
oceanspringschamber.com/taste
228-875-4424

Flowood Family Festival
May 16
Flowood Liberty Park, **Central**
Kick off the summer season with Flowood's free festival, featuring live music, local eats, kids' activities and goodies, fireworks and more.
visitflowoodms.com/events/flowood-family-fest
601-932-8007

Symphony at Sunset
May 23
Vicksburg National Military Park, **Central**
The Symphony at Sunset will begin at 7 p.m.—a free outdoor pops concert on the hallowed grounds of Vicksburg National Military Park to commemorate Memorial Day weekend.
visitvicksburg.com, 601-636-0583

Market Street Festival
May
Columbus, **North**
You'll find 200 arts, crafts and food vendors as well as dozens of special events, musical acts and activities throughout this festival.
marketstreetfestival.com

Natchez Festival of Music
May
Natchez, **South**
Listen to a variety of musical performances.
natchezfestivalofmusic.com

Snappy Sync Firefly Tours
May
Ridgeland, **Central**
Enjoy a 20-minute guided firefly tour near the historic Old Trace, led by a Mississippi Master Naturalist. Witnessing the beautiful display of twinkling fireflies flashing together among the pines and hardwoods inspires incredible awe for the simple wonders that surround us every day.
mscrafts.org/eventsclasses/snappy-sync

Billfish Classic
June 1–7
Golden Nugget Biloxi Hotel & Casino, **South**
This event is popular for its fantastic offshore bite, record-breaking fish, millions in cash payouts, exciting atmosphere and high-energy gaming and entertainment.
mgcbc.com
337-849-8642

Tupelo Elvis Festival
June 3–6
Downtown Tupelo, **North**
This multi-day event celebrates Tupelo's most famous son, Elvis Presley, with electrifying Elvis tribute artist competitions and live music performances that will have you dancing all night.
tupeloelvisfestival.com
662-841-6598

Thunder on Water
June 10–14
Grenada Lake, **North**
This festival features family-friendly events like carnivals, arts and crafts, barbecue cookoffs, fireworks and a kids' fishing rodeo.
thunderonwater.org
662-614-4224

Juneteenth Heritage Celebration
June 19–21
Downtown Meridian, **Central**
What started as a small celebration commemorating the end of slavery has grown into a three-day event featuring a Black business expo, heritage festival and gospel celebration, loaded with additional special events, children's activities and live music.
meridianms.org
601-485-1998

Neshoba County Fair
June 19–26
Philadelphia, **Central**
Enjoy horse racing, political speaking, concerts, late-night bands, an arts and crafts market, livestock shows, crops and crafts exhibits and much more at the Giant Houseparty!
neshobacountyfair.org

Mississippi's Championship Hot Air Balloon Festival
June 26–28
Canton Multipurpose and Equine Center, **Central**
The Hot Air Balloon Festival is a vibrant annual event featuring colorful balloon launches, live entertainment, family activities and a festive celebration of the town's charm.
cantontourism.com
601-859-1307

Scrapin' the Coast
June 26–28
Biloxi, **South**
Join the fun at this premier car, truck and bike show.
scrapinthecoast.com

30th Annual Tomato Festival
June 27
Downtown Crystal Springs, **South**
This event features a 5K run, vendors, a car show, kiddie parade and pageant.
crystalspringschamber.com
601-892-2711

FestivalSouth
June
Hattiesburg, **South**
This annual, multi-week festival presents a variety of music, theater, dance and other art-related entertainment.
festivalsouth.org

Holly Springs Pilgrimage
June
Holly Springs, **North**
This event includes a tour of homes, churches and museums, local musicians, luncheons, tours of the historical Hill Crest Cemetery, arts and crafts on the grounds of Montrose and a Southern brunch in the historic Montrose mansion, home of the Holly Springs Garden Club.
hollyspringsgardenclub.com/copy-of-pilgrimage-1

Mississippi Pickle Fest
June
Jackson, **Central**
A refreshing taste of all things fermented, this fun-filled festival is a day of music, games, contests and vendors.
msagmuseum.org/events/mississippi-pickle-fest

Summer Sunset Series
Sundays in June
The Grove, University of Mississippi
North
This free annual summer concert series takes place in The Grove.
visitoxfordms.com/blog/summer-sunset-series

Our Lady of the Gulf Annual Crab Festival
July 2–4
Bay St. Louis, **South**
This event is a church and community seafood festival.
facebook.com/olgcrabfest
228-467-6509

Vicksburg Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks Show
July 4
Downtown Vicksburg, **Central**
While Vicksburg is already known for hosting the longest fireworks show in the state on the Fourth of July, the country's Bicentennial year will be bigger and better than ever.
visitvicksburg.com
601-634-4527

Natchez Food & Wine Festival
July 24–25
Natchez, **South**
All along the Great River Road, renowned chefs, restaurateurs, vintners and craft beer brewers descend on Natchez for gourmet tastings and casual social occasions with multiple events throughout the weekend.
natchezfoodandwine.com
601-445-4611

56th Water Valley Watermelon Carnival
July 31–August 1
Water Valley City Park, **North**
Take part in family fun with arts and crafts, fireworks, a car show and children's activities.
watervalleychamber.com
662-473-1122

Blessing of the Fleet & Shrimp Festival
July
Biloxi, **South**
Begun in 1929, the Blessing of the Fleet ceremony marks the beginning of the fishing season for shrimp fishermen and invokes a safe and prosperous season.
facebook.com/biloxiblessingms

Slugburger Festival
July
Corinth, **North**
Celebrate the famous slugburger, an original Corinth creation, with live music, carnival rides, a car show and much more.
corinth.net/slugburger-festival

Bikes, Blues & Bayous
August 1
Greenwood, **North**
Join this cycling event to ride the fast and flat alluvial plains of the Delta and discover "the best Southern hospitality on earth."
bikesbluesbayous.raceroster.com

Bit of the Sip
August 7–9
Oxford, **North**
Indulge in a weekend of culinary adventures, local flavors and community fun.
oxfordarts.com
662-236-6429

Sunflower River Blues and Gospel Festival
August 7–9
Downtown Clarksdale, **North**
Enjoy the 38th annual celebration of authentic blues and its roots in gospel music.
sunflowerfest.org



Downtown Ocean Springs Artwalk
August 29
Downtown Ocean Springs, **South**
Immerse yourself in a vibrant tapestry of art, music, food and fun as charming streets come alive with the energy of local talent.
oceanspringschamber.com
228-875-4424

Taste of Flowood
Late summer–early fall
Waterpointe, Flowood, **Central**
The Chamber of Flowood's annual food festival showcases area restaurants' signature dishes and specialty menu items.
flowoodchamber.com, 601-932-8007

Downtown Jubilee Festival
September 12
Grenada Downtown Square, **North**
Held each fall on Grenada's historic downtown square, the festival brings together live music, local vendors, a variety of specialty food trucks and free children's activities.
greatergrenada.com/events/downtown-jubilee, 662-226-2571

Vicksburg Hipstoric Art Festival
September 25–27
Downtown Vicksburg, **Central**
This art festival in vibrant, hip and historic downtown will feature national artists from 11 different states in a dozen different categories, ranging from jewelry to fiber and painting to mixed media. The art show will include a block party, children's activities, food trucks, live music and a nonprofit vendor fair.
hipstoricartfestival.com
253-275-8108

Tallahatchie Riverfest
September 26
Downtown New Albany, **North**
Celebrate with a vibrant day of music, food, art and family fun in the heart of downtown New Albany.
visitnewalbany.com/tallahatchie-riverfest
662-534-3438

Annual Biloxi Seafood Festival
September
Biloxi, **South**
This is an annual one-day celebration honoring the city's seafood heritage with live entertainment, local cuisine, arts and crafts and family-friendly activities.
facebook.com/biloxiseafoodfestival
228-604-0014

Mississippi Book Festival
September
Jackson, **Central**
This free festival brings the written word to fun, festive life with authors, panel discussions, book signings, family-friendly activities, food trucks, live music and more.
msbookfestival.com

Mississippi Delta Blues Festival
September
Greenville, **Central**
The Mississippi Delta Blues and Heritage Festival is the oldest continuously running blues festival in the U.S.
facebook.com/msdeltablues

Mississippi Science Fest
September
Jackson, **Central**
Check out this family-fun event hosted by the four museums in the LeFleur Museum District. The event showcases STEM industries, organizations and innovation—aiming to engage students, families, adults and educators in a fun and interactive learning environment that promotes science education and workforce development.
mssciencefest.org

Bulldog Bash
First week of October
Starkville, **North**
Bulldog Bash is a high-energy, music-filled event with live performances, food trucks and a festive atmosphere.
starkville.org/places/bulldog-bash
662-323-3322

Carrollton Pilgrimage & Pioneer Day Festival
October 2–3
Courthouse Square, Carrollton, **North**
The festival features tours of churches and other historic buildings, live music, arts and crafts and food vendors.
visitcarroll.org/events
662-392-4810

Cannon Motors Loblolly Festival
October 3
Downtown Laurel, **South**
This annual festival celebrates Laurel's heritage as a sawmill town.
laurelmainstreet.com/pages/signature-events
601-433-3255

Cruisin' the Coast
October 4–11
Coastwide, **South**
Welcome to America's Largest Block Party! The 30th annual celebration on the Mississippi Gulf Coast will feature antique, classic and hot rod vehicles, nostalgic music and events that draw car enthusiasts from over 40 states and around the world to cruise a scenic 26-mile beachside highway.
cruisinthecoast.com
228-385-3847

10th Annual Mules & Blues Festival
October 9–10
Marks, **North**
Enjoy a 5K, gospel, country, western, blues and soul performances, wagon mule rides, food and kids' activities. Join in the fun as the region showcases historical treasures and artistic talents through music, art, literature and Southern-style culinary skills.
mules-bluesfest.org, discoverqc.org

Octoberfest
October 9–10
Downtown Cleveland, **North**
This is the county's largest outdoor festival, bringing together award-winning barbecue, live music, arts and crafts and family fun.
octoberfestms.com
662-843-2712

Bukka White Blues Festival
October 10
Blue Bluff Recreation Area, Aberdeen
North
Enjoy non-stop blues music on the banks of the Tenn-Tom Waterway, a barbecue cook-off and kids' zone.
bukkawhitebluesfestival.com
662-369-9440

Mississippi Delta Tennessee Williams Festival
October 15–17
Clarksdale, **North**
Join the celebration of America's playwright with porch plays, tours and panel discussions.
deltawilliamsfestival.com

Hot Tamale Festival
October 16–17
Greenville, **Central**
This Southern food festival is more than just hot tamales! It's a favorite destination for everyone who loves food, music, crafts, literature and tasting.
mainstreetgreenville.com

Natchez Balloon Festival
October 16–17
Rosalie Mansion Grounds, Natchez
South
Hot air balloons fill the skies over the Mississippi River as live music fills the air during this two-day festival.
natchezballoonfestival.com
601-442-2500

South Mississippi Fair
October 16–24
South Mississippi Fairgrounds, Laurel
South
The fair is a longtime community tradition featuring family-friendly rides, agricultural exhibits, live entertainment and classic fair food.
somissfair.com
601-649-9010

Blues Concert
October
Gateway to the Blues Museum & Visitor Center, Tunica, **North**
Join the fun on the porch—featuring local blues artists with food trucks on-site and museum gift shop discounts.
tunicatravel.com
888-488-6422

Cruzn the Crossroads - Car & Truck Show
October
Downtown Clarksdale, **North**
A family day of great music and fun cars from all over the Mid-South.
facebook.com/groups/960606725513139

Mighty Roots Festival
October
Stovall Farms, **North**
Sit back and enjoy alternative music at the historic Stovall Farms during cotton harvest.
mightyrootsmusicfestival.com

Mississippi State Fair
October
Jackson, **Central**
Enjoy carnival rides, food, live music, livestock and more.
msstatefair.com

Renaissance Euro Fest
October
Renaissance at Colony Park, Ridgeland, **Central**
This is Mississippi's Premiere European Auto and Motorcycle Show Series, voted one of the best car shows in the nation by USA Today.
euro-fest.net
601-946-1950

Voices From the Hills
October
Cedar Hill Cemetery, Vicksburg, **Central**
The event includes actor portrayals of some of Vicksburg's most recognized citizens, ranging from individuals who helped establish the city to those who made impacts in the late 1800s.
visitvicksburg.com
601-636-6421

Soule' Live Steam Festival
November 6–7
Mississippi Industrial Heritage Museum at Soule' Steamworks, Meridian
Central
Step back in time and enjoy a unique experience that celebrates industrial heritage at the 23rd Annual Soule' Live Steam Festival, held in America's last intact steam engine factory.
industrialheritagemuseum.com
601-693-9905

50 Nights of Lights
November 7
Downtown Cleveland, **North**
This event illuminates downtown each holiday season with over a million twinkling lights, weekend performances and festive activities kickoff from November through New Year's Eve. 50nightsoflights.com
662-843-2712

Peter Anderson Arts & Crafts Festival
November 7–8
Downtown Ocean Springs, **South**
Discover over 400 artists, crafters and food booths nestled under Ocean Springs' historic oaks during a lively street festival that draws 150,000 visitors with music, local specials and community spirit.
peterandersonfestival.com
228-875-4424

Angels on the Bluff
November 12–14
Natchez City Cemetery, **South**
This three-day event showcases local talent and descendants of the Natchez City Cemetery residents, whose stories will be told under the stars and Spanish moss–draped oak trees.
thenatchezcitycemetery.com
601-445-5051



Trees of Christmas
November 26–January 1
Merrehope, Meridian, **Central**
Voted Mississippi Magazine's Top Holiday Attraction, Merrehope will host its 58th annual event with over 60 beautifully decorated trees and festive displays adorning this historic 20-room neoclassic mansion.
merrehope.com, 601-483-8439

Canton Christmas Festival
November 27–29 and December 4–23
Courthouse Square, Canton, **Central**
This is a beloved annual celebration that transforms the historic square into a winter wonderland with dazzling lights, holiday activities and festive family fun.
cantontourism.com, 601-859-1307

Mistletoe Marketplace
November
Jackson, **Central**
Mistletoe Marketplace is a holiday tradition presented by the Junior League of Jackson. The event has become the South's premier holiday shopping affair featuring spectacular special events.
mistletoemarketplace.com

National Folk Festival
November
Jackson, **Central**
The festival celebrates the roots, richness and variety of American culture with music, dancing, food and family fun.
nationalfolkfestival.com

Christmas at Landrum's Homestead
November–December
Landrum's Homestead, Laurel, **South**
Step back in time and celebrate the holidays with an old-fashioned Christmas experience the whole family will love, including photos with Santa, live demonstrations from blacksmiths and wood carvers, wagon rides, gem mining, marshmallow roasting by the fire and a beautiful candlelight tour.
landrums.com, 601-649-2546

Gulfport Harbor Lights Winter Festival
November–December
Gulfport, **South**
Join in a magical coastal holiday experience filled with carnival rides, visit with Santa and hop on a train at the Train Station.
gulfportharborlights.com
228-868-5789

Holly Jolly Holidays
November–January
Trade Park, Oxford, **North**
Visit Oxford's annual ice skating and walk of lights event—bringing holiday cheer, Santa and more.
hollyjollyoxford.holiday
662-232-2477

Chili Cook-Off & Grand Lighting of Winner's Circle Park
December 3
Winner's Circle Park, Flowood, **Central**
Chamber members compete in a chili cook-off while the city hosts the grand Christmas lighting. The park's Christmas lights stay on throughout the month of December and other festivities like cocoa, pictures with Santa and a Christmas train are available to keep the Christmas spirit bright.
experience.visitflowoodms.com/events
601-932-8007

Christmas in the Park
December 12
Bassfield, **South**
Come celebrate the joys of Christmas in Bassfield! Enjoy delicious food, fun kids' activities, festive vendor booths and so much more.
townofbassfield.com
601-943-5424

Mississippi Gulf Coast Marathon
December 12–13
Coastwide, **South**
The course features a fast, flat, BQ-friendly path along the coast from Pass Christian to Biloxi.
mississippigulfcoastmarathon.com

Holiday Home Tour
December 13
Aberdeen, **North**
Join the homeowners who love all things Christmas—tour three homes followed by a reception at the historic Elkin Theatre.
aberdeenms.org
662-369-9440

Tupelo's New Year's Eve Party
December 31
Downtown Tupelo, **North**
Get ready to ring in the New Year! The annual event is set to return with a diverse line-up of bands on two stages. Held in a safe, secure environment, this party has something for all ages to celebrate the start of 2027.
tupelo.net/events
662-841-6521

Chimneyville Arts Festival
TBD
Bill Waller Craft Center, Ridgeland
Central
Experience live demonstrations, shop unique handmade items and explore the rich tradition of fine crafts.
mscrafts.org/eventsclasses/chimneyville-festival
601-856-7546

Township Jazz Festival
TBD
The Township at Colony Park, Ridgeland
Central
This family-friendly event features live music, food and drinks, a kids' zone and more. Musicians are a mix of local and national talent, with a diversity of styles and sounds.
townshipjazzfestival.com

WE'LL SEE YOU AGAIN SOON

Stay in the loop and keep coming back for more travel tips in Mississippi. Check out a few more must-dos before you go!

ICE-COLD SWEET TREATS

Don't let that Southern sun get you down. Stay cool and dessert-driven at these iconic sweet spots.

SCAN FOR YOUR ICE-COLD SWEET TREATS

48 HOURS ON THE BARNETT RESERVOIR

Find your weekend full of waterfront fun and natural wonders at the Barnett Reservoir, just outside Jackson. "The Rez" is calling your name!

SCAN FOR YOUR 48 HOURS ON THE REZ

BRING THE KIDS

Here's your map to enjoy time with the kids in Mississippi. Check out all the best places for the fam to eat, play and get the wiggles out.

SCAN FOR YOUR FAMILY-FRIENDLY IDEAS

TRAVEL RESOURCES

VISIT MISSISSIPPI
866-SEE-MISS
VISITMISSISSIPPI.ORG

WELCOME CENTERS

The Welcome Centers in Mississippi are attractions unto themselves, each built to resemble the historic structures for which our state is famous.

Neatly manicured grounds feature picnic tables and grills, RV waste disposal facilities, 24-hour security, restrooms and weather information. Motor coach parking is available.

The Welcome Center staff stands ready to answer any questions you have and can even help with lodging reservations. Regular hours at all Welcome Centers are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week.

NORTH

ALCORN CO. WELCOME CENTER
2028 South Tate St., Corinth
662-286-3443

DELMA FURNISS HOSPITALITY STATION
8600 U.S. Hwy. 49, Lula
662-337-2305

DESOTO CO. WELCOME CENTER
3685 I-55 South, Hernando
662-429-9969

ITAWAMBA CO. WELCOME CENTER
10075 Hwy. 78 West, Tremont
662-652-3330

CENTRAL

LAUDERDALE CO. WELCOME CENTER
I-20 and I-59 West Bound, Toomsuba
601-632-1142

WARREN CO. WELCOME CENTER
4210 Washington St., Vicksburg
601-638-4269

WASHINGTON CO. WELCOME CENTER
1512 Hwy. 82 and Reed Rd., Greenville
662-332-2378

SOUTH

HANCOCK CO. WELCOME CENTER
I-10 and Hwy. 607, Pearlington
228-533-5554

JACKSON CO. WELCOME CENTER
I-10 West Bound, Exit 75, Moss Point
228-475-3384

PEARL RIVER CO. WELCOME CENTER
500 I-59 N, Mile Marker 3, Picayune
601-798-8184

PIKE CO. WELCOME CENTER
4072 I-55 North, 3 Miles North of Osyka, Magnolia
601-783-5068

WOODVILLE HOSPITALITY STATION
853 U.S. Hwy. 61 North, Woodville
601-888-4463

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTION

MDOT has free resources to help you deal with traffic. Access what you need to know about road conditions, construction zones, weather and more—even locate welcome centers and rest areas. Visit mdottraffic.com.

INFORMATION SOURCES

Throughout Mississippi, you'll find friendly people ready to help you make the most of your time in our state. Stop by these local visitors' centers, Main Street offices and chambers of commerce.

NORTH

Aberdeen
ABERDEEN MAIN STREET
facebook.com/aberdeenmsmainstreet

ABERDEEN VISITORS BUREAU
aberdeenms.org

Ackerman
CHOCTAW CO. PARTNERSHIP
choctawcountypartnership.com

Amory
AMORY MAIN STREET
amorymainstreet.com

MONROE CO. COC
gomonroe.org

Baldwyn
BALDWYN MAIN STREET CHAMBER
baldwynliving.com

Batesville
BATESVILLE MAIN STREET ASSOC.
batesvillemainstreet.com

PANOLA PARTNERSHIP, INC.
panolacounty.com

Booneville
BOONEVILLE MAIN STREET ASSOC.
visitbooneville.com

Bruce
BRUCE COC
662-983-2222

Burnsville
BURNSVILLE COC
662-427-9526

Byhalia
BYHALIA AREA COC MAIN STREET
byhaliachamber.com

Calhoun City
CALHOUN CITY COC
662-628-6990

Carrollton
CARROLL CO. DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION/TOURISM
visitcarrolltonms.com

Clarksdale
CLARKSDALE COAHOMA COC & INDUSTRY FOUNDATION
clarksdale.com

VISIT CLARKSDALE
visitclarksdale.com

Cleveland
CLEVELAND-BOLIVAR CO. COC
clevelandmschamber.com

TEAM CLEVELAND MAIN STREET
clevelandmainstreet.com

VISIT CLEVELAND MISSISSIPPI
visitclevelandms.com

Columbus
MAIN STREET COLUMBUS
columbusmainstreet.com

VISIT COLUMBUS MISSISSIPPI
visitcolumbusms.org

Como
COMO COC & MAIN STREET
facebook.com/comomainstreetalliance

Corinth
VISIT CORINTH
corinth.net

THE ALLIANCE OF CORINTH
corinthalliance.com

MAIN STREET CORINTH
facebook.com/mainstcorinth

Drew
DREW COC
662-745-8975

Fulton
FULTON COC
662-706-4032

ITAWAMBA CO. DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL/ ITAWAMBA CO. MAIN STREET
itawambams.com

Greenwood
GREENWOOD CVB
visitgreenwood.com

GREENWOOD-LEFLORE-CARROLL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
greenwoodedf.com

GREENWOOD-LEFLORE CO. CHAMBER
greenwoodmschamber.com

MAIN STREET GREENWOOD, INC.
mainstreetgreenwood.com

Grenada
GRENADA AREA COC
greatergrenada.com

GRENADA MISSISSIPPI TOURISM COMMISSION
visitgrenadams.com

Hernando
HERNANDO MAIN STREET COC
hernandoms.org

Holly Springs
HOLLY SPRINGS MAIN STREET CHAMBER
hollyspringsms.org

HOLLY SPRINGS TOURISM
visithollysprings.com

Horn Lake
HORN LAKE COC
hornlakechamber.com

Indianola
INDIANOLA CHAMBER MAIN STREET
facebook.com/nolachambernews

Inverness
INVERNESS COC
facebook.com/p/Inverness-ms-chamber-of-Commerce-100064863635518

Iuka
TISHOMINGO CO. TOURISM COUNCIL
exploretishomingocounty.com

Nettleton
NETTLETON MAIN STREET
facebook.com/nettletonmainstreet

New Albany
NEW ALBANY MAIN STREET ASSOC.
newalbanymainstreet.com

VISIT NEW ALBANY
visitnewalbany.com

Oakland
OAKLAND COC
facebook.com/oaklandareachamber

Okolona
OKOLONA MAIN STREET CHAMBER
okolonams.org

Olive Branch
OLIVE BRANCH COC
olivebranchms.com

OLIVE BRANCH MAIN STREET
obms.us

Oxford
OXFORD-LAFAYETTE COUNTY COC
oxfordms.com

VISIT OXFORD
visitoxfordms.com

Pontotoc
PONTOTOC COC - MAIN STREET ASSOC.
pontotocchamber.com/main-street

Ripley
RIPLEY MAIN STREET ASSOC.
ripleymsmainstreet.com

Saltillo
SALTILLO MAIN STREET
saltillolife.com

Sardis
SARDIS MS COC
facebook.com/sardismschamber

Senatobia
TATE CO. EDF/SENATOBIA MAIN STREET COC
tatecountyms.com

Southaven
DESOTO CO. CVB TOURISM ASSOC.
visitdesotocounty.com

SOUTHAVEN COC
southavenchamber.com

Starkville
STARKVILLE MAIN STREET/VISIT STARKVILLE/
GREATER STARKVILLE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP
starkville.org

Tunica
TUNICA CO. COC
experiencetunicacounty.com

TUNICA CVB
tunicatravel.com

TUNICA MAIN STREET
tunicamainstreet.com

Tupelo
DOWNTOWN TUPELO MAIN STREET ASSOC.
tupelomainstreet.com

TUPELO CVB
tupelo.net

Water Valley
WATER VALLEY COC
watervalleychamber.com

WATER VALLEY MAIN STREET ASSOC.
mainstreetwatervalley.org

West Point
THE GROWTH ALLIANCE
westpointlife.com

Winona
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP OF MONTGOMERY CO.
montgomerycountyms.org

CENTRAL

Belzoni
BELZONI-HUMPHREYS DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
catfishcapitol.com

Brandon
BRANDON COC
brandonchamber.org

HISTORIC BRANDON MAIN STREET
facebook.com/brandonmainstreet

RANKIN CO. COC
rankinchamber.com

RANKIN FIRST
rankinfirst.com

Canton
CANTON CVB
cantontourism.com

THE CITY OF CANTON COC
cantonchambers.com

Carthage
LEAKE CO. DEVELOPMENT ASSOC.
leakecountydevelopment.com

LEAKE CO. MAIN STREET CHAMBER
leakems.com

Clinton
CLINTON COC
clintonchamber.org

CLINTON VISITOR CENTER
clintonms.org

MAIN STREET CLINTON
mainstreetclintonms.com

Columbus
GOLDEN TRIANGLE DEVELOPMENT LINK
gtrlink.org

THE TENNESSEE TOMBIGBEE WATERWAY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
tenntom.org

Decatur
GREATER DECATUR COC
facebook.com/greaterdecaturchamberofcommercems

De Kalb
KEMPER CO. COC
kempercountyms.gov

Flowood
THE CHAMBER OF FLOWOOD & VISITOR CENTER
flowoodchamber.com

Greenville
GREENVILLE AND WASHINGTON CO. CVB
visitgreenville.org

MAIN STREET GREENVILLE
mainstreetgreenville.com

WASHINGTON CO. ECONOMIC ALLIANCE AND CHAMBER
wceams.com

Jackson
GREATER JACKSON CHAMBER PARTNERSHIP MS
greaterjacksonms.com

JACKSON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
jrams.org

VISIT JACKSON
visitjackson.com

Kosciusko
KOSCIUSKO-ATTALA DEVELOPMENT CORP.
kapartnership.org

KOSCIUSKO MAIN STREET
kapartnership.org

Leland
LELAND COC
lelandchamber.com

Lexington
HOLMES CO. COC
662-834-3372

Louisville
LOUISVILLE MAIN STREET
winstoncountyms.com

LOUISVILLE/WINSTON CO. COC
winstoncountyms.com

Macon
NOXUBEE CO. ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE
noxubeealliance.com

Madison
MADISON CO. COC
madisoncountychamber.us

MADISON "THE CITY" COC
madisonthecity.com

Meridian
EAST MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORP.
embdc.org

MERIDIAN MAIN STREET
downtownmeridian.org

VISIT MERIDIAN
visitmeridian.com

Newton
NEWTON COC
facebook.com/chambernewton

Philadelphia
PHILADELPHIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP
neshoba.org

PHILADELPHIA MAIN STREET
neshoba.org

Raymond
RAYMOND COC
raymondchamber.org

Ridgeland
BARNETT RESERVOIR/PEARL RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT OFFICE
therez.ms.gov

RIDGELAND COC
ridgelandchamber.com

RIDGELAND VISITORS CENTER & RIDGELAND TOURISM COMMISSION
exploreridgeland.com

Rolling Fork
MISSISSIPPI'S LOWER DELTA PARTNERSHIP
lowerdelta.org

Union
UNION COC
unionmschamber.com

Vicksburg
VICKSBURG CVB
visitvicksburg.com

VICKSBURG MAIN STREET PROGRAM
vicksburgmainstreet.com

VICKSBURG WARREN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP
vicksburgusa.com

Yazoo City
YAZOO CO. CVB
visityazoo.org

SOUTH

Bay Springs
BAY SPRINGS MAIN STREET
bayspringsmainstreet.com

Bay St. Louis
HANCOCK CO. COC
hancockchamber.org

HANCOCK CO. TOURISM DEVELOPMENT BUREAU
playonthebay.org

Biloxi
BILOXI BAY AREA COC
biloxibayareachamber.org

BILOXI MAIN STREET
mainstreetbiloxi.com

COASTAL MISSISSIPPI
coastalmississippi.com

Brookhaven
BROOKHAVEN - LINCOLN CO. COC
brookhavenchamber.org

VISIT BROOKHAVEN MISSISSIPPI
visitbrookhavenms.com

Collins
COVINGTON CO. COC
covingtonchamber.com

Columbia
COLUMBIA MAIN STREET
mainstreetcolumbia.org

MARION CO. DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP
mcdp.info

Crystal Springs
CRYSTAL SPRINGS COC
cityofcrystalsprings.com

MAIN STREET CRYSTAL SPRINGS
mainstreetcrystalsprings.com

D'Iberville
D'IBERVILLE/ST. MARTIN COC
dsmchamber.com

Ellisville
ELLISVILLE MAIN STREET
cityofellisvillems.com

Gulfport
MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST COC, INC.
mscoastchamber.com

GULFPORT MAIN STREET ASSOC.
downtowngulfport.org

Hattiesburg
AREA DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP
theadp.com

DOWNTOWN HATTIESBURG ASSOC.
downtownhattiesburg.com

VISIT HATTIESBURG
visithburg.org

Hazlehurst
COPIAH COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
copiahworks.com

HAZLEHURST COC
hazlehurstareachamber.com

Laurel
LAUREL MAIN STREET
laurelmainstreet.com

VISIT LAUREL & JONES CO.
visitjones.com

Leakesville
MAIN STREET LEAKESVILLE ORGANIZATION
mainstleakesville.com

Liberty
LIBERTY AREA COC
facebook.com/libertyareachamberofcommerce

LIBERTY MAIN STREET
facebook.com/libertymuralproject

Long Beach
LONG BEACH MAIN STREET
cityoflongbeachms.info

Lumberton
LUMBERTON MAIN STREET ASSOC.
601-796-4214

Lucedale
GEORGE CO. COC
georgecountychamber.org

Magee
MAGEE COC
mageechamberofcommerce.com

MAIN STREET MAGEE
cityofmagee.com

Magnolia
SOUTH PIKE AREA COC
601-783-5267

McComb
MCCOMB MAIN STREET ASSOC.
601-810-8849

VISIT SCENIC RIVERS
visitscenicrivers.com

Mendenhall
MENDENHALL AREA COC
facebook.com/mendenhallareachamberofcommerce

Monticello
LAWRENCE CO. COC
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mainstreetpascagoula.com

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pearlms.org

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POPLARVILLE AREA COC/MAIN STREET
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