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From Native American burial mounds to antebellum mansions, from placid lakes to Civil War battle sites, from nature trails to urban cityscapes, the Natchez Trace takes you all the way into the heart of an extraordinary American experience.

So take your time—there's lots to take in: beautiful scenery, exciting history, recreational adventures and cultural attractions.

All this and more, and a road ready to take you away.

## Mississippi

**Natchez Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
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Natchez, MS 39120  
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info@visitnatchez.org

**Port Gibson Chamber of Commerce**  
PO Box 491  
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Port Gibson, MS 39150  
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portgibson\_coc@bellsouth.net

**City of Raymond**  
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Raymond, MS 39154  
(601) 857-8041 Phone  
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**City of Clinton**  
Clinton Visitor Center  
1300 Pinehaven Road  
Clinton, MS 39056  
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**Jackson CVB**  
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**Ridgeland Tourism Commission**  
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Ridgeland, MS 39157  
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**Kosciusko-Attala Development Corporation**  
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**Tupelo CVB**  
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Iuka, MS 38852  
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theresa@tishomingo.org

## Tennessee

**Nashville CVB**  
One Nashville Place  
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(800) 657-6910  
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**Williamson County CVB**  
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deborah@visitwilliamson.com

**Wayne County Chamber of Commerce & Welcome Center**  
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(931) 724-4337 Phone  
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**Hohenwald-Lewis County Chamber of Commerce**  
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(931) 796-4084 Phone  
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**Colbert County Tourism & Convention Bureau**  
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susannah@comcast.net

**Florence/Lauderdale Tourism**  
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Florence, AL 35630  
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## State of Mississippi

**Mississippi Development Authority/Tourism**  
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## State of Tennessee

**Tennessee Department of Tourist Development**  
Wm. Snodgrass/Tennessee Tower  
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## State of Alabama

**Alabama Tourism Department**  
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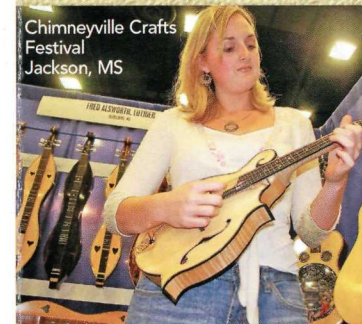
## National Park Service

Natchez Trace Parkway  
2680 Natchez Trace Parkway  
Tupelo, MS 38804  
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# Explore the Natchez Trace

Mississippi • Alabama • Tennessee

## Calendar of Events July-December 2009



Chimneyville Crafts Festival  
Jackson, MS



Fall Pilgrimage  
Raymond, MS



Native American Festival  
Tuscumbia, AL



Meriwether Lewis Memorial  
Hohenwald, TN



WC Handy Music Festival  
the Shoals, AL



Christmas Parade  
Leiper's Fork, TN

## The Natchez Trace Parkway Visitor Center

(Tupelo, MS) [www.nps.gov/natr](http://www.nps.gov/natr)  
Features an array of events and activities throughout the year. Be sure to check out:

### Pioneer Days

July 25, Aug 22, Sept 26, Oct 24, Nov 28  
Enjoy demonstrations on pioneer techniques such as basket weaving, leather-working, and long hunting (10am-4pm).

### Dulcimer Days

July 4, Aug 15, Sept 12, Nov 21  
Learn dulcimer history, tradition, craftsmanship and music by sharing in knowledge and talents. (10am-1pm).

## Thru October

Every Fri, Sat & Sun

**Musical in the Vines!** (Arrington, TN)  
Arrington Vineyards. Live music will range between acoustic singer/songwriter, jazz, folk, bluegrass and will include both cover and original songs. Free. Bring a picnic, enjoy a bottle of our wine and take in a relaxed evening of music. (615) 395-0102 or [www.arringtonvineyards.com](http://www.arringtonvineyards.com)

### Selected Saturdays

**Olde Towne Market** (Clinton, MS)  
Live music and many vendors with locally produced arts/crafts/foods/produce. Downtown. 8am - Noon. Call for schedule and information: (601)924-5472 or email [tlytal@clintonms.org](mailto:tlytal@clintonms.org)

## July

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**Celebrate Ridgeland Balloon Glow** (Ridgeland, MS)  
Hot air balloons light up the sky in celebration of this day of independence, along with live entertainment featuring Diamond Rio, a patriotic fireworks display, and plenty of fun for the entire family! [www.ridgelandms.com](http://www.ridgelandms.com)

3-4

**Fourth of July in the Park** (Waynesboro, TN)  
Activities begin July 3rd with games and music. Fireworks light up the skies at 9pm. The fun continues next day with music, food, and more at Waynesboro City Park. Free admission. (931) 724-4337 or [www.waynecountychamber.org](http://www.waynecountychamber.org).

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**July 4 Extravaganza** (Clinton, MS)  
Bring your family to a day of food, fun, entertainment ending with a spectacular fireworks. (601) 924-6082

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**Music City July 4th: Let Freedom Sing!** (Nashville, TN) Riverfront Park. Attracting more than 100,000 revelers, this one-day free event offers live music, family activities and one of the nation's best fireworks displays. This year's headliner is Wynonna with the Nashville Symphony Orchestra. [www.musiccityjuly4th.com](http://www.musiccityjuly4th.com)

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**F.O.P. Rodeo** (Hohenwald, TN)  
Lewis County Memorial Park. Competitions in barrel racing, bull riding and bareback riding. (931) 796-7171 or [www.hohenwaldlewischamber.com](http://www.hohenwaldlewischamber.com)

26-Aug 1

**W.C. Handy Music Festival** (Florence & the Shoals, AL)  
Live music throughout the Shoals in a week-long festival to celebrate the life of Florence native, W.C. Handy, Father of the Blues. (888) 356-8687 or [www.wchandyfest.com](http://www.wchandyfest.com) or [www.VisitFlorenceAL.com](http://www.VisitFlorenceAL.com)

31-Aug 2

**Natchez Food & Wine Fest** (Natchez, MS) (800) 647-6724 or [www.visitnatchez.com](http://www.visitnatchez.com)

## August

19-22

**Central MS Fair** (Kosciusko, MS)  
Musical entertainment, exhibits, midway rides, games and events, livestock show and a petting zoo. Attala County Fairground. (662) 289-2981

## September

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**Old Timer's Day** (Collinwood, TN)  
All day festival features arts and crafts, home-baked goods, and a variety of live music and entertainment for all ages. (931) 724-6875 or [www.waynecountychamber.org](http://www.waynecountychamber.org).

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**Coon Dog Labor Day Celebration** (Tuscumbia, AL) Coon Dog Cemetery (near Cherokee, AL)  
Annual event since 1937, paying tribute to over 200 bona fide coon hounds who have been laid to rest. Music, buck dancing, liar's contest, barbecue. (800) 344-0783 or [www.colbertcountytourism.org](http://www.colbertcountytourism.org)

11 - 12

**OKA KAPASSA - Return to Cold Water** (Tuscumbia, AL)  
Native American Festival includes hoop dancing, storytelling, drum, stone carving, flute-making, flint-knapping, basket making, pottery,

and authentic Native American food. Free admission. Spring Park. (800) 344-0783 or [www.colbertcountytourism.org](http://www.colbertcountytourism.org)

11-13

**18th Annual CelticFest Mississippi** (Jackson, MS) MS Agriculture & Forestry Museum. Exciting Celtic music & dance, free cultural/artistic educational workshops, a children's area, and food/drink and specialty item vendors. (601) 713-3365 or [www.celticfestms.org](http://www.celticfestms.org)

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**Hernando De Soto Encampment** (Parkway Visitor Center, Tupelo, MS)  
Living history encampment representing the Hernando DeSoto expedition. (800) 305-7417

26 - Oct 10

**Fall Pilgrimage** (Natchez, MS)  
Hostesses in period costumes welcome visitors to 19 historic antebellum mansions. Natchez Pilgrimage Tours: (601) 446-6631 or (800) 647-6742. Online: NPTShop.com or [www.natchezpilgrimage.com](http://www.natchezpilgrimage.com)

## October

1 - 10

**A Place Called Raymond** (Raymond, MS) 11th Annual Fall Pilgrimage featuring living history demonstrations on Civil War Battleground, Candlelight Cemetery Strolls, lecture series, musical events, and an outdoor movie. (601) 857-8041 or [www.friendsofraymond.org](http://www.friendsofraymond.org)

2-3

**Trash & Treasures along the Tenn-Tom (TTTT)** (Tishomingo, MS)  
The longest yard sale in Mississippi, beginning north of Iuka, MS on Hwy 25, including cities and towns along and adjacent to the waterway onto Hwy. 45 to Columbus, MS and ending on Hwy. 43 in Demopolis, AL. All buyers and sellers are welcome. (800) 386-4373 or (800) 457-9739

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**Iuka Fly-In** (Tishomingo County, MS)  
Segars Field, Iuka. Antique airplanes and aerial demonstrations. (662) 423-3746

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**St. Florian Oktoberfest** (St. Florian - just outside Florence, AL). The German heritage of St. Florian is celebrated with authentic German food and activities for children and adults. (888) 356-8687 or [www.VisitFlorenceAL.com](http://www.VisitFlorenceAL.com)

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**Meriwether Lewis Memorial** (Hohenwald, TN) Meriwether Lewis Monument and Gravesite milepost 385.9. Ceremonies in commemora-

tion of the 200th anniversary of the death of Meriwether Lewis. (931) 796-4084 or [www.hohenwaldlewischamber.com](http://www.hohenwaldlewischamber.com)

7-11

**Next Big Nashville Music Festival** (Nashville, TN) Venues throughout Nashville. This music festival, showcasing over 160 bands in five days, celebrates the diverse community of music makers that Nashville has to offer. [www.nextbignashville.net](http://www.nextbignashville.net)

7-18

**Mississippi State Fair** (Jackson, MS) MS State Fairgrounds Complex. Enjoy amusement rides, concessions, livestock, a variety of competitions, and nationally-known headline performers. (601) 961-4000 or [www.mdac.state.ms.us](http://www.mdac.state.ms.us)

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**French Camp Harvest Festival** (French Camp, MS)  
French Camp's 58 year old Harvest Festival, includes an arts and crafts auction, dulcimer music, country store, and plenty of fun. Dinner on the grounds will be served at noon. 9am - 3pm. Free admission, donations accepted for meal.

10-11

**Oktober Heritage Festival** (Hohenwald, TN)  
Downtown Hohenwald Arts, crafts, entertainment, food, pancake breakfast, carshow. (931) 796-4084 or [www.hohenwaldlewischamber.com](http://www.hohenwaldlewischamber.com)

16-18

**Fall for Clinton Festival** (Clinton, MS) call for information on the many fun filled events that occur during this 3 day festival. (601) 924-5472

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**Leiper's Fork Annual Chili Cook-Off & Fall Festival** (Leiper's Fork, TN) 4144 Old Hillsboro Road  
This annual event continues to grow in popularity each year as it fills the historic village of Leiper's Fork with unique and creative Chili recipes! Purchase a ticket, taste each of the entries, then vote for your favorite. Noon - 3pm. (615) 715-1995 or [www.leipersforkvillage.com](http://www.leipersforkvillage.com).

21-24

**Celebration Village** (Tupelo, MS)  
Browse through vendors from across the nation offering unique gifts, clothing, home décor, art, and gourmet foods. Tupelo Furniture Market Building V. (662) 844-2111 or (662) 680-4845.

24-25

**Alabama Renaissance Faire Wilson Park** (Florence, AL)  
Kings, queens, trolls, fairies, and townsfolk alike gather to celebrate the Renaissance with arts, crafts, music and colorful performances. (888) 356-8687; [www.alarenfaire.org](http://www.alarenfaire.org) or [www.VisitFlorenceAL.com](http://www.VisitFlorenceAL.com)

26-NOV 1

**Viking Classic** (Madison, MS)  
A PGA TOUR event hosted at the pristine, Jack Nicklaus designed Annandale Golf Club. In addition to famous golfers, Viking brings in famous chefs to heat things up even more! [www.vikingclassic.com](http://www.vikingclassic.com).

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**Fall Festival at the Craft Center** (Ridgeland, MS) Demonstrations by members of the Craftsmen's Guild of MS, Craft activities for children and adults and yes - pumpkins galore!!! Complete the day by returning to the MS Craft Center for a performance by the Mississippi Murder Mysteries Dinner Theatre. Don't forget your costume. (601) 856-7546 or [www.msccrafts.org](http://www.msccrafts.org)

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**Frontier Days** (Mt. Locust, MS) north of Natchez, MS, at Milepost 15.5. Join park rangers from Mt. Locust and reenactors for a celebration of the pioneer lifestyle (800) 305-7417 or [www.nps.gov/natr](http://www.nps.gov/natr)

## November

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**Aisle of Honor** (Kosciusko, MS)  
Parkway Cemetery, Veterans Memorial Drive.

**Thanksgiving - New Year's Eve**

**Holiday Harmony** (Nashville, TN)  
Nashville sparkles during the holidays with entertainment, art, decorations and more. Check out A Country Christmas at Gaylord Opryland complete with holiday shows and two million Christmas lights. [www.visitmusiccity.com/visitors/HolidayHarmony](http://www.visitmusiccity.com/visitors/HolidayHarmony)

27-Jan 1, 2010

**Christmas In Natchez** (Natchez, MS) (800) 647-6724 or [www.visitnatchez.com](http://www.visitnatchez.com)

## December

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**Christmas on the Square** (Raymond, MS) Annual Christmas Parade, Lighting of Tree, and visit by Santa Claus. [www.raymondchamber.com](http://www.raymondchamber.com)

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**2nd Annual Crossroads Christmas Marketplace** (Port Gibson, MS)  
MS Cultural Crossroads. An exclusive, family shopping experience. Craft persons and artists market their unique crafts and gifts. Entertainment, food, art classes and a visit from Santa. (601) 437-8905

4-6

**36th Annual Chimneyville Crafts Festival** (Jackson, MS)  
MS Trade Mart at the Fairgrounds. Over 160 booths showcase the finest crafts in the region. Artisans demonstrate their fascinating skills. (601) 856-7546 or [www.msccraftsmensguild.org](http://www.msccraftsmensguild.org)

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**Leiper's Fork Christmas Parade** (Leiper's Fork, TN) Old Hillsboro Road. The eclectic village of Leiper's Fork in Williamson County presents the most unique, down-home Christmas Parade which marches down its single street beginning at 3pm. It's a fantastic spectacle representative of the eclectic village. There will be llamas, alpacas, ponies, miniature donkeys, dogs - even a pig, marching. And antique cars and trucks - not to mention a few riding lawnmowers. It's family friendly and fun. Area merchants will be open. 2pm. (615) 715-1995 or [www.leipersforkvillage.com](http://www.leipersforkvillage.com)

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**Nutcracker** (Tupelo, MS)  
Presented by members of the Tupelo Ballet and Tupelo Academy of Dance Arts. 2pm and 7:30pm performances. (662) 844-1928 or [www.tupeloballet.com](http://www.tupeloballet.com)

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**Plantation Christmas** (Tuscumbia, AL)  
"Old South" Holiday event with traditional decorations, period Christmas music, vintage ballroom dancers, and refreshments. Belle Mont Mansion, built in 1828, off Hwy 43 S, Tuscumbia. (800) 344-0783 or [www.colbertcountytourism.org](http://www.colbertcountytourism.org)

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**Kosciusko Christmas Parade** (Kosciusko, MS) Floats, bands, entertainment and the guest of honor Santa Claus will be coming to town. (662) 289-2981

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**Collinwood Christmas Parade** (Collinwood, TN)  
Unique floats lead the way as Santa Claus comes to town. (931) 724-4337 or [www.waynecountychamber.org](http://www.waynecountychamber.org)