

When the open road beckons and the urge to explore stirs...the Natchez Trace Parkway awaits.



You've made a great choice, taking the Natchez Trace. Stretching 444 miles from Natchez, Mississippi through the Shoals of Alabama to Nashville, Tennessee, the Trace takes you places you'll never forget.

From Native American burial mounds to antebellum mansions, from placid lakes to Civil War battle sites, from nature trails to urban cityscapes, the Natchez Trace takes you all the way into the heart of an extraordinary American experience.

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

The Natchez Trace Parkway is a National Park, National Scenic Byway and an All-American Road.

Mississippi



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

800.647.6724 • www.visitnatchez.org



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

601.437.4351 • www.PortGibsonOnTheMississippi.com

MISSISSIPPI Natchez • Port Gibson • Raymond • Clinton • Jackson • Ridgeland • Kosciusko • French Camp • Tupelo • Tishomingo
ALABAMA Tuscumbia • Sheffield • Muscle Shoals • Florence
TENNESSEE Collinwood • Hohenwald • Leiper's Fork • Franklin • Nashville



Another 40 miles north brings you to the small antebellum city of **RAYMOND**. Raymond relies on its picturesque charm and Civil War history to welcome visitors. A driving tour highlights the historic Hinds County Courthouse (1859) and the architectural heritage of a National Register Historic District. The Confederate Cemetery and the Civil War Battlefield with its walking trail offer opportunities to explore where history was made in 1863.

601.857.8041 • www.raymondms.com



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

601.924.2221 • www.clintonms.org



When arriving in Mississippi's capital city of **JACKSON**, there are lots of interesting options awaiting you including visits to the the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science. Its cultural programs are nationally acclaimed and include world-class exhibits and performances. Year-round festivals and events offer an endless variety of things to do.

800.354.7695 • www.visitjackson.com



Next to Jackson is **RIDGELAND**. This charming city has distinctive lodging and dining and is home to the Bill Waller Craft Center. Situated along the north shore banks of the Barnett Reservoir, this city presents visitors with an environment of natural beauty, wonderful attractions such as outstanding recreational facilities and is Mississippi's premier shopping destination.

800.468.6078 • www.visitridgeland.com



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

662.289.2981 • www.kadcorp.org



FRENCH CAMP, about 20 miles north of Kosciusko, was established prior to 1812 by Louis LeFleur as LeFleur's Stand. This stop includes a Visitors Center, an 1846 log cabin, crafts and sorghum making plus the Rainwater Observatory & Planetarium, Mississippi's largest public access observatory. Less than 15 minutes from French Camp is **JEFF BUSBY**, featuring picnic and camping areas, a camp store, self-guiding trails and an overlook that is one of Mississippi's highest points (603 feet).

662.547.9464 • www.frenchcamp.org



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

800.533.0611 • www.tupelo.net





TISHOMINGO COUNTY (Iuka, Belmont, Burnsville and Tishomingo) boasts two large lakes, seven marinas, 40 miles of waterway, two state parks and more than 12,000 acres of pristine and protected hunting areas with 10 parks created by the Corps of Engineers. Explore miles of hiking trails and streams perfect for canoeing, fishing and swimming or our arts and craft shops and an apron and quilt museum.

800.386.4373 • www.tishomingo.org

Alabama

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



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



800.344.0783 • www.colbertcountytourism.org • Muscle Shoals, Sheffield & Tuscumbia
888.356.8687 • www.visitflorenceal.com • Florence

Tennessee



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

931.724.4337 • www.waynecountychamber.org



Heading north, find the grave of Meriwether Lewis of the Lewis and Clark fame. At this site there are self-guiding trails, campgrounds, restrooms and a picnic area.

As you continue north through a scenic landscape of forests, streams and waterfalls, tour the refreshingly diverse attractions of HOHENWALD, ranging from an Amish-Mennonite settlement and general store to a 60's era commune, plus antique shops, a natural history museum, award-winning wineries and working Alpaca and horse farms.

931.796.4084 • www.hohenwaldlewischamber.com



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



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Just northeast of the divide area are the communities of LEIPER'S FORK and FRANKLIN. Historic Leiper's Fork combines an eclectic mix of country simplicity and sophisticated charm. An outdoor lawnchair theatre along with antiques, artisan and unique gift shops plus delicious country cooking provide a fun time for travelers venturing off the Parkway. Rich in history, Franklin is just minutes from Music City with the grand beauty of Victorian and Antebellum architecture backdropped by the breathtaking, rolling countryside that is special to Middle Tennessee. Known for its award-winning Main Street and small town charm, Franklin showcases antiques galleries and unique shops in its historic downtown district. Visitors can explore Civil War history throughout the county.

www.leipersforkvillage.com • Leiper's Fork
866.253.9207 • www.visitwilliamson.com • Franklin



Nearing NASHVILLE is the architecturally stunning double arch bridge separating the Parkway and Tennessee Highway 96. Shortly past there is the northern terminus of the Parkway and access to Interstate Highway 40 and all that Tennessee's capital city of Nashville has to offer.



From history and sports to music of all genres, the city is full of fun and entertainment. In MUSIC CITY, visitors can choose from over 40 fascinating attractions, a special events calendar jammed with things to do, live music all day, every day in over 200 live music venues throughout the city and a fabulous array of some of Tennessee's best restaurants. Stop by the historic Loveless Cafe located at the Northern terminus of the Trace for one of the best meals you've ever had and pick up a Music City vacation guide.

800.657.6910 - www.visitmusiccity.com

For a complete list of Natchez Trace attractions and special events, visit www.scenictrace.com

