



BICYCLING GUIDE

Mississippi has a multitude of distinction to offer enthusiastic bicyclists. With its broad, flat landscapes, authentic natural hills and moderate climate, Mississippi is ideal for year-round cycling. As the bicycle culture increases throughout the state, there is more focus on the importance of bicycle safety.

Every occupied bicycle on or near a Mississippi highway is recognized as a transportation vehicle. Intended for the bicyclists traveling in the state, riders should understand they share all entitlements and accountabilities of a motor vehicle handler. This includes riding on the right side of the road with the movement of traffic, exercising hand signals, and conforming to stop signs.

An important goal at the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) is for all modes of transportation to safely coexist—including bicyclists and pedestrians. The Mississippi Bicycle and Pedestrian Program provides information for those that choose to bike and walk around the beautiful state of Mississippi. To find more information including Mississippi Bicycle Laws, first-rate county and city maps, data on traffic volumes and information regarding several bike trails funded through MDOT and the Federal Highway Administration contact:

MDOT's Planning Division
GoMDOT.com/BikeandPed
601-359-7685



Bicycle Touring in Mississippi

The Natchez Trace www.nps.gov/natr

The oldest and best known touring route in Mississippi is the Natchez Trace Parkway. Over 300 miles of the 444 mile-long Natchez Trace are in Mississippi. In association with the speed limit of 50 mph and numerous signs instructing cars to share the road with bicyclists, the Trace is a remarkable bicycle route.

The Longleaf Trace www.longleaftrace.org

The Longleaf Trace is over 40 miles of 10-foot-wide asphalt. A designated National Recreational Trail, the Trace starts on the campus of The University of Southern Mississippi in the City of Hattiesburg and stretches through the cities of Sumrall, Bassfield, and Carson before reaching the final point in the City of Prentiss. Much of the trail is well-shaded with amazing natural landscaping.

The Tanglefoot Trail www.tanglefoottrail.com

The Tanglefoot Trail is a 43.6 mile-long, 10-foot-wide surfaced path for walkers and bicyclists. The Trail will pass through 3 counties in rural northeastern Mississippi (Chickasaw, Pontotoc, and Union) and unite several towns on its journey from New Albany to Houston, Mississippi. The trail covers an abandoned railroad and suggests satisfying sights of woodlands and fields, as well as access to historic locations.

The Mississippi River Trail www.facebook.com/MississippiRiverTrail

The Mississippi River Trail progresses along the Mississippi River from Minnesota to Louisiana. Approximately 300 miles are situated in Mississippi. The trail uses existing roads to take bicyclists through unique small towns, punctuated with rolling hills that pass through fields and forests.

Local Clubs:

- Gulf Coast Bicycle Club:
www.gulfcoastbicycleclub.com
- HernandoBicycle Club:
www.hernandobike.com
- Jackson Metro Cyclists:
www.jmc.clubexpress.com
- Natchez Bicycle Club:
www.natchezbike.org
- Starkville in Motion:
www.starkvilleinmotion.org
- Tri County Mountain Bike Association:
www.tricountymtb.org

Mississippi Groups:

- Bike Walk Mississippi:
www.bikewalkmississippi.org
- Visit Mississippi:
www.visitmississippi.org

National Non-Profit Groups:

- Adventure Cycling Association:
www.adventurecycling.org
- Bikes Belong:
www.bikesbelong.org
- League of American Bicyclists:
www.bikeleague.org
- National Center for Bicycling & Walking:
www.bikewalk.org

Recreational Trails:

- State Parks and Lakes:
www.mdwfp.com
- USDA Forest Service:
www.fs.usda.gov/activity/mississippi/recreation/bicycling



MISSISSIPPI BICYCLE ROUTES

- LONGLEAF TRACE
- MISSISSIPPI RIVER TRAIL
- NATCHEZ TRACE
- TANGLEFOOT TRAIL

STATE PARKS

- CLARKCO STATE PARK
- TRACE STATE PARK
- LAKE LOWNDES STATE PARK
- VICKSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK
- J.P. COLEMAN STATE PARK

NATIONAL FORESTS

- DELTA NATIONAL FOREST 1
- BIENVILLE NATIONAL FOREST 2
- DESOTO NATIONAL FOREST 3
- HOMOCHITTO NATIONAL FOREST 4
- TOMBIGBEE NATIONAL FOREST 5
- HOLLY SPRINGS NATIONAL FOREST 6

BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

- OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI
- RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
- HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

