



With the Mississippi River defining the state's western border and the Gulf of Mexico with its many bays defining our southern border, bridges are vital to Mississippi's transportation system. They are also beautiful—some say inspiring—and often become symbols of the communities they unite. Mississippi's newest bridges, in particular, are worth a drive to experience. Consider visiting the Greenville Bridge in Washington County to see a stunning design that solves transportation challenges for motor vehicles as well as marine traffic. The bridge will open to traffic in 2009; until then view construction in progress from U.S. 82 on both the Mississippi and Arkansas sides of the river. Or head to the coast and travel U.S. 90 across the Bay of St. Louis Bridge and the Biloxi Bay Bridge. These structures, built at a record-breaking pace, replace bridges that were completely destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. They have become symbols of the spirit and determination of Mississippi's Gulf Coast.

- Main span is 1,378 feet long—the fourth longest cable-stayed span in North America and one of the longest bridge spans of any type on the Mississippi River
- Two concrete towers extend 425 feet above the river, anchoring four fans of steel cables that support the bridge
- Total project length (bridge, approaches, and new roadway) is 3.84 miles
- Four 12-foot-wide lanes of traffic, two in each direction. Includes a 12-foot outside shoulder and 8-foot inside shoulder
- Alignment 2,800 feet downstream of the old bridge on a straight stretch of river greatly reduces the likelihood of barge collisions.
- Scheduled to open in 2009

- The works of local artists are emblazoned on 22 bronzed plaques and placed every tenth of a mile along the railing of the pedestrian walkway. Metal used for the plaques was salvaged from the original bridge.
- Two lanes opened in May 2007; completion scheduled for January 2008

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 are required for all persons traveling by motorcycle/motor scooter. Mandatory seat belt laws require that drivers and front-seat passengers wear seat belts and children eight years old and under must be placed in an age appropriate restraint or protection device.

Sun Screen Laws

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

Recreational Vehicles and Trailers

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, TDD phones for the hearing impaired, picnic areas and restrooms. Look for this symbol:

A Message from the Mississippi Transportation Commission

Welcome to Mississippi, the state renowned for its southern hospitality. On behalf of the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT), we hope you enjoy your travels. We are responsible for Mississippi's transportation system, one of the best in the nation. Traveling through our towns and recreational facilities is made easy by a well-connected network of roads, bridges, regional airports and rail lines. We invite you to take the road less traveled. Enjoy central Mississippi's diverse entertainment venues: the blues of the Mississippi Delta, the spicy cuisine of south Mississippi and the historic city of Natchez with its beautifully preserved antebellum homes. Please visit our web site at www.goMDOT.com, where information is available to assist you in your journey. Choose from over 500 city, county and state maps to help you get where you want to go. Questions? Feel free to e-mail our office at: comments@mdot.state.ms.us. We'd like to hear from you. Have a safe trip, and remember to buckle up!

— Mississippi Transportation Commission

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Bay of St. Louis Bridge

- Carries U.S. Highway 90 over the Bay of St. Louis, linking the communities of Bay St. Louis and Henderson Point / Pass Christian
- 85 feet high to accommodate marine traffic
- The longest, fastest, continually-sustained bridge reconstruction in the U.S.
- Four 12-foot-wide lanes, with an eight-foot-wide inside shoulder and a 10-foot-wide outside shoulder
- 12-foot-wide pedestrian/bicycle lane on the south side

Biloxi Bay Bridge

- Carries U.S. Highway 90 over Biloxi Bay, linking Biloxi and Ocean Springs
- 95 feet high to accommodate marine traffic
- Six 12-foot-wide lanes with an eight-foot-wide inside shoulder and a 10-foot-wide outside shoulder
- 12-foot-wide pedestrian/bicycle lane on the south side
- The vibrant Gulf Coast arts community is represented by 18 works of art created from metal salvaged from the old bridge.
- Two lanes opened in November 2007; completion scheduled for Spring 2008

Greenville Bridge

- Carries U.S. Highway 82 over the Mississippi River between Greenville, Mississippi and Lake Village, Arkansas

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: 601.897.1212