



### A Message from the Mississippi Transportation Commission

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From the earliest trails—rich with adventure and legend—to the fast-paced interstate highways of today, the roads of Mississippi have been an important part of the south's quest for growth and prosperity. Now, more than ever, social and economic progress depends on an adequate system that includes all modes of transportation. Understanding this, we work daily to enhance a new transportation vision—one that cherishes the successes of our past while providing windows of opportunity for our future.

Mississippi's transportation system is vital to our economy and quality of life. It provides valued mobility for people, including access to jobs, services and recreational opportunities. It also provides worldwide access to products and markets, and supports our nation's productivity. This is a job in which we take much pride.

Yet while building and maintaining our state's transportation system, the department also remains sensitive to the state's natural beauty. Roadside development projects, such as the Adopt-A-Highway Program, are designed to work in tandem with the public and local governmental entities in preserving our state's natural beauty. Likewise, MDTOT is pleased to assist in preserving Mississippi's abundant transportation history through federally-funded enhancement programs. In this way visitors may experience the charm of a restored turn-of-the-century train depot, stroll boardwalks through wetland areas that have been preserved in their natural state, or perhaps jog or bike along trails through which powerful trains once rolled.

During your travels, we hope you will not miss an opportunity to visit this state we call home.

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## Drive Safely

**MISSISSIPPI**

For emergency assistance, please call the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol.

**Toll-free in Mississippi:**  
1.800.843.5352,  
1.800.843.5354,  
or Cellular \*47 (\*HP)

**Outside Mississippi:**  
601.987.1212

**USE SEAT BELTS**

**WATCH THE SIGNS**

**STAY ALERT**

### Statewide Travel Information

Detailed itineraries including all of the highways mentioned on the next panel can be found in the Mississippi Travel Planner and on the Internet at [www.visitmississippi.org](http://www.visitmississippi.org). To obtain a free Mississippi Travel Planner or other travel information, call toll-free 1-866-SEE-MISS (733-6477) or write, Mississippi Division of Tourism, P.O. Box 1705, Ocean Springs, MS 39566-1705.

#### Rules of the Road

The speed limit on Mississippi interstate highways is 70 mph, unless otherwise posted. The state highway maximum speed limit is 65 mph on four-lane divided highways and 55 mph on two-lane highways. Crash helmets, approved by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, are required for all persons traveling by motorcycle/motor scooter. Mandatory seat belt laws require that drivers and front-seat passengers wear seat belts. All children eight years old and under must be placed in an age appropriate restraint or protection device.

#### Gun Permit Law

Firearms may be carried through the state in your vehicle. They cannot be carried on your body and must remain in the vehicle at all times. Special provisions exist for transporting firearms when traveling on the Natchez Trace Parkway. Firearms must be unloaded and outside the immediate reach of the driver or passengers. They must be transported separately from the ammunition.

#### RV/Trailer Length Limits

Recreational vehicle lengths may not exceed 40 feet. The legal length for a travel trailer, including the motor vehicle, is 50 feet. The legal width may not exceed 8.5 feet and the height may not exceed 13.5 feet.

#### Welcome Centers

Mississippi Welcome Centers, conveniently located on major incoming routes, offer visitors courtesy in-state accommodation reservation services, TOD phones for the hearing impaired, picnic areas, dump stations for RVs (excluding the Welcome Centers located in Warren County at Vicksburg, Washington County at Greenville, and Adams County at Natchez), and rest rooms. Travel counselors are on duty to assist with travel information. These antebellum-style centers, furnished with period antiques, rank among the top facilities in the nation and are open year-round except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's days. Twenty-four hour security is provided at all state welcome centers. The following symbol indicates welcome centers shown on this map.

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## Open Your Window to MISSISSIPPI

Enhancing our state's natural beauty is an integral part of Mississippi's Roadside Management Program.

Mississippi is as varied and gracious as its people. It is a bustling, thriving place that is uniquely situated to meet the demands of today's fast-paced life while retaining the comfort and traditions of a simpler time. During your travels, we hope you will find the time to linger and enjoy the endless variety and opportunities Mississippi has to offer.

Meridian, Clarksdale, Bay St. Louis

With assistance from the Federal Highway Administration, Mississippi's rich transportation heritage is being preserved for generations to come. One of the most popular enhancement subjects is the restoration of Mississippi's turn-of-the-century train depots.

Bicyclists, walkers and joggers alike enjoy over 40 miles of trails winding through nature's pristine settings on the Longleaf Trace, the once abandoned section of Illinois Central Railroad between Hattiesburg and Prentiss.

The Corinth Civil War Trailhead Park is the starting point for 20 miles of hiking and biking trails to connect Civil War National Historic Sites. The park is adjacent to the historic rail crossing in downtown Corinth.

OFFICIAL STATE HIGHWAY MAP  
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Open Your Window to Endless Opportunities