



HISTORICALLY INNOVATIVE.
NATURALLY FLAVORFUL.





HISTORIC

Ours is a place of history. A drive here reveals stunning homes and downtowns whose history is being reinvented each day. Across our communities we revel in sharing our history in an array of museums and historic sites.





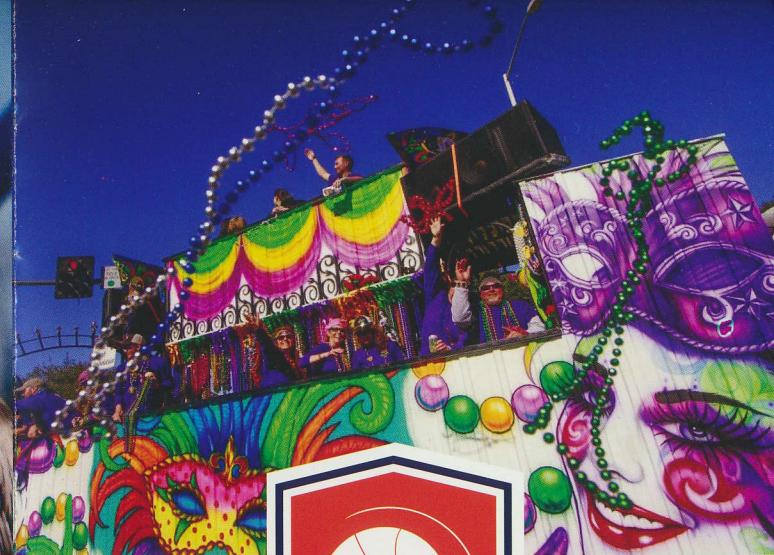
INNOVATIVE

We are a place of innovations. It is here that we build ships that defend our nation and where the rockets that propelled our country in space were tested. Through our port, we bring the bounty of America to the world.



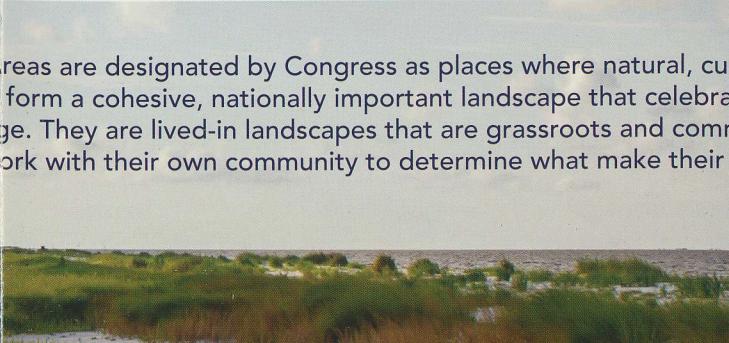
NATURAL

Our land is defined by the water that connects us. We are beaches, bays, creeks, swamps, marshes, islands, shores, and the home to the nation's last remaining unimpeded river.



FLAVORFUL

We are a people with a flavorful culture. We blend a mixture of customs, ethnicities, and backgrounds that combine to bring a warm pace of life that welcomes visitors and soothes the soul.



National Heritage Areas are designated by Congress as places where natural, cultural, and historic resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally important landscape that celebrate our nation's diverse heritage. They are lived-in landscapes that are grassroots and community-driven that work with their own community to determine what make their heritage relevant.



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The 6 Counties of the Heritage Area



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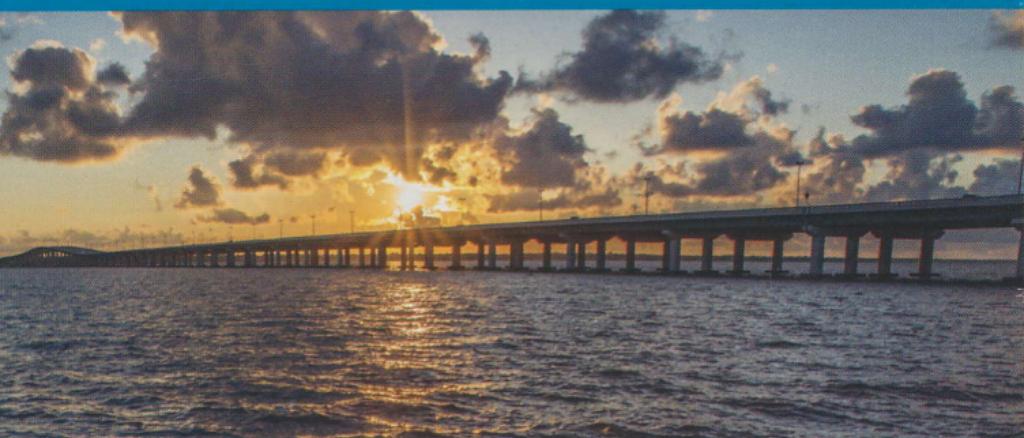
The Heritage Area enhances, conserves, promotes, and provides connectivity among the Mississippi Gulf Coast's many heritage resources. These resources serve as a source of pride and identity for residents who are stakeholders in this conservation effort. These resources provide heritage tourists with authentic experiences reflective of the Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area. The residents benefit from increased awareness and appreciation of their environment, history, culture, traditions, and lifestyles.

About the Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area

The Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area was designated through the National Park Service and signed into public law on December 8, 2004 by President George Bush. The designation was made possible through the dedicated efforts of the Mississippi Congressional delegation: Senator Thad Cochran and Congressman Bennie Thompson, as well as former Senator Trent Lott and former congressmen Charles Pickering, Gene Taylor and now Senator Roger Wicker.

The Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area embraces the state's six southernmost counties – Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, George, Stone and Pearl River.

For more information on the National Heritage Area, we invite you to explore:
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