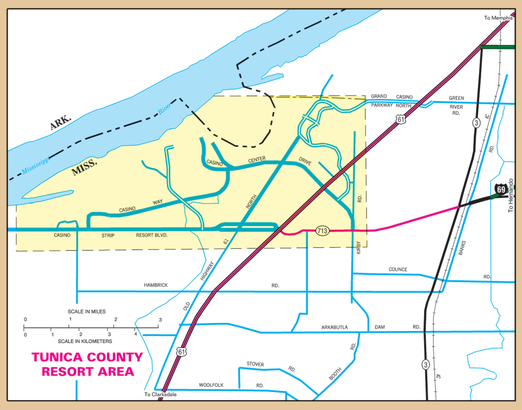

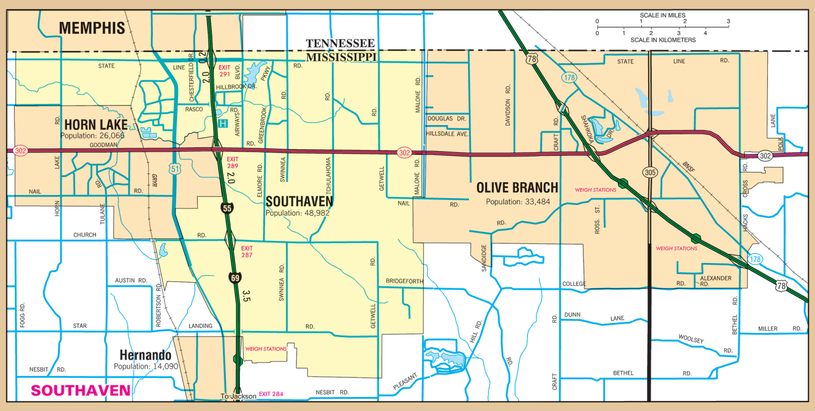

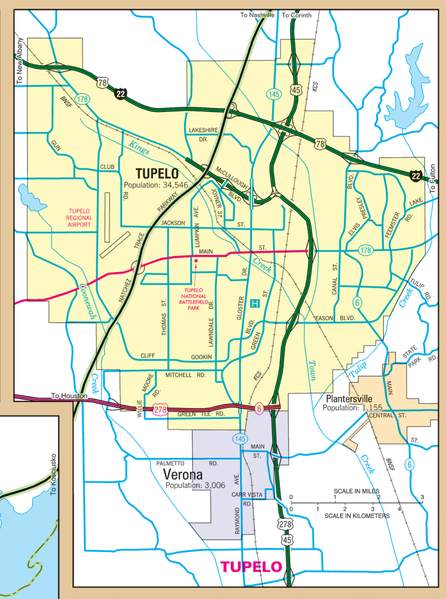

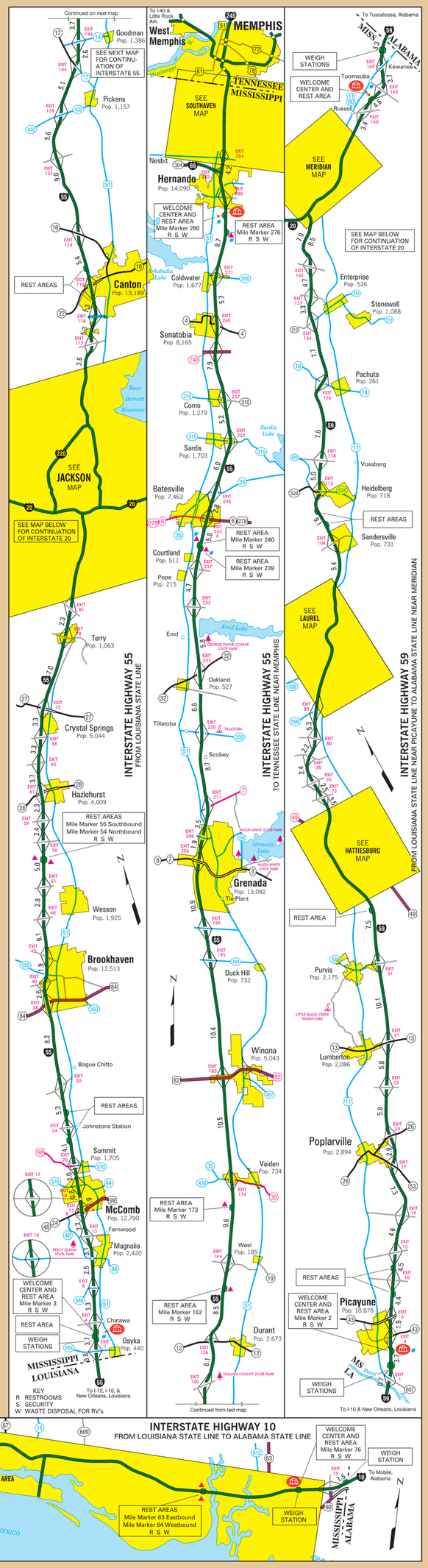

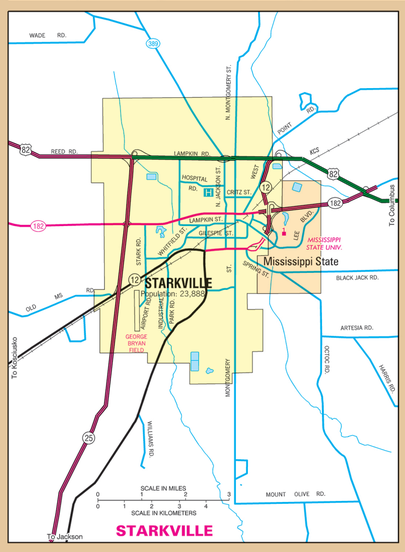

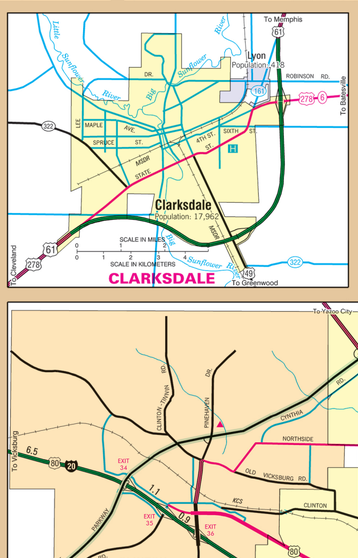

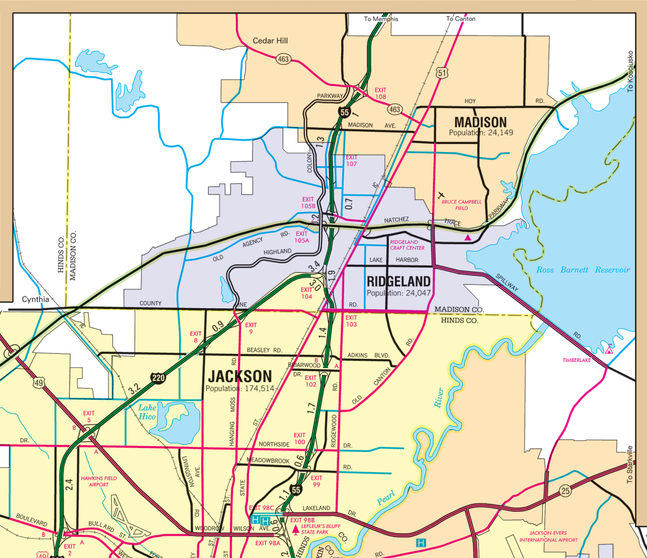

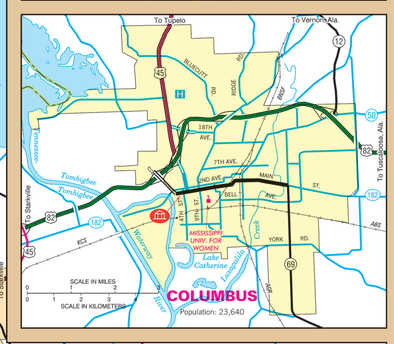

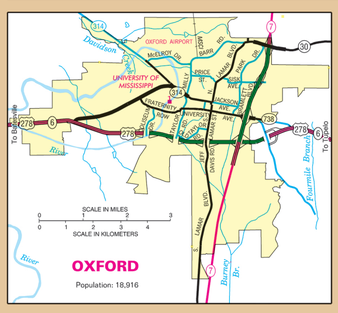

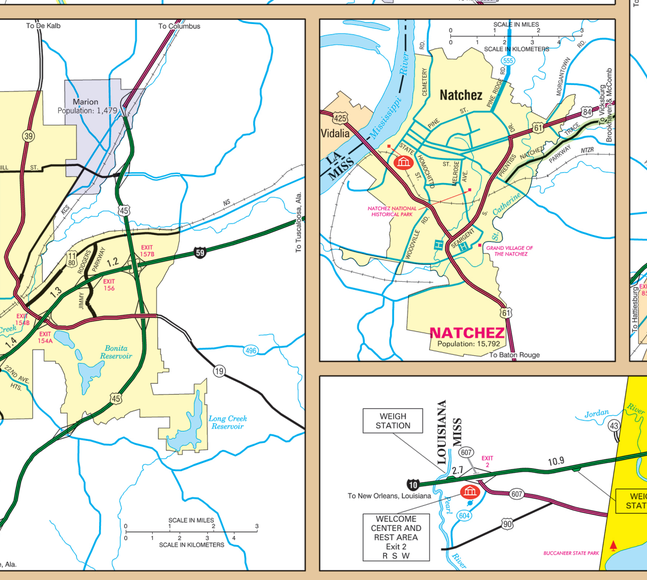

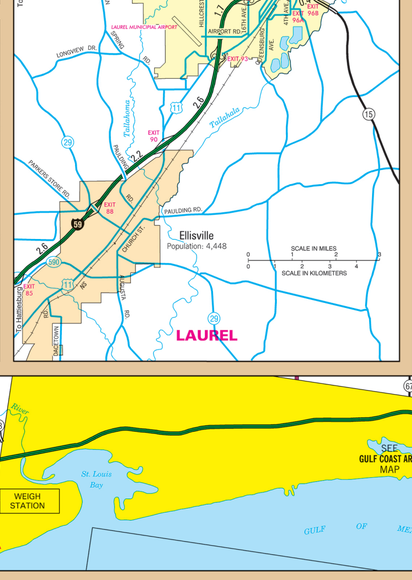

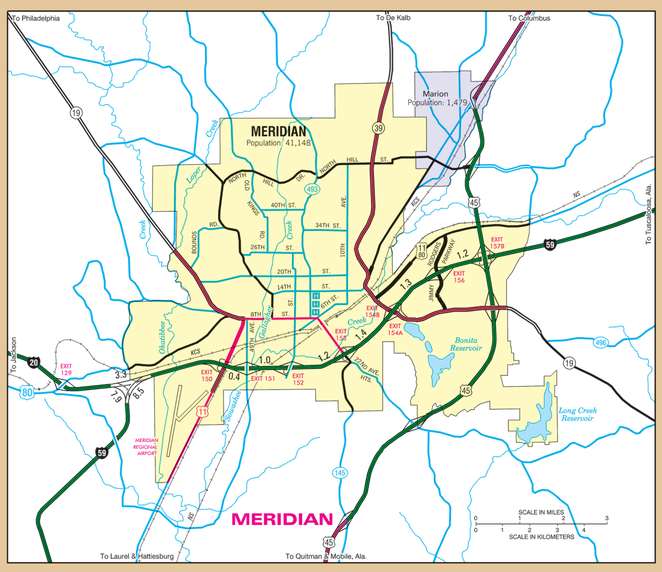

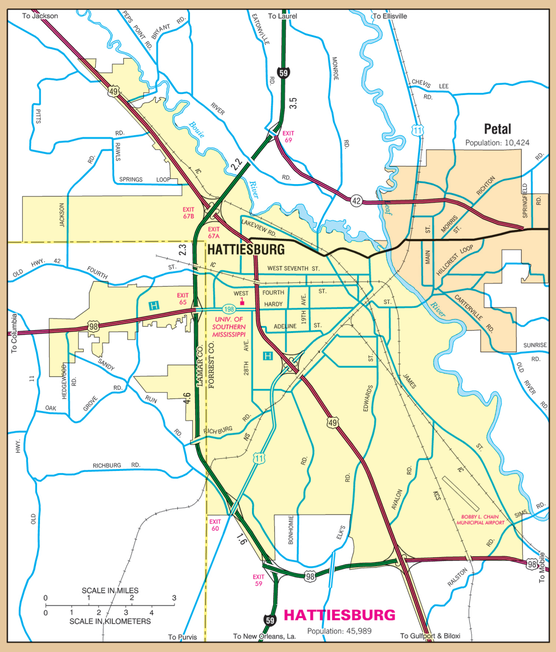

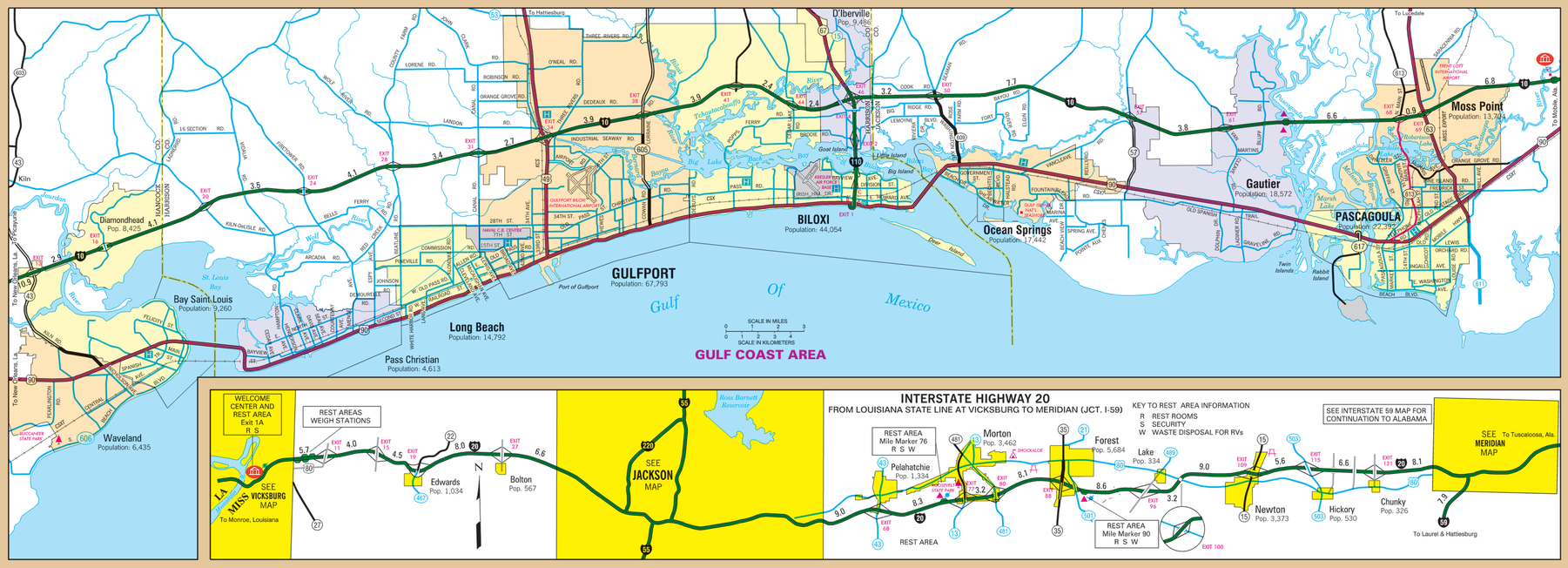

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Read William Faulkner, Eudora Welty and Tennessee Williams are just a few names on our growing list of Mississippi literary greats. Book lovers will have the trip of a lifetime experiencing the inspirational setting of some of history's best writing.

Relax Renew your soul with world-class golf courses, unbeatable fishing, top-notch gaming, white sand beaches and shopping for any budget. Or, if your idea of unwinding is time at a spa or a place with breathtaking scenery, enjoy one of our many boutique hotels or one of our well-known spas.

Listen From blues to rock'n'roll, gospel to country, explore the state's musical roots via the Mississippi Blues Trail and the Mississippi Country Music Trail. Stop in the Delta for an authentic juke joint blues experience.

See Mississippi boasts some of the nation's best antebellum homes, preserved and on display during spring and fall pilgrimages in cities like Natchez, Vicksburg, Holly Springs and Columbus.

Reflect Historical museums and landmarks are located throughout the state. The Mississippi Freedom Trail helps tell part of the story by commemorating people, places and events, and the courage of the men and women who were part of the civil rights movement.

Explore Discover 350 miles of amazing prehistoric sites along the Mississippi Mound Trail, **www.trails.mdah.ms.gov.** Don't miss the Natchez Trace Parkway, stretching 444 miles through three states and 10,000 years of history. Hike, bike or drive the Trace, or make time to enjoy Mississippi's 25 state parks, **www.mdwfp.com**, offering a range of activities from hiking and canoeing to rock climbing and camping.

Dunn's Falls, Meridian

DON'T TRASH *Mississippi*

Every year, Mississippi has to spend more than $3.2 million picking up litter on our state's highways. This money could be used to build and repair roads and bridges–things that improve our state's infrastructure and economy.

Don't trash Mississippi. Put trash where it belongs, and remember to recycle whenever possible. Because it's not just a can or food wrapper you're throwing away. It's Mississippi's money.

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Dear Friends:

Welcome to Mississippi, where you'll find a diverse landscape, from the rolling northern hills to the beaches of the Gulf Coast. Each area of the state offers a one-of-a-kind experience for outstanding outdoor recreation. Whether you fish, swim, water ski, hike, cycle or hunt, our great outdoors is your playground.

In addition to the outdoor wonders, we invite you to explore the Mississippi Blues and Country Music trails. Visit the birthplace of Elvis Presley and explore the life and music of B.B. King, the "King of the Blues." Discover Civil War battlefields or learn more about the civil rights movement along the Mississippi Freedom Trail. Make sure your trip includes fresh Gulf Coast seafood and farm-raised catfish or mouth-watering fried chicken and fresh-from-the-field vegetables. Immerse yourself in great stories by William Faulkner, Tennessee Williams, Eudora Welty, Richard Wright, Willie Morris and John Grisham. No other place embodies the heart and soul of the creative spirit like Mississippi.

From our agricultural roots and outdoor beauty to the sights and sounds of the "birthplace of America's music," Mississippi has an experience for every person to savor. Start your journey today.

Sincerely,
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Governor & First Lady, State of Mississippi

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