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**1984  
OFFICIAL HIGHWAY MAP  
MISSISSIPPI**

**AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

# Major Events of 1984

## January

13-14 JACKSON NATIONAL TRACTOR PULL, Coliseum, 961-4000

## February

2-19 JACKSON DIXIE NATIONAL LIVESTOCK SHOW, Largest livestock show east of the Mississippi River, Fairgrounds, 961-4000

9-15 JACKSON DIXIE NATIONAL RODEO, Coliseum, 961-4000

18-31 LAUREL ART EXHIBITION, "Social Concern and Urban Realism—Paintings of the 1930's," Lauren Rogers Library and Museum of Art, 428-4875

25-26 JACKSON MISSISSIPPI GEM AND MINERAL SHOW, Fairgrounds, 961-4000

## March

3-APR 1 NATCHEZ SPRING PILGRIMAGE, Tours of homes, P.O. Box 347, Natchez, MS 39120, 446-6631 or 800-647-6742

6 BILOXI MARDI GRAS PARADE, 374-2717

10-APR 1 VICKSBURG SPRING PILGRIMAGE, Tours of homes, 1105 Washington St., Vicksburg, MS 39180, 638-6514

29-APR 8 GULF COAST SPRING PILGRIMAGE, 30 Diamondhead in Bay St. Louis, 4 Hancock County, 5 Bay St. Louis/Waveland, 8 Pascagoula/Moss Point/Gautier

## April

4-15 COLUMBUS SPRING PILGRIMAGE, Tours of homes, P.O. Box 1016, Columbus, MS 39701, 328-4491

5-8 AMORY AMORY RAILROAD FESTIVAL, A celebration of town's railroad heritage includes train rides, arts and crafts, parade, live entertainment, 256-7194

6-15 MERIDIAN LIVELY ARTS FESTIVAL, Temple Theatre, 693-1306

7 BELZONI CATFISH FESTIVAL, Courthouse Lawn, 247-3025

7-8 PORT GIBSON SPRING PILGRIMAGE, Tours of antebellum homes and churches, 437-4351

WOODVILLE SPRING PILGRIMAGE, Tours of homes, Woodville Civic Club, 888-6809

9-15 HATTIESBURG MAGNOLIA GOLF CLASSIC, Draws top names in golf, Hattiesburg Country Club, 268-9584

13-15 OXFORD SPRING PILGRIMAGE, Tours of homes, P.O. Box 147, Oxford, MS 38655, 234-4568

14-15 ABERDEEN PILGRIMAGE, Tour of antebellum and Victorian homes, 369-6488

27-29 HOLLY SPRINGS PILGRIMAGE, Tours of homes, P.O. Box 60, Holly Springs, MS 38635, 252-4588

MONTECELLO LAWRENCE COUNTY PIONEER PILGRIMAGE, Tours of pioneer structures, 587-7732

OCEAN SPRINGS LANDING OF D'BERVILLE, Townspeople dress in period costumes for a weekend of festivities centered around reenactment of 1699 landing of D'berville at the town's present site, plus arts and crafts show, street fair, parade and coronation ball, 875-4424

28 CLEVELAND CROSSTIE ARTS FESTIVAL, Courthouse Lawn, 843-2431  
KOSCIUSKO NATCHEZ TRACE FESTIVAL, Courthouse Square, 289-2981

28-29 CARROLLTON PILGRIMAGE, 453-6941

## May

10 CANTON FLEA MARKET AND CRAFTS SHOW, Courthouse Square, additional exhibits on grounds of Old Jail Museum and a live plant show and sale on the grounds of Grace Episcopal Church, 859-1606

11-13 TUPELO GUM TREE FESTIVAL, Arts, crafts and entertainment, Courthouse lawn, 842-7791

19-26 MERIDIAN JIMMIE RODGERS MEMORIAL FESTIVAL, Honoring the late Jimmie Rodgers, known as the "Father of Country Music," Temple Theatre and City Park, 693-2686 or 483-2221

26-27 EDWARDS ANNUAL COMMEMORATIVE BATTLE OF CHAMPION HILL, Re-creation of the decisive Civil War battle which preceded the siege of Vicksburg. Follow signs off I-20, Edwards exit, 852-5110

24-26 MONTECELLO ATWOOD BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL, Bluegrass and country music, Atwood Water Park, 587-2171

## June

1-30 STATEWIDE HOSPITALITY MONTH

1-3 BILOXI BLESSING OF THE FLEET, SHRIMP FESTIVAL AND FAIS DO DO, Gaily decorated boats are blessed by a priest, fresh seafood, street dance, 374-2717

30 BATESVILLE ART MART, Fine arts and crafts, food and entertainment, Pecan Grove, College Street, 563-3126

RALEIGH NATIONAL TOBACCO SPITTING CONTEST, World's record contest, political speaking, music, good food, Billy John Crumpton's Farm, west of Raleigh, 782-4307

## July

4-8 GULFPORT DEEP SEA FISHING RODEO, Robert L. Rice Pavilion, 858-5133

11-14 PHILADELPHIA CHOCTAW INDIAN FAIR, The Choctaw Indians present cultural programs demonstrating native arts, crafts, social dancing, stick ball, archery, blow gun and rabbit stick competition. Native foods are prepared and served, 656-1742

25-28 BILOXI MISS HOSPITALITY PAGEANT, Coast Coliseum, 388-8010

## August

3-10 PHILADELPHIA NESHOPA COUNTY FAIR, Only remaining permanent campground fair in U.S., crafts, harness racing, music and political speaking, 636-2253

4 BROOKHAVEN OLE BROOK FESTIVAL, Whitworth College, 833-1411

GREENWOOD CROP DAY, Arts and crafts, tour of cotton row and barbecue, 453-4152

18 PASCAGOULA MARDI GRAS IN AUGUST, Downtown Plaza, 762-6884

24-26 FLORA ROCKHOUND EXPO, Outdoor rock show, Petrified Forest, 879-8832

## September

1 WEST POINT PRAIRIE ARTS FESTIVAL, Sally Kate Winters Park, 494-5732

8-9 NATCHEZ INDIAN FESTIVAL, Grand Village of the Natchez Indians, 446-6502

8-14 PASCAGOULA HOME & GARDEN WEEK, Open house at Senior Citizens Centers, 769-8329

15 GREENVILLE DELTA BLUES FESTIVAL, Blues artists perform their distinctive music art form in the land where the blues was born, Freedom Village, 335-3523

22-23 WASHINGTON COPPER MAGNOLIA FESTIVAL, Crafts, square dancing, carriage rides, taffy pull, Historic Jefferson College, 442-2901

29 LELAND DEER CREEK ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL, 686-2687

## October

1-2 WHITE CYPRESS-NECAISE CROSSING GUMBO FESTIVAL OF THE UNIVERSE, Entertainment, contests, Necaize Fairgrounds, 255-1635

6 YAZOO CITY GATEWAY TO THE DELTA FESTIVAL, Triangle Cultural Center, 746-1273

6-21 NATCHEZ FALL PILGRIMAGE, Tour of home 437, Natchez 39120, 444-6631

7-16 JACKSON MISSISSIPPI STATE FAIR, Fairgrounds, 961-4000

8 ITTA BENA HOME IN THE WOODS, 453-4152

11 CANTON FLEA MARKET AND CRAFTS SHOW, Courthouse Square, 895-1606

12-14 NATCHEZ GREAT RIVER ROAD CRAFT FAIR, Convention Center, 446-6345

31-NOV. 2 JACKSON MISTLETOE MARKET PLACE, Christmas Bazaar featuring novelties from many local shops in surrounding area, Trade Mart, 366-6090

## November

12 LUCEDALE GINGHAM TREE ARTS AND CRAFT FESTIVAL, George County High School Student Activities Building, 947-4026

12-14 NATCHEZ ANTIQUE FORUM, A series of lectures by international authorities in the field of decorating, Eola Hotel, 442-7341

30-DEC. 9 MERIDIAN TREES OF CHRISTMAS, Traditional and contemporary interpretations of Christmas trees with hundreds of handsome ornaments reflecting other lands, Merrehope, 483-8439

## December

1-2 JACKSON CHIMNEYVILLE CRAFTS FESTIVAL, Music, drama, arts and crafts demonstrations, Trade Mart, 362-4834

GREENWOOD CHRISTMAS AT FLOREWOOD, The plantation home is decorated using Christmas decorations of the 1840's era, 455-3821

2-23 JACKSON CHRISTMAS AT THE OLD CAPITOL, 354-6222

7 GREENWOOD DELTA BAND FESTIVAL, Bands from Delta area compete, event is highlighted with a winter carnival parade, 453-4152

10-11 JACKSON SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE, Belhaven College Bowl, 948-3818

24 INVERNESS LUMINARIES ON THE BAYOU, Spectacular Christmas Eve display consisting of more than 2,000 candles placed along both sides of Lake Bradley through town, 265-5275

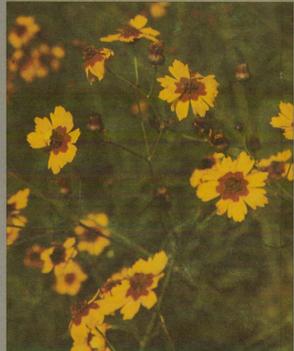
# Mississippi Wildflowers

As the Southern sun awakens the Mississippi landscape, a fascinating panorama of wildflowers blooms successively throughout the year in the biggest and greatest show on earth. Blooms may be found even in mid-winter on the coast. This colorful guide is but a sample of those to be enjoyed on a leisurely trip through the Magnolia State, and is designed to help you get to know some of our native flowering plants. Drive slowly—and you'll enjoy it more!

## North Mississippi Wildflowers



Carolina Phlox appears in eye-catching colonies on the Natchez Trace, but also is a late spring and early summer bloomer along highways throughout the state. Phlox carolina.



Calliopsis is a coreopsis gone crazy with very attractive maroon centers to their airy yellow blooms. Easy to find in the delta region adjacent to cotton fields and in the Hattiesburg area. Coreopsis tinctoria.



Spider Lily appears in wet places, particularly in the delta. Blooms in spring. Hymenocallis occidentalis.



Obedient Plant often is found in waist high colonies with blooms in either white or violet. In sunny locations on highway rights-of-way in late spring. Physostegia virginiana.



Buttercups brighten early spring meadows and roadways—some forms are only toe-high while others are knee-high. Ranunculus scardus.



Meadow Rue rises up three to five feet into a strikingly handsome plant, but is not a generally populous plant. A bright, feathery find. Thalictrum polygamum.



Blue-eyed Grass in spring gives a blue sea look to expanses of meadows or roadsides. Spreads nicely. Sisyrinchium angustifolium.



Rose Mallow or Swamp Rose in the distance may be mistaken for its country cousin, cotton, or its town cousins—okra or hibiscus. Hibiscus moscheutos.



Gayfeather is a treat when standing on proud stalks waving royally in light purple to passers-by. Also BLAZING STAR. Liatris tenuifolia.

## Central Mississippi Wildflowers



Lyre-leaved Sage is especially abundant along the Natchez Trace Parkway in early spring, blanketing vast areas in blue. Salvia lyrata.



Spring Beauty is just that and carpets many lawns and meadows as soon as the weather begins to warm in spring. Talinum teretifolium.



Queen Anne's Lace is a colonizer from the Old World happy with the U. S. Late spring and summer. Likes lime in soil. Daucus carota.



Eared Coreopsis is captivating whether found in sparse or thick population. Invades roadsides with bloom in late spring. Coreopsis auriculata.



Cardinal Flower frequents small stream or ditch banks with its hankering for both water and sun. Single plants or colonies. Lobelia cardinalis.



Prairie Coneflower is nearly restricted to the prairie section of Mississippi. Petals droop from genetic appetite for lime. Ratibida pinnata.



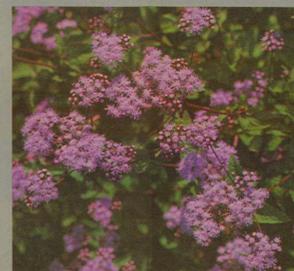
Butterfly Weed or Pleurisy Root. Yes, butterflies swarm to this hot weather blooming mildweed. Yellow in prairie, orange central, reddish on Coast. Asclepias tuberosa.



Black-eyed Susans put on a terrific show throughout Mississippi as the weather gets hot. Common, but uncommon beauty, these lassies. Rudbeckia hirta.



Evening primrose is a nocturnal siren propagated by nightflying moths. A gift in loveliness to all. Frequents sunny byways. Oenothera biennis.



Wild Ageratum or Mistleflower graces Mississippi autumn meadows in profusion, contrasting with the yellow sunflowers. Eupatorium coelestinum.

## South Mississippi Wildflowers



Slokes Aster is spectacular in moist pineland areas and the coastal plain. Blooms very striking from late spring through summer's heat. Stokesia laevis.



Pitcher Plants are insectiferous on the coastal plain, quite populous along Coast. Flowers are yellow or red; stalks are pitchers and colorful. Spring bloomer. Sarracenia leucophylla.



Gold Crest frequents Mississippi's coastal savannas, bogs and pine barrens. Not overly showy but unique. Lophiola americana.



Whiteweed or Star Rush waves from the coastal plain area from winter through summer. Tall, solitary stems. Dichromena colorata.



Rose Pogonia, an orchid, is small, dainty, beautiful and fortunately not as furtive as some other orchids. Loves moisture in late spring, early summer Pogonia ophioglossoides.



Meadow Beauty reaches its height in both beauty and size in the coastal counties. Blooms in late summer. Rhexia petiolata.



Water Hyacinth inhabits (and clogs) coastal waterways but serves as an efficient filter against pollutants. Gorgeous flowers perish in a day, from spring through fall. Eichhornia crassipes.



Bog or Grass Pink Orchid likes wet feet and is a colonizer, showing off its rare beauty in spring to early summer. Calopogon pulchellus.



Pipewort or Hard Heads stud roadside ditches and shallow marshes mostly in coastal counties. Flowers June through October. Eriocaulon decangulare.