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Natchez Trace Parkway

On this journey from Natchez to Nashville, you'll relive the days when riverboat men and backwoods adventurers braved the perils of America's frontier. Today this 8,000 year-old pathway is roughly paralleled by a national parkway administered by the National Park Service, whose low speed limit and lack of commercial traffic make for a wonderfully lazy Southern sojourn.

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Highlights & Facts For The Ideal Experience



Emerald Mound

- Trip Length:** Roughly 450 miles, plus side trips
- Best Time To Go:** Spring & Fall are most popular, but the Trace makes a good journey any time of the year.
- What to Watch Out For:** Observe the 50 MPH speed limit, which is strictly enforced. When driving, be on the lookout for bicyclists and deer. When hiking, beware of ticks, snakes, and poison ivy.
- Must See Nearby Attractions:**
 - 1** Vicksburg National Military Park (Vicksburg)
 - 2** Mississippi Petrified Forest (near Flora, MS)
 - 3** County Music Hall of Fame (Nashville)
 - 4** Helen Keller Home (Tuscumbia, AL)

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Traveler's Notes



French Camp

- The Natchez Trace Parkway is a 444-mile drive through exceptional scenery and 10,000 years of North American history. Used by American Indians, "Kaintucks," settlers, and future presidents, the Old Trace played an important role in American history. Today, visitors can enjoy not only a scenic drive but also hiking, biking, horseback riding, and camping.
- The Parkway can accommodate an RV weighing up to 40,000 pounds. The Natchez Trace Parkway is a designated bicycling route. With a lane width of 11 feet, it is important to slow down, pass with care, and avoid distracted driving when bicyclists are present.
- The 450-mile foot trail that became known as the Natchez Trace was the lifeline through the Old Southwest. You can experience portions of that journey the way earlier travelers did - on foot. Today there are five separate trails totaling over 60 miles and they are administered by the Natchez Trace Parkway.

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What To See Along the Way



- Natchez
- Emerald Mound
- Mt. Locust
- Windsor Ruins
- Port Gibson
- Rocky Springs
- Mississippi Crafts Center
- Cypress Swamp
- French Camp
- Jeff Busby Site
- Tombigbee National Forest
- Tupelo
- Donovan Slough
- Tishomingo State Park
- Freedom Hills Overlook
- Colbert Ferry
- Sunken Trace
- David Crockett State Park
- Meriwether Lewis Site
- Jackson Falls
- Garrison Creek

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Facts & More Information To Plan Your Trip!



Freedom Hills Overlook

- Natchez:** Home to the friendliest folks you'll ever meet, river views, historic homes, amazing Southern food and so much more.
- Emerald Mound:** The second largest ceremonial mound in the United States.
- Mt. Locust:** The only surviving inn of the more than 50 that existed during the period of greatest use of the Old Natchez Trace.
- Windsor Ruins:** The Windsor plantation once sprawled over 2,600 acres.
- Cypress Swamp:** At Milepost 122 on the Natchez Trace Parkway, you can walk a boardwalk trail through a cypress swamp.
- Tombigbee National Forest:** Before the establishment of this forest, much of the land was abandoned farmland with rapidly eroding soils.
- Tishomingo State Park:** The major feature of the park is Bear Creek Canyon and its generous outcrops of Hartselle Sandstone.
- Colbert Ferry:** The site provides a bicycle-only campground with picnic tables, grills, and fire rings.
- Meriwether Lewis Site:** Located at milepost 385.9 on the Natchez Trace Parkway.
- Jackson Falls:** A 900 foot long trail takes you to a clear pool at the base of these falls.
- Garrison Creek:** Offers a great picnic site at mile 427.6
- Sunken Trace:** This short trail will allow you to walk on the Natchez Trace.

Ready, set, go!