

Natchez Trace

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Parkway
Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee

Fast Facts about the Natchez Trace Parkway

Social Media:

Web site	www.nps.gov/natr
National Park Service app	https://www.nps.gov/subjects/digital/nps-apps.htm
Facebook	NatchezTraceParkwayNPS
Instagram or Twitter	natcheztracenps
YouTube	Natchez Trace Parkway NPS

Legislation:

Legislated May 18, 1938, to commemorate the historic Natchez Trace corridor

Parkway Length:

444 miles. The Parkway is marked by mileposts, starting at Milepost 0 near Natchez, MS and finishing at Milepost 444 near Nashville, TN. Averages 800 feet wide

Speed limit:

50 mph, unless otherwise posted

Driving time:

At least 10 hours from Natchez, MS to Nashville, TN
4 to 4.5 hours from Tupelo, MS to Nashville, TN
3.5 to 4 hours from Tupelo, MS to Jackson, MS
5.5 to 6 hours from Tupelo, MS to Natchez, MS

Recreational vehicles (RVs):

- RVs are permitted on the Natchez Trace Parkway motor road and on almost all areas in the park. The following areas are closed to RVs due to shorter bridge heights, vehicle weight restrictions, or lack of a circular drive:
 - Southern trailhead for the Potkopinu section of the Natchez Trace National Scenic Trail (near milepost 17)
 - Mangum Mound (milepost 45) – Bridge clearance of 11'6" (park at Grindstone Ford)
 - Twenty-Mile Bottom Overlook (milepost 278.4)
 - Old Trace Drive (milepost 375.8)
 - Devil's Backbone State Recreation Area (milepost 394)
 - Old Trace Drive (milepost 401.4)
 - Jackson Falls (milepost 404.7) – Bridge clearance of 11' 6"
- Camper trailers, boats, horses, ATVs, bicycles, antique cars, or tractors may be transported for recreational use only

Other Recreational Vehicles:

- Driving off road vehicles or tractors on Parkway property is prohibited. State licenses required.
- The Parkway is a designated Bicycle Route, please share the road. Although larger numbers of bicyclists use the Parkway during the spring and fall seasons, motorists should be always alert for bicyclists. Motorists should pass bicyclists by changing lanes when the oncoming lane is clear of vehicle traffic.
- Traffic volume is highest on weekdays during morning and afternoon commute times in the Jackson, MS area (mileposts 87-105) and the Tupelo, MS area (mileposts 258-268).

Vehicle Restrictions:

- **Overall maximum length:** 55 feet, including a towed vehicle
- **Maximum height:** 14 feet (see reverse side for specific clearances on roads adjacent to the Parkway)

Hauling: Only recreational hauling is allowed on the Parkway

Commercial vehicles: Prohibited on the Parkway (call 662-680-4014 for questions)

Camping on the Natchez Trace Parkway (Meriwether Lewis, Jeff Busby, and Rocky Springs Campgrounds):

Please check our website for updated information. No reservations. Meriwether Lewis may require on-site registration.

- There are no water, sewer, or electrical hook-ups and no fee for using the campgrounds
- Some pull-through RV sites are available at each campground
- Stays are limited to 14 consecutive nights

Parkway Entrances: Numerous roads intersect with the Parkway, major entrances/exits are as follows:

- Southern Entrance (Natchez, MS): Liberty Road, off Sergeant Prentiss Drive
- Central Entrance (Tupelo, MS): I-22 (Hwy 78), exit 85
- Jackson, MS Metropolitan Area Entrances: I-55 North to exit 105A and I-20 to exit 34
- Northern Entrance (closest to Nashville, TN): I-40 West of Nashville to exit 192, McCrory Lane, then to TN Hwy 100

NOTE: Hwy 45 near milepost 270 and Hwy 840 near milepost 425 do not have direct access to the Parkway.

Parkway Information, Hours and Closures/Detours:

- Closures and detours will be posted on the park's website: www.nps.gov/natr under the "Alerts" tab.
- Visitor center hours can vary by season. Please refer to the park's website or call the Parkway Visitor Center in Tupelo, MS at 1 (800) 305-7417 or (662) 680-4027. The Natchez Trace Parkway is in the Central Time Zone.
- For emergencies, please call 1 (800) 300-PARK (7275)
- Facebook - www.facebook.com/NatchezTraceParkwayNPS

Commercial Tour Buses, Groups, and Special Use Permits:

- Commercial tour buses, church buses, organizations, groups, and certain other activities require Special Use Permits. Call (662) 680-4014 for more information and/or visit the Park's webpage.

Bridge Clearance Information: Minimum Parkway bridge clearances are 14 feet. The following table lists bridge clearances on roads adjacent to the Natchez Trace Parkway.

Bridge Clearances

MP	Bridge No.	Clearance	Description
1		17' 10"	County Road
5.1	464P	17' 5"	Old US 98 & 84
41.1	199P	15' 5"	MS Hwy. 18
59.3	195P	15' 8"	Reagantown (Utica) Road
66.6	193P	14' 8"	MS Hwy. 27
93.4		15' 7"	Cynthia Road
100.6		18' 6"	Greenwood Crossing
118.9	209P	14' 7"	Beall Road
120.8	208P	14' 1"	Rocks Road
158.8		17' 5"	MS Hwy. 19 Bypass
159.8	115P	15' 10"	MS Hwy. 35
336.2	187P	16' 0"	AL Hwy. 20
385.6	188P	15' 2"	TN Hwy. 20
410.4	422P	16' 3"	Akin Ridge County Road
413.6	425P	15' 7"	Steam Mill Hollow Road
416.3	447P	14' 10"	Old Trace
419.1	433P	14' 7"	Old Trace
432.1	452P	15' 10"	Parker Branch Road
Access Roads			
404.7		11' 6"	Access Road to Jackson Falls
45.6		11' 6"	Access Road to Mangum Mound

Note: Bridge clearances are for those travelling along the motor road, and along the access roads to Jackson Falls and Mangum Mound.

If your RV is tall, we recommend that you check with an app or atlas that provides bridge heights for county and state road underpasses.