

MELROSE



Located within the Natchez city limits on Melrose-Montebello Parkway off Seargent Prentiss Drive.

Open daily *except Christmas Day*. Grounds are open without charge
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Guided house tours are offered *every half hour* 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Admission fees for house tours are as follows:

Adults \$4.00
Ages 6 - 17 \$2.00
62 and above \$2.00
Under 6 No Charge



NATCHEZ NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK
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Melrose was completed in 1845 as the suburban estate of John T. McMurrin, a lawyer and planter originally from Pennsylvania. Designed and built by Jacob Byers, a native of Hagerstown, Maryland, Melrose is an excellent example of Greek Revival architecture. Its original furnishings, purchased by the McMurrins in New York, Philadelphia, and New Orleans, reflect the height of mid-nineteenth century taste. Melrose symbolizes the antebellum era when Natchez was a major center of the South's cotton culture and economy. Melrose was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1974.

Although McMurrin owned cotton plantations in Mississippi and Louisiana, Melrose itself was never a cotton plantation. Food crops and livestock were raised there, however. In addition to the main house, there are a number of original outbuildings. The Melrose estate is 78.68 acres in size.

Natchez National Historical Park was created in 1988 "*to preserve and interpret the history of Natchez, Mississippi as a significant city in the history of the American South.*" Melrose is the park's first acquisition. Planning for future development is underway.

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