

# Visitor Activity Planner



**Natchez  
Trace Parkway**

## Old Trace Exhibits

- 8.7 Old Trace
- 41.5 Sunken Trace
- 45.7 Grindstone Ford
- 54.8 Rocky Springs
- 73.5 Dean's Stand
- 104.5 Old Trace/Brashear's Stand
- 198.6 Old Trace
- 221.4 Old Trace
- 269.4 Old Trace
- 327.3 Colbert Ferry
- 350.5 Sunken Trace
- 352.9 McGlamery Stand
- 367.3 Dogwood Mudhole
- 369.9 US Highway 64 Access
- 375.8 Old Trace Drive
- 382.8 Metal Ford
- 385.9 Meriwether Lewis
- 397.4 Old Trace/Chickasaw Boundary
- 400.2 Sheboss Place
- 401.4 Old Trace Drive
- 403.7 Old Trace Walk

## Information

- 15.5 Mount Locust (Historic Inn)
- 54.8 Rocky Springs
- 102.4 Ridgeland Crafts Center
- 159.9 Kosciusko
- 180.8 French Camp
- 266.0 Tupelo Visitor Center
- 327.3 Colbert Ferry

## Nature Trails

- 18.4 Bullen Creek
- 122.0 Cypress Swamp
- 128.4 Upper Choctaw Boundary (Southern Pines Trail)
- 145.1 Beaver Dam
- 164.3 Hurricane Creek
- 175.6 Cole Creek
- 193.1 Jeff Busby
- 261.8 Chickasaw Village
- 266.0 Beech Springs
- 275.2 Dogwood Valley
- 283.3 Donovan Slough
- 323.8 Sink Hole
- 330.2 Rock Spring
- 363.0 Sweetwater Branch

## Other Natural Features

- 12.4 Loess Bluff
- 52.4 Owens Creek and Falls
- 145.1 Beaver Dam
- 193.1 Jeff Busby
- 251.9 Black Belt
- 286.3 Brown's Bottom
- 308.4 Cave Spring
- 320.3 Buzzard Roost Spring
- 323.8 Sink Hole
- 401.4 Tobacco Farm
- 404.7 Jackson Falls

## Indian History

- 10.3 Emerald Mound
- 45.7 Mangum Mound
- 61.0 Lower Choctaw Boundary
- 106.9 Boyd Mounds
- 128.4 Upper Choctaw Boundary
- 203.5 Pigeon Roost
- 204.1 US Highway 82 Access
- 213.3 Line Creek
- 232.4 Bynum Mounds
- 241.4 Chickasaw Agency
- 245.6 Monroe Mission
- 249.6 Tockshish
- 251.1 Chickasaw Council House
- 261.8 Chickasaw Village
- 263.9 Old Town Creek
- 286.7 Pharr Mounds
- 308.8 Bear Creek Mound
- 320.3 Buzzard Roost and Spring
- 397.3 Chickasaw Boundary

## Water Recreation

- 105.6- Ross Barnett Reservoir
- 113.0 Davis Lake (Tombigbee National Forest)
- 243.1 Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway (Bay Springs Lake)
- 293.4 Tishomingo State Park
- 304.5 Bear Creek Canoe Access
- 313.0 Colbert Ferry
- 327.3 Joe Wheeler State Park (Alabama)
- Other: J. P. Coleman State Park (Mississippi, NE Corner)

## Picnic Areas (3 tables or more)

- 12.1 Turpin Creek
- 17.5 Coles Creek
- 54.8 Rocky Spring
- 122.6 River Bend
- 130.9 Yockanookany
- 154.3 Holly Hill
- 159.9 Kosciusko Welcome Center
- 176.3 Bethel Mission
- 184.8 Yowani
- 193.1 Jeff Busby
- 201.3 Ballard Creek
- 233.2 Witch Dance
- 251.1 Chickasaw Council House
- 295.0 Jourdan Creek
- 313.0 Bear Creek
- 327.3 Colbert Ferry
- 328.7 Lauderdale Park
- 343.5 Cypress Creek
- 346.2 Holly
- 364.5 Glenrock Branch (lower)
- 365.1 Glenrock Branch (upper)
- 377.8 Jack's Branch
- 385.9 Meriwether Lewis
- 404.7 Jackson Falls

## Campgrounds

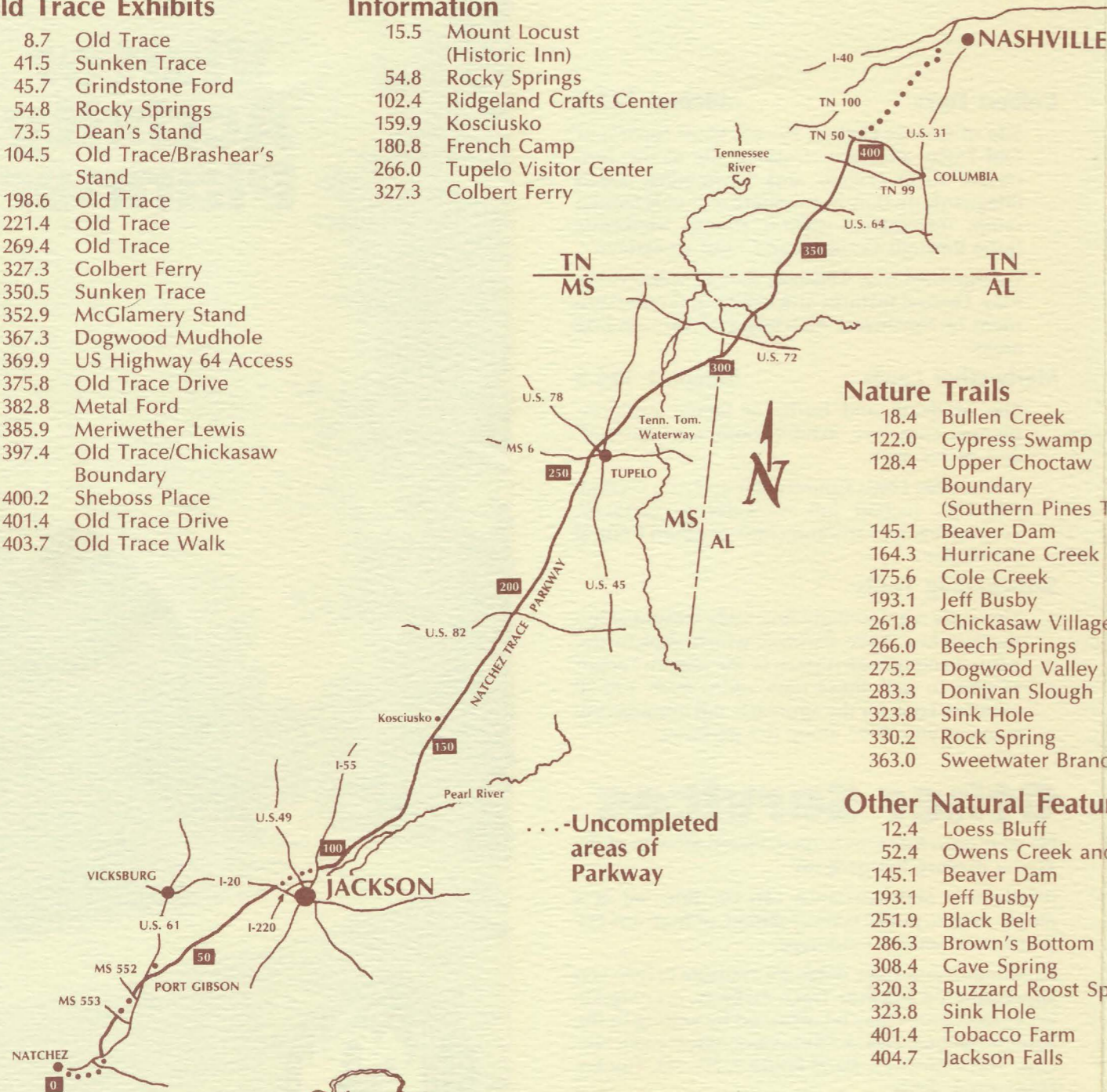
- 54.8 Rocky Springs
- 193.1 Jeff Busby
- 243.1 Davis Lake (Tombigbee National Forest)
- 304.5 Tishomingo State Park
- 385.9 Meriwether Lewis
- Other: Natchez State Park (Mississippi, Natchez)
- Tombigbee State Park (Mississippi, Tupelo)
- J. P. Coleman State Park (Mississippi, NE Corner)
- Joe Wheeler State Park (Alabama)
- David Crockett State Park (Tennessee, Hwy 64 East)

## Restrooms

- 15.5 Mt. Locust
- 17.5 Coles Creek
- 54.8 Rocky Springs
- 102.4 Ridgeland Crafts Center
- 122.3 River Bend
- 154.3 Holly Hill
- 159.9 Kosciusko
- 193.1 Jeff Busby (Service Station)
- 233.2 Witch Dance
- 266.0 Tupelo Visitor Center
- 286.7 Pharr Mounds
- 327.3 Colbert Ferry
- 364.5 Glenrock Branch (lower)
- 365.6 Glenrock Branch (upper)
- 377.8 Jack's Branch
- 385.9 Meriwether Lewis
- 404.7 Jackson Falls

## History Exhibits

- 15.5 Mount Locust
- 54.8 Rocky Springs
- 78.3 Battle of Raymond
- 107.9 West Florida Boundary
- 135.5 Robinson Road
- 140.0 Red Dog Road
- 193.1 Jeff Busby
- 243.3 Hernando De Soto
- 259.7 Tupelo National Battlefield
- 266.0 Brices Cross Roads National Battlefield Site
- 341.8 State Line
- 381.8 Napier Mine
- 385.9 Meriwether Lewis
- 390.7 Phosphate Mine



# Points of Interest by Milepost Location

# Happenings & Highlights

## Mount Locust

**Milepost 15.5**

Only remaining inn or stand that served travelers on the Old Trace. Restored and furnished to its 1820 appearance. Old Trace and short self-guided walk. Grounds open all year. Inn is open daily February through November, 8:30-5:00 with Ranger talks, tours, and demonstrations.

## Rocky Springs

**Milepost 54.8**

Site of Rocky Springs, a once prosperous rural community with few visible remains, except for the church and cemetery, located on private land (visitors welcome). Self-guided trail through townsite area. Campground, picnic area, and section of Old Trace.

Saturday evening Ranger talk at campground amphitheater, 8:15 p.m.

April through October

Visitor information station open weekends:

April through October

## Ridgeland Crafts Center

**Milepost 102.4**

Exhibits, information, and Mississippi handicraft items on display and for sale. Craft demonstrations on weekends March through October. Crafts Center open daily, 9:00-5:00, except Christmas.

## French Camp

**Milepost 180.8**

Sorghum making demonstration, Saturdays 9:00-5:00, last Saturday in September through last Saturday in October

## Tupelo Visitor Center

**Milepost 266.0**

Visitor Center and Parkway Headquarters open daily 8:00-5:00, except Christmas. Exhibits, information, orientation program. Annual anniversary celebration with special programs and activities the third Sunday in May, 1:00-4:30 p.m. Outside nature trail and sorghum exhibit.

## Colbert Ferry

**Milepost 327.3**

Site of George Colbert House, short section of Old Trace, and ferry crossing site at the Tennessee River. Picnic area, swimming beach (lifeguards on duty in summer), and boat launch ramp. Information station staffed weekends (June through October) and most weekdays.

Georgetown Fair, 9:00-6:00, second weekend in May. Festival features arts, crafts, and entertainment of Northwest Alabama and surrounding areas.

## Meriwether Lewis

**Milepost 385.9**

Site of death and burial of famed explorer, pioneer cemetery, exhibit room, campground, and picnic area.

Meriwether Lewis Country Fair and Arts Festival, 9:00-5:30, second full weekend in October. Festival features arts and crafts of South Central Tennessee.

## Self-Guiding Trails

There are many self-guiding trails located along the Natchez Trace Parkway which explain the natural and human history of the region. Length of time to walk these trails varies from 5 to 20 minutes. Look for the approach and introductory signs as you drive along the parkway.

## Other Services

No admission fees are charged. Please drive carefully as you explore the parkway.

Information and assistance can be obtained at a ranger station, public contact station, or from any National Park Service employee.

Publications and color slides are available to help you appreciate the Natchez Trace Parkway. A complete list of sales items may be obtained by writing to the Eastern National Park & Monument Association, Natchez Trace Parkway, Rural Route 1, NT-143, Tupelo, Mississippi 38801.

# For Your Safety

## Drive Safely

The parkway speed limit is 50 MPH for traveler safety, relaxation, and enjoyment. On occasion, cattle, deer, dogs, and other animals wander on to the parkway. Be alert for them. Each year approximately 150 deer are killed along the Natchez Trace. Something also happened to 150 vehicles.

## Driver Fatigue

Fatigue and inattention are major causes of parkway motor vehicle accidents. Stop often to rest. Walk the short interpretive trails along the parkway. Most require only minutes.

## Fire Ants

Be careful to notice where you stand. The painful bites of these tiny 3/16" long ants may be your first warning that you are standing on their nest. Look for their fine-grained dirt mounds along the trails and parkway, but never disturb them.

## Poison Ivy



One of the more common plants along the parkway, poison ivy is a ground cover and also climbs trees as a vine. Heed the saying "Leaves of three, let it be."

## Poisonous Snakes

Copperheads, cottonmouths, and rattlesnakes inhabit the three-state area through which the parkway passes. Chances are, you will never see one. Although snakebites are seldom fatal, victims require hospitalization, so please be alert when walking.

The National Park Service strives to eliminate hazards along the parkway to provide all travelers with a safe, enjoyable visit. If you should notice any unsafe condition, please report it to any park employee, call (601) 842-1572, or write to:

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