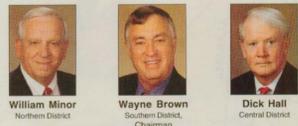


**A Message from the Mississippi Transportation Commission**



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. At MDOT, 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 the cuisine and nightlife of Jackson, the state's capital. Tour the historic city of Natchez and its beautifully preserved antebellum homes. Relax on the shores of our inviting coastal beaches.

Please visit our web site at [www.goMDOT.com](http://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. Under 'Other Links' visit 'Wildlife and Fisheries' and discover our 28 beautiful state parks identified on the map.

Thank you for helping us keep Mississippi litter free while you're exploring our state. Along the way, we invite you to take a break at any of our 14 designated rest areas or 11 welcome centers which you will find on the map.

Questions? Feel free to e-mail our office at: [communications@mdot.state.ms.us](mailto:communications@mdot.state.ms.us). We'd like to hear from you.

Have a safe trip, and remember to buckle up!



The Mississippi Department of Transportation would like you to meet Myrtle the Turtle. Myrtle is MDOT's newest anti-litter warrior and she comes prepared to fight the battle against litter in Mississippi. She is green, wears pearls, and carries her home on her back wherever she goes. Her slogan to all litter bugs is, "I'm Not Your Mama, Pick It Up!"

Please listen to Myrtle and her friends and put litter in its place. It not only helps keep Mississippi's highways clean, it also keeps our waterways and landscape safe and clean for everyone.



**Statewide Travel Information**

Detailed itineraries 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, TD0 phones for the hearing impaired, picnic areas, dump stations for RVs (excluding the Welcome Centers located in Warren County at Vicksburg, and Washington County at Greenville), 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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- Obey posted speed limits and signage in work zones. Even if workers are not present, watch out for barrels, cones and heavy equipment. Slow down for your safety and the safety of the highway workers.
- Always wear your seat belt and make sure passengers—especially children—are properly restrained.
- Never drink and drive.
- Be courteous to other drivers and drive defensively.

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 (THP)  
Outside Mississippi:  
601.987.1212

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