

What's going on in Jackson?

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
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WHAT'S GOING ON IN JACKSON? PLENTY OF FUN.

ON ANY GIVEN DAY, YOU'LL FIND EVENTS LIKE THE FARISH STREET FESTIVAL, DIXIE NATIONAL RODEO, USA INTERNATIONAL BALLET COMPETITION, MAL'S ST. PADDY'S PARADE, MISTLETOE MARKETPLACE, CELTIC FEST, MISSISSIPPI WILDLIFE EXTRAVAGANZA AND CAPITAL CITY CLASSIC. AND WE HAVEN'T EVEN MENTIONED THE CAPITAL CITY'S RICH VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS AND MANY HISTORICAL AND FUN ATTRACTIONS. SO LOOK THROUGH THIS HANDY, HELPFUL GUIDE. WHEN IT COMES TO EXCITING THINGS TO SEE AND DO, WE'VE GOT IT GOING ON.

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Mal's St. Paddy's Parade & Festival

Downtown Jackson turns out the green and the green-at-heart for this truly fun-loving, Irish inspired celebration.

Russell C. Davis Planetarium/ Ronald E. McNair Space Theater

Experience the universe in one of the South's largest and best-equipped planetariums!

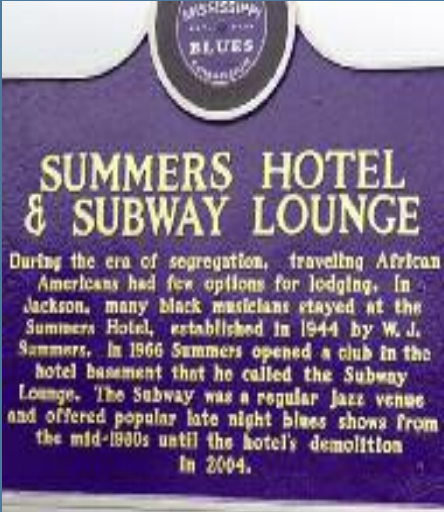


Farish Street Heritage Festival

The second oldest African-American community festival in the state of Mississippi features live entertainment from national, regional, and local artists and performers.

Eudora Welty House & Garden

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Eudora Welty lived and worked here. Among the most intact literary homes in America, the museum and carefully restored gardens are open to the public.



Summers Hotel and Subway Lounge Marker

During the era of segregation, many black musicians stayed at the Summers Hotel, established in 1944 by W.J. Summers. In 1966, Summers opened a popular club in the hotel basement that he called the Subway Lounge. The Subway garnered international fame with the release of the film documentary, "Last of the Mississippi Jukes." A Mississippi Blues Trail marker commemorates the place where it stood.

Mississippi State Fair

One of the South's largest fairs, featuring amusement rides, entertainment, livestock competition, exhibits, and concessions.





JSU Homecoming

Activities include a parade, coronation of the Homecoming Queen, the football game, and a Greek step show.

Capital City Football Classic

Activities surrounding the Jackson State University and Alcorn State University football game include a scholarship banquet, Miss Capital City Classic pageant, pep rally, comedy show, Battle of the Bands, and much more!

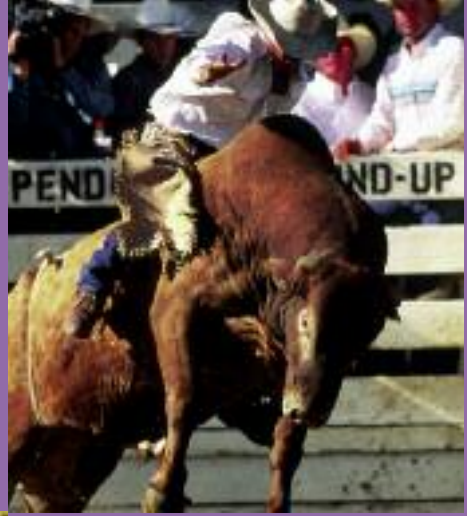


Celtic Fest

Come immerse yourself in Celtic culture. This event features Celtic music, displays by Celtic artists, educational workshops, family and children's activities, and plenty of concessions.

Dixie National Livestock Show & Rodeo

Beginning in January, the Mississippi Fairgrounds hosts the largest livestock show east of the Mississippi River. In February, the Coliseum hosts the second largest PRCA Rodeo with ten performances over seven days.



Mississippi Wildlife Extravaganza

The state's largest wildlife trade show for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages at the Mississippi Trade Mart.

Rock On!

Jackson offers outdoor and indoor concerts and festivals to suit any musical taste.





Mississippi Museum of Natural Science

Experience Mississippi's living heritage through a visit to the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science.

Medgar Evers Library

This city library located in Evers' former neighborhood was renamed in dedication to the memory of Medgar Evers, with a life-sized bronze statue of him erected at the library by local citizens.



Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum/National Agricultural Aviation Museum

This 40-acre complex, located in the heart of the city, brings to life Mississippi's rich agricultural heritage.

Mississippi State Capitol

Completed in 1903, the Mississippi State Capitol, patterned after the nation's capitol in Washington, D.C., exemplifies the Beaux Arts Classical Style of architecture and serves as the working seat of state government.



Smith Robertson Museum & Cultural Center

A comprehensive depository of artifacts celebrating African-American Mississippians' accomplishments in the fields of history, art, music, and literature. Named one of the Top 10 "Best Places to be Enveloped in Quilts" by *USA Today*.

The International Museum of Muslim Cultures

Unique in the United States, the IMMC highlights contributions that Muslims have made to the city of Jackson, the state of Mississippi, the region, the nation, and the world.





Mississippi Museum of Art

Mississippi's oldest and largest professional arts organization has a modern home with changing exhibits and an extensive, permanent collection of more than 4,000 works.

Jackson Zoological Park

An afternoon wandering along the walkways of the Jackson Zoo will delight kids of any age. Explore "Wilderness Mississippi," along with many other exhibits containing hundreds of animals from around the world.

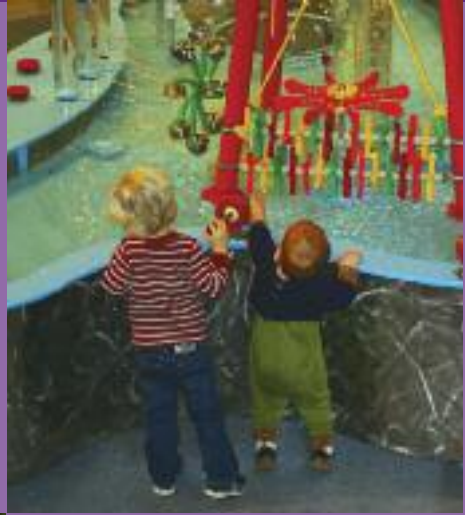


Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum

Mississippi's first museum for the 21st century contains an array of interactive sports exhibits. Named one of the Top 10 "Most Amazing Baseball Museums in America" by ESPN.

Mississippi Children's Museum

Come play at the newest gem of a museum in Jackson!



Mistletoe Marketplace

The largest fundraiser in Mississippi! Enjoy the excitement of this multi-day holiday shopping extravaganza featuring more than 100 merchants from across the nation. Named an ABA Top 100 Event in North America

Christmas at the Governor's Mansion

Beautifully decorated with traditional holiday greenery and fruit, this 1841 mansion is open for morning tours.





Belhaven Singing Christmas Tree

A Belhaven University tradition since 1933, the singing Christmas Tree is an outdoor choral performance of the season's favorite Christmas songs and lights.

Chimneyville Crafts Festival

This yearly event promotes and preserves the fine work of regional craftsmen through demonstrations and displays.



City of Jackson Christmas Parade

Usher in the Yuletide Season in downtown Jackson at the annual Christmas Parade held the first Saturday in December.



GENERAL INFORMATION

DISCOVER A WARM AND INVITING CITY.

GENERAL FACTS

Web Sites for Visitors

www.visitjackson.com
www.jacksoncitywithsoul.com

Population

202,064

Climate

Winter: 48°, Spring: 65°
Summer: 81°, Fall: 66°

Location

Central Mississippi, crossroads of Interstates 55 and 20, running north-south and east-west respectively.

Hotels

49 properties with over 5,000 rooms.

Restaurants

Over 300 fine restaurants, many with convention and banquet rooms, cuisine from authentic deep Southern cooking to international fare.

Taxes

7% sales tax, 4% hotel and 2% restaurant tax,
\$.75 per room night tax.

TRANSPORTATION

Air

Jackson-Evers International Airport
100 International Drive
601-939-5631
www.jmaa.com

Jackson-Evers International Airport is the commercial airport serving Jackson. Designated as a general purpose Foreign Trade Zone, it maintains two 8,500-foot runways and has undergone a multi-million dollar renovation.

Airlines serving Jackson are American Eagle, Continental, Delta, Northwest Airlines, Southwest Airlines, and US Airways Express.

Daily Direct Flights Serving Jackson:

- Atlanta
- Baltimore/
Washington, D.C.
- Charlotte
- Chicago Midway
- Dallas/Ft. Worth
- Detroit
- Houston Bush
Intercontinental
- Houston Hobby
- Memphis
- Orlando
- Washington, D.C.
Reagan National

Union Station

300 West Capitol Street
601-355-6350

JATRAM

601-948-7140

Rail

Amtrak Passenger Station
General Information and Reservations

601-355-6350 • 1-800-872-7245

www.amtrak.com

Amtrak serves the City of Jackson with daily service to Chicago and New Orleans.

Bus

Greyhound-Trailways Bus Lines

601-353-6342 • 1-800-231-2222

www.greyhound.com

Provides 8 inbound and outbound buses daily.

Limo/Taxi Cab

Information is available by contacting the Jackson Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-354-7695 or 601-960-1891 or by visiting our web site at www.visitjackson.com.

Public Facilities

Jackson Convention Complex

105 Pascagoula Street
Jackson, MS 39202
601-960-2321

Mississippi Coliseum

1200 Mississippi Street
Jackson, MS 39202
601-961-4000

Mississippi Trade Mart

1200 Mississippi Street
Jackson, MS 39202
601-961-4000

Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium

2531 N. State Street, Jackson, MS 39216
601-354-6021

Thalia Mara Hall Auditorium

(Municipal Auditorium)
255 E. Pascagoula Street
Jackson, MS 39202
601-960-1537

Smith-Wills Stadium

1200 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, MS 39216
601-362-2294

Ground Distances To Other Major Cities

- Atlanta 441
- Birmingham 248
- Chicago 753
- Dallas 412
- Memphis 208
- Miami 979
- New Orleans 185
- St. Louis 505

Ground Distances To Other Mississippi Cities

- Biloxi 165
- Brookhaven 56
- Clarksdale 151
- Cleveland 127
- Columbus 147
- Corinth 218
- Greenville 115
- Greenwood 96
- Grenada 113
- Gulfport 157
- Hattiesburg 88
- Laurel 84
- Meridian 93
- Moss Point 181
- Natchez 102
- Oxford 165
- Pascagoula 184
- Southaven 198
- Starkville 125
- Tupelo 170
- Vicksburg 44
- Yazoo City 44

LOCAL TOURS & GUIDES

By Appointment Only

African-American Heritage Tours

601-260-3337 • clotie14@yahoo.com

Contact: Clotie Graves, Tour Manager

Step-on guide for motor coach; customized tour planning.

Clinton Bagley

Licensed Tour Guide

601-576-6834 (*day*) • 601-206-5725 (*evening*)

Custom Tours

601-845-2989 • Contact: Forrest Cooper

601-540-1098 (*cell*)

Step-on guide for motor coach; personally guided city tours for individuals (weekends only).

The Fondren Express Trolley

3502 N. State Street • 601-213-7433

Lunchtime shuttle service in the Fondren community; private charter for weddings, birthdays and corporate events. Historical and Cultural Tours for groups of all ages. www.FondrenExpress.com or Captain Ron at 601-213-7433.

Silver Platter Tour Travel

601-953-9999 • 601-206-1234

Contact: Maureen Watt

Services:

- Full-service receptive operator
- Step-on guide—motor coach
- Personally guided historical city or regional tours for individuals or groups.

Jerry Ainsworth

Hinds Community College • 601-383-2566

Services:

- Step-on guide—motor coach

WE DARE YOU TO TRY TO FIT ALL OF THIS INTO ONE VISIT.

Arts Center of Mississippi

201 E. Pascagoula Street • 601-960-1500

The center is home to several arts organizations and hosts changing events open to the public.

- Tour Contact: Hospitality Desk
- Tour Time: 30-45 minutes
- Admission: Free
- Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. by appointment
- Handicap accessible

Belhaven University

1500 Peachtree Street • 800-960-5940 • 601-965-7044
www.belhaven.edu

Belhaven University, 1883, has campuses in Jackson, Memphis, Orlando and Houston. As one of 30 institutions in the nation accredited in all four areas of the arts – visual, music, theater, and dance – Belhaven offers many events that appeal to visitors and residents alike. Jackson campus venues are presented on a virtual tour at www.belhaven.edu/tour/Default.htm. Notable sites include the Bitsy Irby Visual Arts and Dance Center, the Center for the Arts, Smith Wills Baseball Stadium (home to the Belhaven Blazers), and the Athletic Bowl, where a Jackson holiday tradition, Belhaven’s Singing Christmas Tree, began in 1933. For more Belhaven information, call 601-965-7044.

The City of Jackson Fire Museum & Public Fire Safety Education Center

355 Woodrow Wilson • 601-960-2433

Exhibits consist of artifacts and fire apparatus from the early 1800s to the present, including a 1904 horse-drawn steamer, 1917 chain-driven American LaFrance, and a 1936 Seagrave.

- Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. by appointment only
- Educational programs
- Admission: Free

Eudora Welty House & Garden

1119 Pinehurst Street • 601-353-7762
weltytours@mdah.state.ms.us/welty

The house is a National Historic Landmark and one of the most intact literary homes in America. Welty, born in 1908, was a writer of international acclaim, and her home in Jackson’s historic Belhaven neighborhood is where she always returned to create her novels and short stories. The garden is beautifully reconstructed to the 1925-1945 period when Welty worked at her mother’s side planting, watering, and weeding.

- Tours: Tuesdays-Fridays (by reservation only)
- Hours: 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.
- Admission: Adults \$5, Students \$3, & children under 6 free. Groups of 13 or more \$1 off each ticket.



Jackson City Hall

City Hall

219 South President Street • 601-960-1084

Completed in 1847, City Hall is one of the most beautiful and historic municipal buildings in the nation. Used as a hospital by both sides during the Civil War, it was one of only three public buildings to survive the destruction of the city by Union troops. The top floor of the building, originally constructed for use by the Odd Fellows and Masonic groups, remains the home of Pearl Lodge No. 23 F. & A.M. City Hall is now the seat of municipal government for Jackson. The Josh Halbert Gardens, featuring fountains and a statue of Jackson’s namesake, General Andrew Jackson, is a favorite photographic spot.



Eudora Welty House

Farish Street Historic District

(This area is undergoing renovation)

Amite Street across to Fortification Street and Mill Street to Lamar Street • 601-948-5667

The District is made up of residences and diverse businesses and was placed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. The District includes over 690 listings in the National Register of Historic Places. There are vernacular architectural examples representing craftsmanship skills of numerous African-American building contractors. Walking tours reveal a variety of styles which include antebellum, Creole, Queen Anne, shotgun, and bungalow cottages in addition to business structures which represent the early-20th century. Tours can be arranged through the Jackson Convention & Visitors Bureau at 601-960-1891, or 1-800-354-7695.

The Fondren District

3318 North State Street

601-981-9606 • www.fondren.org

A destination for culture and urban living in the Jackson area, Fondren offers shops, great restaurants, notable art galleries, eclectic architecture, charming homes, and wonderful people. The community is home to four hospitals and the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Its borders include everything south of Northside Drive, west of I-55, north of Woodrow Wilson and east of Mill Street.



Fondren Express Trolley

Greenwood Cemetery

West Street at Lamar Street

601-960-1891 • 800-354-7695

Historic burial site of Pulitzer Prize-winning author Eudora Welty, six Confederate brigadier generals, over 100 soldiers, and past governors of Mississippi. Open daily dawn to dusk.

The International Museum of Muslim Cultures

Mississippi Arts Center,
201 East Pascagoula Street
601-960-0440
www.muslimmuseum.org



Unique in America, the IMMC is dedicated to educating the public about Islamic history and culture, the contribution of Muslims to the global community, and the diversity of the Muslim community: past, present, and future. IMMC's contains two permanent exhibitions. *The Legacy of Timbuktu* features ancient Timbuktu manuscripts uncovering Africa's literate culture and celebrating a glorious age of learning and empire building. *Islamic Moorish Spain: Its Legacy to Europe and the West* features artifacts and interpretive information on Muslim rule in Spain, its contributions to the fields of philosophy, science, medicine, mathematics, astronomy, agriculture, commerce, architecture and the arts.

- Tour Time: 1 hour
- Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 12 p.m.-5 p.m. Personalized, guided tours are available by reservation.
- Admission: Adults \$13, Seniors \$12 & Children \$7
- Group Rates: Adults \$12, Seniors \$10 & Students \$5
- Handicap accessible

Jackson Municipal Art Gallery

839 North State Street • 601-960-1582

The building, originally built in the late 1860s as a stately private home, stands today as one of the oldest surviving historic structures in Jackson. Attracting thousands of visitors each year with its changing exhibits, the gallery has become a focal point for hundreds of local artists.

- Tour Time: 30 minutes-1 hour
- Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m.
- Admission: Free
- Handicap accessible

Jackson State University

1400 John R. Lynch Street
601-979-2272 • www.jsu.ms.edu

Jackson State University, built in 1882, is Mississippi's fourth largest institute of higher learning and one of America's most prominent historically black colleges and universities. JSU occupies a scenic,

123-acre tract only minutes from downtown Jackson, and serves as the educational, cultural, and spiritual heart of the African-American community statewide.

Notable Sites:

- **Ayer Hall** (1903) – Oldest building on the site, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Includes the Fannie Lou Hamer Institute, the Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement, the Afro-Cuban Research Institute, and the Margaret Walker Center, which addresses the African-American experience. 601-979-3935; 601-979-2055; www.jsums.edu/margaretwalker/
- **F.D. Hall Music Center/Art Gallery** – The gallery hosts exhibits by known artists working in traditional and contemporary disciplines. 601-979-2141
- **H.T. Sampson Library** – Houses portraits, rare book collections, and African artifacts. 601-979-2123
- **Tour Time:** 1 hour
- **Hours:** Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. during school semesters only.
- **Reservations required for groups** (2 week notice preferred)
- **Admission:** Free/Donations accepted

Special Services:

- Meeting facilities
- Handicap accessible
- Motorcoach parking



Jackson Zoological Park

Jackson Zoological Park

2918 West Capitol Street
601-352-2580 • www.jacksonzoo.org

An afternoon wandering along the walkways of the Jackson Zoo will delight kids of any age. The Jackson Zoo has one of the finest collections of wild animals from throughout the world, with over 700 animals shown in natural surroundings. Don't miss *Wilderness*

Mississippi, the zoo's newest exhibit of indigenous animals. Enjoy an outdoor picnic at the Elephant House Café.

- **Hours:** Monday-Sunday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- **Admission:** Adults \$8, Children ages 2-12 \$5, 13 & older \$8, Seniors (65) \$7.20; Military Rate: (for immediate family) Children \$4.50, Adults \$7. Parking \$2 per car.
- **Group Rates:** Children \$4, Adults \$6.40. Reservations required seven days in advance for school groups, church groups, and boy/girl scout groups of 10 or more ages 2-18.

Special Services:

- Gift shop
- Concessions/Café
- Handicap accessible
- Motorcoach parking on site

LeFleur's Bluff State Park

2140 Riverside Drive • 601-987-3985

This beautiful urban park is located on 500 acres of woodlands that are home to nature trails, a public nine-hole golf course and driving range, picnic areas, playgrounds, and Mayes Lake for fishing. LeFleur's Bluff has an excellent RV camping facility. There are camp sites and utility hookups, campground bathhouses, and comfort stations. The Mississippi Natural Science Museum and the Mississippi Children's Museum are located within the park.

- **Park Admission:** Private vehicles \$3 (Additional use fees. Call for information.)

Manship House

Temporarily closed for renovations

420 East Fortification Street • 601-961-4724
www.mdab.state.ms.us/museum/manship.html

One of the few remaining antebellum houses in Jackson and a rare example of Gothic Revival architecture, the Manship House offers a glimpse of the daily life of an interesting 19th-century middle-class family. Charles Henry Manship, a talented artisan who served as mayor of Jackson during the Civil War, built the house for his family in 1857. Its unusual features include several examples of Manship's wood-graining craftsmanship.

- **Tour Time:** 1 hour
- **Hours:** Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Admission:** Free/Donations accepted
- Reservations requested for groups of 10 or more



Manship House

Medgar Evers Home

2332 Margaret Walker Alexander Drive • 601-977-7710

Evers was the first field secretary for the NAACP in Jackson at the time of his death, June 12, 1963. The small house and site of his assassination, and the neighborhood of similar houses that surround it, make palpable the very simple longings for freedom and opportunity that drove the Civil Rights Movement. As a museum and a house in a historic district, the renovated structure informs those who visit of the many sacrifices that took place in Jackson and in Mississippi, and presents a modern link in the succession of Mississippi landmarks that communicate the history of the state.

- By appointment only
- To visit the Medgar Evers home, contact the Office of EDC at Tougaloo College at 601-977-7839 or the Office of Public Relations at 601-977-7842.
- Admission: Free/Donations encouraged

Medgar Evers Library/Statue

4215 Medgar Evers Boulevard • 601-982-2867

This city library located in Evers' former neighborhood, along with the street on which it sits, was renamed in memory of Medgar Evers. A life-sized bronze statue of Evers was erected at the library site by local citizens.



Medgar Evers Home Exhibits

Millsaps College

1701 North State Street • 800-352-1050
601-974-1033 • www.millsaps.edu/index.htm

Millsaps was founded in 1890 and now offers a comprehensive liberal arts education to students from more than 30 states and several foreign countries. Its beautiful 100-acre, wooded campus with monuments, statues and historic architecture is located in the heart of downtown Jackson (millsaps.edu/about_millsaps/campus_tour.php). Tradition and history are found in the beloved **Christian Center** (its auditorium is home to the Millsaps Players), stately **Murrah Hall** and the **James Observatory**, the oldest structure on campus. The **Gertrude C. Ford Academic Complex** houses the music, art, and political science departments and features a 450-seat recital hall for concerts by the Millsaps Singers and the Chamber Singers, special guest performances, and the popular Millsaps Arts and Lecture Series. The third floor, sky-lit Millsaps Lewis Art Gallery showcases traveling art exhibits and work by Millsaps students and faculty. For more Millsaps information, call 601-974-1033.



Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum

Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum/National Agricultural Aviation Museum

1150 Lakeland Drive • 601-432-4500
1-800-844-TOUR • www.msagmuseum.com

This 40-acre complex, located in the heart of the city, brings to life Mississippi's rich agricultural heritage. A 40,000-square-foot Heritage Center traces the history of agriculture and forestry through an extensive collection of artifacts and lifelike exhibits. Outside, the Fortenberry-Parkman Farm restoration and Bisland Cotton Gin, both circa 1860, tell the story of farm life in early Mississippi. Walk down Main Street of the "Small Town, Mississippi" restoration (circa 1920) and imagine a day in the lives of the people who once toiled and worshiped in these buildings. A visit to the Fitzgerald Collection and the Ethnic Heritage Center complete this

walk through history. Award-winning rose gardens and special interest gardens provide enjoyment year-round.

- Tour Time: 1-2 hours
- Hours: Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Reservations requested for groups of 15 or more
- Admission: Adults \$5 per person, Seniors \$4, Ages 5-18 \$3, and Ages 3-4 \$1

Special Services:

- Member NTA
- Interpretative guide provided upon request
- Multi-media presentation available
- Gift shop • Picnic area
- Refreshments available in General Store
- Museum Café serves breakfast and lunch
- Meeting rooms • Motorcoach parking

Mississippi Blues Trail Markers

Jackson boasts more historic Blues markers than any other city in the state. The Blues has a rich history here, from the “Farish Street Sound” to Brinkley Middle School, where Grammy-winner Cassandra Wilson found her musical calling and chose to have her marker placed – the 100th on the Trail! Visit all our markers for a wealth of Blues heritage stories.



- **Ace Records**, 241 N. Farish Street
- **Alamo Theater/ Dorothy Moore**, 333 N. Farish Street
- **Bobby Rush**, Lynch Street/Metro Parkway at Valley Street
- **Cassandra Wilson**, 3535 Albermarle Road
- **Farish Street (TBA)**
- **Ishmon Bracey**, 2185 Fortune Street
- **King Edward Hotel**, 235 West Capitol Street (Late 2011)

- **Malaco Records**, 3023 W. Northside Drive
- **Queen of Hearts**, 2243 Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive
- **Sam Myers and the Five Blind Boys**, Highway 49 South at Piney Woods Country Life School
- **Scott Radio Service**, Capitol Street at Gallatin Street
- **Summers Hotel and Subway Lounge**, 619 West Pearl Street
- **Trumpet Records**, 309 N. Farish Street

Check our website, visitjackson.com, for more Mississippi Blues Trail markers as they are added. For statewide markers, visit msbluestrail.org.

Mississippi Children’s Museum

2145 Highland Drive • 601-981-5469
www.mississippichildrensmuseum.com

Hands-on and engaging exhibits and programs beckon all children to this dynamic museum. Explore cultural arts, science and technology, literacy, health and nutrition, and Mississippi heritage. Come play!

- Tour Time: 1.5-2 hours
- Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday noon-5 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m.-6 p.m.
- Admission: \$8, Group rates available, Kids under 12 months FREE

Mississippi Farmers Market

939 High Street • 601-359-1163
(adjacent to Mississippi State Fairgrounds)
www.msfarmersmarket.com

The Mississippi Farmers Market is a year-round market showcasing Mississippi’s best produce. Watch chef demonstrations using produce from the market, listen to live entertainment, and purchase handmade crafts from local artists and craftsmen. Special events and local products are offered throughout the year. Restaurant on site.

- Hours: Seasonal, call for days & hours



Mississippi Farmers Market

Mississippi Governor’s Mansion

300 East Capitol Street • 601-359-6424
www.mdab.state.ms.us/museum/mansion.html

Constructed in 1841, this beautiful Greek revival mansion was designed, according to architect William Nichols, “to adhere to plain republican simplicity.” Having served as the official residence of Mississippi’s first family since January 1842, the mansion is the second-oldest continuously occupied gubernatorial residence in the United States. In 1975, the mansion was designated a National Historic Landmark.

- Tour Time: 30 minutes
- Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9:30-11 a.m., on the half-hour. Closed major holidays and two weeks at Christmas. May be closed at other times for official state functions. Call to confirm availability.
- Reservations required for groups of 10 or more
- Admission: Free

Special Services:

- Interpretative guide provided
- Motorcoach parking curbside



Mississippi Museum of Art

Mississippi Museum of Art

380 South Lamar Street in downtown Jackson
601-960-1515 • www.ms-museumart.org

Mississippi’s largest art museum holds an extensive collection of more than 4,000 works including the world’s largest collection by and relating to Mississippians and their culturally diverse heritage. Many of these works can be seen in the museum’s permanent exhibition, *The Mississippi Story*, which is free for all visitors. The museum features changing exhibitions of local to national and international importance. Exhibitions are complemented by a variety of educational and entertaining programs throughout the year. Visit the Museum Store for unique gifts, crafts, and exhibition-related merchandise, and save time for a stop in *The Palette Café* by Viking for sandwiches, salads, and Starbucks coffee! Visit the museum’s website for more information.

- Tour Time: 1-4 hours to view all exhibitions, café, and store
- Regular Museum Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 12-5 p.m. with extended hours during special exhibitions
- Admission: Varies by exhibition. Admission to *The Mississippi Story* is FREE. School groups are free on Tuesdays through the generous support of Trustmark National Bank. School groups are free on Thursdays through the generous support of BlueCross & BlueShield of Mississippi. Senior adults 60+ are free on the first Wednesday of each month through the generous support of BancorpSouth.

Special Services:

- Gift shop
- Handicap accessible
- Meeting rooms
- Classrooms
- Restaurant
- Motorcoach parking
- Garden

Mississippi Museum of Natural Science

2148 Riverside Drive • 601-354-7303
www.mdwfp.com/museum

Experience Mississippi’s living heritage through a visit to the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science. An aquarium system housing over 200 species of native fish, reptiles, and amphibians tells an ecological story of rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, marshes, and the Mississippi Sound. “The Swamp” is home to an assortment of alligators, turtles, and fish surrounded by a native garden. The 300-acre nature area, with native trees, shrubs, and vines, is a great place for bird watching or enjoying a stroll over the 2.5-mile nature trail with interpretive stops along the way.

- Tour Time: 1 hour (2 hours including Nature Trail tour)
- Hours: Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
- Admission: Adults \$6, Children ages 3-18 \$4, Senior Citizens 60 and over \$5, Children under 3 FREE, Members FREE
- School Teachers with Classes – call for group information

Special Services:

- Handicap accessible
- Picnic pavilion
- Motorcoach parking
- Multi-media presentations available



Mississippi Museum of Natural Science Swamp Exhibit

Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame & Museum

1152 Lakeland Drive
601-982-8264 • 1-800-280-FAME • www.ms-fame.com

Named one of Top 10 “Most Amazing Baseball Museums in America” by ESPN, the museum contains an array of sports-related, interactive exhibits. Touch-screen television kiosks allow museum visitors to access archival footage, achievement data, biographical information, and more than 500 interviews with famous Mississippi athletes like Jerry Rice, Brett Favre, Archie Manning, Ralph Boston, and Dizzy Dean. Reservations requested for group tours.

- Hours: Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Admission: Adults \$5, Students (6-17) and Seniors \$3.50, Children (5 and under) Free
- Group Rate: \$3.00 (12 people minimum in group)

Special Services:

- Tailgate parties
- Handicap accessible
- Motorcoach parking
- Meeting rooms

Mississippi State Capitol

400 High Street • 601-359-3114

Designed by architect Theodore Link and completed in 1903, the Mississippi State Capitol, patterned after the nation’s capitol in Washington, D.C., exemplifies the Beaux Arts Classical style of architecture and today serves as the working seat of state government. Often referred to as the “New Capitol,” the building boasts exceptional examples of stained glass, faux finishes, and marble from around the world.

- Tour Time: 1 hour
- Hours: Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Reservations required for all groups
- Admission: Free

Special Services:

- Interpretative guide provided
- Handicap accessible
- Motorcoach parking on street

Mynelle Gardens

4736 Clinton Boulevard • 601-960-1894
www.jacksonms.gov/visitors/mynellgardens

From a simple garden started over a half-century ago, Mynelle Gardens stands as a botanical wonderland, wildlife sanctuary, and haven for songbirds. The gardens feature azalea and camellia trails and daylily displays, as well as hundreds of perennials and annuals in natural landscape settings.

- Tour Time: 45 minutes
- Admission: Adults \$4, Children \$1, Student Pass \$5, Family Pass \$30
- Hours: March-October, 12 noon-5:15 p.m. Sunday, 12 noon -5:15 p.m.

- November-February, 8 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
- Closed major holidays

Special Services:

- Gift shop
- Handicap accessible
- Motorcoach parking



Mynelle Gardens

The Oaks House Museum

823 North Jefferson Street • 601-353-9339
www.theoakshousemuseum.org

The Oaks (circa 1850) is the oldest residence in the city to be continuously occupied. It was built around 1850 by James H. and Eliza Boyd and survived the fire of 1863, which reduced most of Jackson to ashes. The home may have served as headquarters for General William T. Sherman during the siege of the city by Union troops. James Hervey Boyd was mayor of Jackson for 4 two-year terms. The House exemplifies the Greek Revival cottage style popular in the mid-19th century. Lovingly restored and furnished with period antiques by its present owner, the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Mississippi, The Oaks remains a treasured part of Mississippi history.

- Tour Time: 40 minutes
- Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Reservations required for groups of 10 or more



The Oaks House

- Admission: Adults \$4.50, Children \$3.50, & Seniors \$4
- Group Rate: 20% off (Groups of 10 or more by appointment)

Special Services:

- Interpretative guide provided
- Motorcoach parking on street



The Old Capitol Museum

The Old Capitol Museum

100 South State Street • 601-576-6920
www.oldcapitolmuseum.com

A National Historic Landmark and one of America’s finest examples of Greek Revival public architecture, the Old Capitol building served as state capitol from 1839 to 1903, housing such notable events as the passage of the Ordinance of Secession. The Old Capitol was restored from 1959 to 1961 for use as the state historical museum. In 2005 Hurricane Katrina damaged the building’s roof and flooded the museum. Most of the artifacts and exhibits were safely removed for relocation to a future, all-new Museum of Mississippi History. Restored to its original glory, the Old Capitol returned as a state house museum in 2009.

- Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sundays 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
- Free admission

**Russell C. Davis Planetarium/
 Ronald E. McNair Space Theater**

201 East Pascagoula Street
 601-960-1550 • www.thedavisplanetarium.com

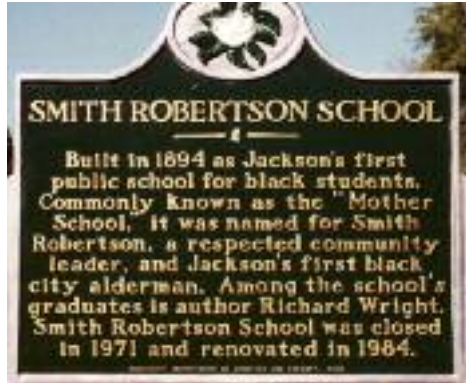
Experience the universe in one of the South’s largest planetariums, containing an advanced optical-mechanical star projection system that can show the sky as it appears at any time from any location on Earth. It also features the state’s only MEGA-HD (large-format) film projection system for wraparound screening of IMAX®-style films. The magnificent

hemispheric theater bears the name of Ronald E. McNair, the astronaut instrumental in on-orbit filming for Jackson’s *The Space Shuttle: An American Adventure*, who perished aboard Space Shuttle Challenger in 1986. Programs include multi-media sky features, spectacular MEGA-HD Cinema films, and laser/light “concerts.” The lobby includes exhibits on space transportation, the solar system, and the universe as revealed by the Hubble Space Telescope.

- Tour Time: 1 hour per show
- Sky Show Admission: Adults \$5.50, Seniors \$4.50, Children (Ages 4-12) \$3 and Student Group Members \$2
- Film and Laser Show Admission: Adults \$6.50, Seniors \$5.50, Children \$4 and Student Group Members \$3
- Special discount for groups of 20 or more. Advance reservations are required (601-960-1552).
- Shows take place daily except Mondays and holidays. Call 601-960-1550 for current schedule.

Special Services:

- Accessible to the disabled
- Gift shop



Site of the Smith Robertson Museum & Cultural Center

**Smith Robertson Museum
 & Cultural Center**

528 Bloom Street • 601-960-1457
www.jacksonms.gov/visitors/museums/smithrobertson

Named one of Top 10 “Best Places to be Enveloped in Quilts” by *USA Today*, Smith Robertson Museum & Cultural Center is a comprehensive depository of artifacts portraying African-American Mississippians’ experience in the fields of history, art, music, and literature. The museum was originally Smith Robertson Elementary School, the first public school for African-American children in the city of Jackson.

- Tour Time: 45 minutes
- Hours: Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
No guided tours on Monday.
- Admission: Adults \$4.50, Seniors \$3.00, under 17 \$1.50
- Advance reservations for groups of 10 or more are required.

Special Services:

- Gift shop
- Meeting rooms
- Interpretative guide provided for groups
- Motorcoach parking

Tougaloo College

500 West County Line Road • 601-977-7905
1-888-42GALOO • www.tougaloo.edu

Situated on what was once the Boddie Plantation, Tougaloo College, a historically black, private, liberal arts institution, was founded in 1869 by the American Missionary Association. Tougaloo, located on a beautiful site with centuries-old magnolias and oaks, played a vital role in the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s. Students of history will appreciate the Lillian Pierce Benbow Room of Special Collections in the Coleman Library where thousands of documents, tapes, photographs, and artifacts tell the story of the civil rights struggle.

Other notable Tougaloo sites:

- **The Boddie Mansion (1848)**, originally erected as a planter's home, now houses the College administration offices.
- **Woodworth Chapel (1901)** built mostly with student labor, remains a center of religious life and cultural activity for the College and surrounding community.
- **The Tougaloo Art Collection** – over 1,000 pieces, including paintings, sculptures, wood carvings, and artifacts from around the world. The African-American collection is considered one of the most exhaustive in the southeastern United States.

- Tour Time: 30 minutes
- Hours: By appointment only
- Reservations required for groups
- Admission: Free/Donations accepted

Special Services:

- Interpretative guide available
- Handicap accessible
- Motorcoach parking

War Memorial Building

120 North State Street • 601-354-7207
601-359-3630 (rental)

Located next to the Old Capitol, the Mississippi War Memorial Building stands as a monument to the memory of Mississippi men and women who have given their lives in defense of their country. The building contains unique cast aluminum doors and panels depicting battle scenes starting from the Battle of Ackia in 1736. The classic Art Deco building showcases displays of uniforms, weapons, maps, photographs, medals of honor, and other artifacts from the battlefields of the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam Conflict.

- Handicap accessible
- Admission: Free



War Memorial Building

William F. Winter Archives & History Building

200 North Street
601-576-6850 • www.mdah.state.ms.us

A haven for genealogists from all over the nation, this is the second-oldest state archives department in the country, now located in a beautiful, climate-controlled facility. It contains U.S. Bureau of Census records, 1,800 private collections, 3,000,000 feet of news footage dating to 1954, nearly 17,000 rolls of microfilmed newspapers, 30,000 boxes of state government documents, 1,400 historical maps dated from 1582, and over 1,000,000 photographs.

- Contact: Information Desk
- Hours: Monday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.-1 p.m. (Only a small Search Room staff is present on Saturdays; as a result, reference services may be limited)
- Admission: Free

A research identification card is required. There is no charge, and this card can be obtained from the library receptionist with valid identification.

OTHER AREA ATTRACTIONS

Clinton Community Nature Center

617 Dunton Road, Clinton • 601-926-1104
www.clintonnaturecenter.org

The Clinton Community Nature Center exists as a place for people to enjoy and learn about nature in all its aspects. The nature center consists of 33 acres of woodlands near the center of “Olde Towne” Clinton and provides several educational programs about nature, gardening, and the history of this unique area. The center maintains 2.5 miles of all-weather walking trails with plants and historic sites labeled and benches where one may sit in solitude and appreciate nature.

- Tour Time: 45 minutes
- Hours: Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.,
 Sunday 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Admission: Free

Dupree House & Mamie’s Cottage

2809 Dupree Road, Raymond • 1-877-629-6051

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Dupree House developed from a three-room structure built in the 1850s to the picturesque, transitional Greek Revival/Italianate plantation home of Dr. H. T. T. Dupree. Mamie’s Cottage, the in-town home of Dr. Dupree’s adopted daughter, Mamie, was moved to the property in 1977 following her death. Today, the cottage houses two bed & breakfast suites. Dupree House welcomes groups for tours and catered meals. The home is also available for reunions, weddings, luncheons, and parties. A special motorcoach entrance makes the home easily accessible.

- Tour contact: Brenda Davis, owner

Luckett Lodge

214 Clark Creek Road, Brandon
 601-832-6263 • www.theluckettlodge.com

The Luckett Lodge facility consists of the original lodge, Luckett Hall for special events, and the chapel. The lodge is available for overnight stays. With five bedrooms and five private baths, as well as a full kitchen, the lodge provides a wonderful weekend getaway for family and friends. All three buildings are surrounded by beautifully landscaped grounds including a lake and three gazebos.

Mississippi Crafts Center

Natchez Trace Exit from I-55 North
 950 Rice Road, Ridgeland • 601-856-7546
www.mscredits.org



Inside the Mississippi Crafts Center

Since its beginning in 1973, the Craftsmen’s Guild of Mississippi has grown from a membership of 30 craftsmen to more than 400 professional artisans from across the Southeast. The center, opened in 2007, was designed for the display, sale, demonstration and teaching of fine craft. It is a showplace of both traditional and contemporary folk arts and crafts of our state. Informative exhibits, live demonstrations and special events involve visitors in the artistic process.

- Tour Time: 30 minutes-1 hour
- Hours: Monday-Sunday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Admission: Free/Donations accepted

Special Services:

- Craft Shop
- Motorcoach parking
- Handicap accessible
- Schedules of classes and craft demonstrations are available upon request.

Mississippi Petrified Forest

P. O. Box 37, Flora • 601-879-8189
 124 Forest Park Road, Flora (north of Jackson off I-55)
www.ms petrified forest.com

The forest’s many points of interest are viewed from an easy walking nature trail about six blocks long. A printed trail guide explains each feature and point of interest. In 1966, the Mississippi Petrified Forest was declared a Registered National Natural Landmark by the National Park Service. Additional features include colorful badlands, picnic area, campground, a museum, gemstone fluming, native wildlife display, dinomite mine, rock shop, educational exhibits, gifts, and souvenirs.

- Hours: April 1-Labor Day, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.;
 Labor Day-April 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Closed only on Christmas Day.
- Admission

Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience

3863 Morrison Road, Utica
(40 minutes southwest of Jackson)
601-362-6357 (September-May)
601-885-6042 (June-August)

Found on the picturesque campus of the Henry S. Jacobs Camp in Utica, Mississippi, the Museum is dedicated to exploring the rich history and experience of Jews in the South. Religious objects, materials, and memorabilia speak to the long and rich tradition of Jewish life in the South. Changing exhibits featuring artifacts from collections explore relevant issues and themes of the Southern Jewish story. The Museum houses a fully-functioning sanctuary and a gift shop which offers gift items, books, and souvenirs for sale. The Museum also offers Cultural Corridor Tours to sites of Southern Jewish history in the Mississippi River region.

- Group tours available by appointment
- Hours: 7 days, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Admission: Adults \$5, Students and Seniors \$4
- Group rate: \$4
- Gift Shop



Scenic Natchez Trace Parkway

Natchez Trace Parkway

601-680-4025 • 1-800-305-7417 • www.nps.gov/natrl
www.scenictrace.com

This 400-mile parkway stretches from Natchez to Nashville, Tennessee. The Trace is a historic route traveled by early Indian tribes, pioneer settlers, colonial troops, and traders. This beautiful scenic highway follows the shore of the Ross Barnett Reservoir where picnic areas and parks beckon the traveler. Hauling and commercial trucks are prohibited; however, motorcoaches are permitted on the Trace with proper permits. Speed limit is 50 mph unless posted otherwise. Natchez Trace Parkway brochures are available through the Jackson Convention & Visitors Bureau. For more information on stops along the Trace, visit www.scenictrace.com.

The Park on the River

2280 Lakeland Drive • 601-939-8333

Formerly known as “The Park,” the amusement center reopened with new activities and features, including 75 video games, 20 go-carts, a new food area, laser tag room, an area for parties and gatherings, and an indoor soccer field. Call for hours and other details.

Piney Woods Country Life School

Highway 49 South • 601-845-2214

Just 21 miles southeast of Jackson, Piney Woods Country Life School began as a dream of Dr. Laurence Jones in 1909, when he started the first Mississippi school for African-American children. Today, the campus serves as a viable modern school that educates young people from around the world. Piney Woods has a rustic charm and welcoming spirit that obscures the obstacles overcome in its creation. Points of interest include a museum, the historic site of the first school, a farm, a thrift shop, and the Sam Myers and the Five Blind Boys Mississippi Blues Trail Marker.

Ross Barnett Reservoir

601-354-3448 • 601-856-6574
www.rossbarnettreservoir.org

Thirty thousand acres of fish-filled waters, bounded on the north by the historic Natchez Trace Parkway, create boundless opportunities for outdoor adventures. Fishing, boating, water-skiing, bird-watching, picnicking, and camping are all available on the beautiful Ross Barnett Reservoir, visible from the scenic Natchez Trace Parkway. Visitors also enjoy nearby restaurants and shopping.



Ross Barnett Reservoir

SELF-GUIDED TOURS

Here is a sampling of itineraries to give you the real flavor of Jackson. Speaking of flavors, there are over 300 restaurants to enjoy while you're in town. Call 601-960-1891, or 1-800-354-7695 for your copy of the Jackson Restaurant Guide or download a copy at visitjackson.com.

OLD & NEW TREASURES... ANTIQUING AT ITS BEST

Visitors will delight in a great variety of area antique shops and markets. Plan to spend the night in a Bed & Breakfast Inn and dream among some of the most beautiful antique furnishings in the South.

Start your shopping tour with a visit to the historic **Mississippi Governor's Mansion**, the second continuously occupied governor's residence in the nation. It is completely restored and furnished with museum-quality antiques of the period.

Visit the **Manship House** (circa 1857) and **The Oaks House Museum** (circa 1850) for a glimpse of times long-past.

When you're ready for your shopping spree, try these:

- **Fondren District/Woodland Hills:** Fondren, Jackson's first suburb, is well known for its trendy retail shops, antique merchants, and award-winning restaurants. It's convenient, located right in the middle of everything. For a brochure with a complete listing of shops and businesses, e-mail: foninfo@fondren.org
- **Highland Village:** One of Mississippi's most prestigious specialty shopping experiences with over 45 unique shops, restaurants, and services. Beautifully landscaped courtyards and lush greenery.
- There are plenty of other **antique shops** around the town. Check the phone book for listings.

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR

You'll find plenty of interesting and enlightening sites to explore in downtown Jackson on this stroll through history. Don't forget to look up! Many treasures are perched upon the rooftops.

- Start at the **Old Capitol Museum** at the eastern termination of Capitol Street and stroll down Capitol Street to the **Governor's Mansion**. Across the street is the **Lamar Life Building** with a purple-faced clock tower and fierce-looking gargoyles standing guard over

the building and the adjacent **St. Andrews Episcopal Cathedral**.

- A turn northward takes you past **Smith Park**, the only remaining downtown park from the city's original checkerboard layout, **St. Peter's Catholic Cathedral**, **Old Central High School** (now the Department of Education), and the original **First Baptist Church** (circa 1843-44). Visit the **Mississippi Veterans Monument** next to the **Woolfolk State Office Building**. Walk around the magnificent **Mississippi State Capitol**, with its majestic, gold-leafed American Bald Eagle keeping watch over the city. Step inside the rotunda for a breath-taking view of the beautiful Beaux Arts architecture.
- Walk south on Congress Street and pass **Galloway Memorial United Methodist Church** and the **Galloway House** (circa 1889) on your way back into the heart of the city. Stroll along the brick street until you come to **City Hall**, one of four public buildings left standing after General Sherman burned Jackson during the Civil War. Burnings of the city got Jackson its nickname, "Chimneyville."
- Look across Pascagoula Street to the **Hinds County Courthouse** and discover the two statues on top of the building. One is Moses, the giver of the law, and the other is Socrates, the interpreter of the law.
- Don't stop now, there's so much more to see! For a more detailed Downtown Walking Tour itinerary, visit www.visitjackson.com or call 1-800-354-7695.

A PLACE IN HISTORY... AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE TOUR

Discover it nearly everywhere you look, from the thousands of artifacts on display at the Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center, to the grand, turn-of-the-century architecture that graces the campus of Tougaloo College. From the proud civil rights legacy of Medgar Evers, to the intricate cultural tapestry that is the Farish Street District, Jackson is alive with African-American heritage. Spend a day or a

week with us, and we guarantee you'll leave feeling uplifted and enriched by the experience.

- Explore the historic **Farish Street District**, where you'll find over 100 years of rich African-American heritage. Walk through the area where you'll see many examples of Queen Anne, Creole Cottage, and Bungalow styles. The district has the largest known number of restored "Shotgun Style" houses in the country.
- Study the special exhibit on vernacular housing at the **Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center**.
- Follow a fascinating route along **Jackson's Civil Rights Driving Tour** featuring such sites as Freedom Corner, the former home of slain NAACP Field Secretary Medgar Evers; the Medgar Evers Library/Statue, Jackson State University, Margaret Walker Alexander National Research Center, Tougaloo College, and several historic churches. Call 1-800-354-7695, or 601-960-1891 for your copy of the **Jackson Civil Rights Movement Driving Tour**.

- Want to play the blues? Take a **private lesson with a genuine Mississippi bluesman**. We can help arrange it for you! Call 1-800-354-7695 at least two weeks in advance.
- Don't miss **The Legacy of Timbuktu**, at the International Museum of Muslim Cultures, Mississippi Arts Center downtown. Hear how today's blues recalls the music of Timbuktu on the African continent!
- **Drive through Historic Farish Street**.^{*} Farish Street is to Jackson what Beale Street is to Memphis and Nelson Street is to Greenville. Can you find these Blues landmarks?
 - **Speir Phonograph Company**, 225 N. Farish St.
 - **Ace Records**, 241 Farish St.
 - **Record Mart (and Trumpet Record Company and Diamond Recording Studio)**, 309 N. Farish Street.
 - **Alamo Theater**, 333 N. Farish St.
 - **Big Apple Inn**, 509 N. Farish St.
 - **Birdland**, 538 Farish Street.
 For more Bluesy things to do, see visitjackson.com/Discover-Jackson/itineraries and choose "Get the Capital City Blues."

GET THE CAPITAL CITY BLUES!

Jackson is full of authentic Mississippi Blues heritage, urban juke joints, incredible soul food and popular local acts to help you catch the Blues and chase them away!

Hear live Blues all around town. Visit jacksonfreepress.com/index.php/music/ for daily listings.

Visit **Jackson's Mississippi Blues Trail Markers**. There are more to be added in the future, so check <http://www.msbluestrail.org/> for additions. (See the "Mississippi Blues Trail Markers" listing in the Attractions Section of this guide.)

**For more information on blues sites in Jackson and throughout Mississippi, pick up a copy of "Blues Traveling" by Steve Cheseborough (www.stevecheseborough.com), published by University Press of Mississippi (www.upress.state.ms.us). Portions of the text above were excerpted from this book by permission of the author.*



The Blues



Lamar Life Clock Tower



The Historic Alamo Theater

A SAMPLING OF ANNUAL EVENTS

JANUARY

Mississippi Blues Marathon

City route TBD

601-624-7882 • www.msbluesmarathon.com

Join international professional and amateur runners to kick off the New Year with a challenging marathon and half-marathon. Unsurpassed hospitality, great food, the Blues, and a festive, closing street party create a fun and professional race in the “City with Soul!”



Mississippi Blues Marathon

Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo

Mississippi State Fairgrounds • 601-961-4000

(Event runs through mid-February)

Largest livestock show east of the Mississippi River. In February, the Mississippi Coliseum hosts the second largest PRCA Rodeo. There are also five horse shows, a Junior Livestock show, a two-day Western Festival, two trade shows, rodeo dance, and parade during this three-week event. Admission to some events.

The Premier Bridal Show Jackson Convention Complex

601-957-1050

Mississippi’s top wedding vendors and other professionals help plan your special day. Door prizes, a New York style fashion show, and product samplings.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and Parade

Parade route TBA

601-960-1090

Two weeks of activities lead up to the big parade honoring Dr.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King, Jr. This annual celebration features gospel singing, a talent show, live entertainment and more.

Jackson Jewish Film Festival

Millsaps College and Mississippi Museum of Art

601-956-6215

This unique film festival features four days of films from the Jewish culture and includes talks with filmmakers.

Mississippi Bridal Show & Expo

Mississippi Trade Mart

601-988-1142 • www.msbridalshowandexpo.com

The Annual Touch of Class Bridal Expo & Show provides numerous attractions for brides-to-be including fashion shows, workshops, food sampling, entertainment and prizes – all under one roof!

FEBRUARY

Gem & Mineral Show

Mississippi Trade Mart,

Mississippi State Fairgrounds • 601-961-4000

This show provides education and enjoyment related to the earth sciences, as well as beautiful jewels for sale! Admission.

Mississippi Hearts Against AIDS Benefit

601-366-9084 • www.mississippihearts.org

Hundreds of artists donate their works for an auction to benefit the Mississippi Hearts Against AIDS organization. Dozens of local restaurants cater the event, which includes live music. Admission.

MARCH

Ballet Magnificat! – Spring Concert

Tbalia Mara Hall • 601-977-1001

One of the country’s foremost liturgical ballet companies celebrates Easter with the beauty and expression of dance.

Home & Outdoor Living Extravaganza

Mississippi Trade Mart

601-969-3446 • <http://extravaganza.bbam.com>

The show features 200 exhibitors from across the state, the newest home improvement products, expert demonstrations, door prizes, and more. Admission.

Jackson Garden & Patio Show

Mississippi Trade Mart

601-919-8111 • www.msna.org/Home.htm

For three days, professional landscapers and nurseries offer living plants, décor and expertise in using plants and accessories to transform homes. Admission.



Jackson Garden & Patio Show

Mal's St. Paddy's Parade & Festival

Downtown Jackson

601-984-1972 • www.balandmalls.com

A fun-loving, Irish-inspired celebration. The long weekend includes a ball, parties, runs, concerts, children's activities, and a major parade that attracts thousands of participants and spectators from across the globe. The Krewe of Kazoo, the O'Tux Society, the Rude Men, and more gather with a cast of thousands to revel and raise money for the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children.

Mississippi Metropolitan Ballet Spring Gala Performance

Thalia Mara Hall

601-853-4508 • www.msmetroball.com

This annual performance of classical and contemporary ballet features the artistry of local dancers with performances by world-class guest artists.

Mississippi Performing Arts Festival for Children/ Puppetry Jam

Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum

601-977-9840 • www.msppuppetry.com

Presented by the Mississippi Puppetry Guild, this entertaining event for kids features puppet shows, storytellers, clowns, and more.



Puppetry Guild Performance

National Cutting Horse Association Eastern National Championships

Mississippi State Fairgrounds

601-961-4000 • 817-244-6188

www.nchacutting.com

The exciting sport of "cutting" is a timed event involving a horse and rider attempting to separate specific cattle from a herd and keeping them away. A great family event!



Cutting Horse

Spring Festival & Plant Sale at Mynelle Gardens

601-960-1894

An annual plant sale fundraiser and celebration of Mother Nature's floral beauty.

Taste of Mississippi

Highland Village • 601-353-2759

A culinary tasting event hosting dozens of Mississippi's finest restaurateurs, live music, and auctions featuring art and more. Proceeds from the event go to fight hunger in Mississippi. Admission.



Taste of Mississippi

Zoo Day

601-352-2581 • www.jacksonzoo.com

A spring festival at the Jackson Zoo incorporating live music, local craftsmen, and activities for children, including a space jump, clowns, educational animal shows, and more.



Baby Mojo on Zoo Day

APRIL

Annual Lynch Street Heritage Festival

601-352-6993

This two-day event is designed to recapture the festive, artistic, and cultural atmosphere of the area. Festivities include a talent show, arts and crafts booths, and musical entertainment.

Crossroads Film Festival

Assorted venues • 601-510-9148

www.crossroadsfilmfest.com

Local, national, and international film and video festival featuring competitions for features, short films, student films, documentaries, and experimental projects. Special seminars and evening galas. Admission.

Easter Egg Hunt & Parade

Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum

601-713-3365 • 1-800-844-8687

www.mdac.state.ms.us

On the Saturday before Easter, see the Easter Bunny, bands, clowns, free pony rides, carousel, and train rides. Egg hunt for ages 2-12. Free refreshments.

Easter Sunrise Service

Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum

601-713-3365 • www.mdac.state.ms.us

Easter service provided by local churches, including music by local choirs.

Fondren Arts, Eats and Beats

Historic Fondren District • 601-981-9606

Celebrate the “return of springtime” with a grand merchant’s after-hours open house and street party featuring more than 30 merchants and plenty of food, libations, music, art, and shopping. Free.

Santé South Wine Festival

The South • 601-987-0200

www.msalz.org

Features over 30 winemakers from around the globe, whose wines are served along with culinary offerings from Mississippi’s finest restaurants. Live music and auctions enhance the event, a benefit for the Alzheimer’s Association Mississippi Chapter. Admission.



Santé South Wine Festival

MAY

Take a Tasty Bite Out of Crime

Highland Village • 601-212-0016

www.tastybiteoutofcrime.com

Around 50 of the area’s best restaurants and vendors provide a delectable array of tasty treasures while music from two stages keeps the atmosphere lively. All law enforcement personnel are admitted free to thank them for the hard work they do to help protect citizens.



Mississippi Symphony "Pepsi Pops" Performance

Mississippi Symphony: "Pepsi Pops"

Old Trace Park in Ridgeland • 601-960-1565
1-800-898-5050 • www.msorchestra.com

This outdoor concert presents popular music for all ages and concludes with a spectacular fireworks display over the reservoir. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Admission. Concessions.

Trail of Honor

JPD Pistol Range, 3509 I-55 South
601-372-5770 • www.trailofhonor.org

Three-day, living history tribute to veterans of all American wars from 1776 to Operation Freedom. Reenactments, modern armor displays, weapons, military helicopters, performances by the Army Aviation Foundation and more for the entire family. Free.



Trail of Honor

JUNE

Mississippi Farmers' Market

939 High Street • 601-359-1163
www.msfarmersmarket.com

Shop for fresh, Mississippi-grown produce in its peak season. Sample local food specialties, plants and crafts.

USA International Ballet Competition (2014)

Thalia Mara Hall and ancillary venues
601-355-9853 • www.usaibc.com

During two weeks, every four years, the USA International Ballet Competition (IBC) brings the world to Jackson. Dancers come to compete for prizes, study with master teachers, and sign contracts with professional ballet companies. Visitors enjoy the world's best dance performances. The USA IBC is the official IBC in the US by a 1982 Joint Resolution of Congress. The next USA IBC takes place June 12-27, 2010.

JULY

Fourth of July Celebration at The Cedars on Old Canton Road

601-981-9606

An afternoon of BBQ, an artists market, music, and beverages. Free.

Ice Cream Safari

Jackson Zoo
601-352-2581 • www.jacksonzoo.com

Visit the animals and enjoy special "animal-flavored" ice cream such as Chinchilla Vanilla, Beary Cherry, and Cheetah Chip Cookie Dough served up by local celebrities. Admission.

National Barrel Horse World Youth Championships

Mississippi State Fairgrounds
706-823-3728 • www.nbha.com

The National Barrel Horse Association is the largest barrel racing organization in the world. Riders of all skill levels race for money and prizes in an exciting competition that offers fine family entertainment.

Old-Fashioned 4th of July Celebration

Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum
601-713-3365 • www.mdac.state.ms.us

This family event includes pony rides, train rides, carousel rides, games and prizes, free watermelon, musical entertainment, and other fun activities for the kids. Admission.

Tougaloo Art Colony
Historic Tougaloo College Campus

601-977-7839 • www.tougaloo.edu

A week-long indulgence in the visual arts for artists, art educators, and art students on the campus.



Tougaloo Art

AUGUST

Bright Lights, Belhaven Nights

The Historic Belhaven Neighborhood • 601-352-8850

Enjoy an evening street festival celebrating Jackson’s unique Belhaven neighborhood. Belhaven’s Carlisle Street is “lit up” with art, children’s events, vendors, one-act plays, musical acts, food and libations. Admission.



Bright Lights, Belhaven Nights

Mississippi Animal Rescue League Annual Fur Ball

601-607-3411

This is a benefit for the Mississippi Animal Rescue League. Be entertained by music, a silent auction of celebrity-signed dog bones and dancing while supporting our four-legged friends. Admission.

Mississippi Wildlife Extravaganza

Mississippi Trade Mart • 601-354-7051

Lovers of the great outdoors, hunters, fishermen, and other nature enthusiasts of all ages enjoy the state’s largest wildlife trade show featuring a large selection of outdoor wear, equipment, and more. Admission.

SEPTEMBER

CelticFest Mississippi

Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum
 601-713-3365
 1-800-844-8687
www.celticfest.org

Immerse yourself in Celtic art, music, and culture. The event also features educational workshops, family and children’s activities, and plenty of food. Admission.



Celtic Fest

Farish Street Heritage Festival

Farish Street Historic District in downtown Jackson • 601-948-5667 • farishstfestival.com

The second-oldest African-American community festival in the state of Mississippi features live entertainment from national, regional, and local performers. There are arts and crafts, a Kiddy Cottage, “soul food,” and other ethnic delicacies. Admission.

Symphony at Sunset

The Cedars, on Old Canton Road • 601-981-9606

Enjoy an evening under the stars on the grounds of the historic Cedars house, circa 1840. A Mississippi Symphony Orchestra outdoor concert provides the entertainment. Bring blankets, chairs, picnics, and beverages for a pops performance. The Cedars also hosts an art show. Free.



Family Activities at WellsFest

WellsFest

Jamie Fowler Boyll Park • 601-353-0658

A family festival held to benefit a different non-profit service organization each year. Activities include a 5K race, fun walk, food, children’s

games, arts and crafts, silent auction, and plenty of live music by area entertainers. Admission.

ZooParty

601-352-2582 • www.jacksonzoo.com

The wildest party in town! This black-tie fundraiser is an adult evening under the stars at the Jackson Zoo. Offering food from Jackson's finest restaurants, live music, and exotic silent auction items from local merchants. Admission.

OCTOBER

Bagwell Antiques Show

Mississippi Trade Mart

662-844-3095 • 662-231-9654

Mississippi's premier antiques event, featuring over 75 antique dealers from 20 states. Furniture, decorative accessories, estate jewelry, silver, collectibles, textiles, porcelain, and books. Admission.

Canton Flea Market

Canton, Mississippi

601-859-8055 • 1-800-844-3369

SEE MAY.

Boo at the Zoo

601-352-2581 • www.jacksonzoo.com

For little Trick-or-Treaters, the Jackson Zoo is the place to be! Kids love the "unscary" family activities. Admission.

Halloween Carnival

Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum

601-713-3365 • www.mdac.state.ms.us

Children of all ages can enjoy ghostly rides, a haunted farm, fortune telling, a nature trail, magic show, and trick-or-treat goodies. Admission.



Mississippi State Fair

Mississippi State Fair

Mississippi State Fairgrounds • 601-961-4000

One of the South's largest fairs boasts amusement rides, concessions, entertainment by national recording artists, a variety of agricultural and livestock competitions, exhibits, and educational demonstrations. Admission.

Mississippi Watercolor Society Grand National Exhibition

Mississippi Museum of Art

601-960-1515 • www.msmuseumart.org

The exhibition includes more than 60 works from artists across the country in various water-based media. Organized in conjunction with the Mississippi Watercolor Society. Admission.

OUToberfest

www.outoberfest.com

A celebration of the Mississippi lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender/transsexual community showcasing many local and national organizations, groups, businesses, artists, musicians and more.

Pumpkin Picking

Mississippi Agricultural & Forestry Museum

601-713-3365 • www.mdac.state.ms.us

Join a hayride tour of a vegetable garden and children's barnyard, have a snack, and visit the pumpkin patch to pick out your own pumpkin! Admission.



Pumpkin Picking at the MS Agricultural & Forestry Museum

NOVEMBER

Capital City Football Classic

Veterans' Memorial Stadium

601-979-2450 • 601-259-2701

www.ccclassic.com • www.jsums.edu

www.alcornsports.com • www.jsutigers.com

Activities surrounding the Jackson State University and Alcorn State University football game include a scholarship banquet, Miss Capital City Classic pageant, pep rally, Greek step show, and Battle of the Bands.

Fondren Unwrapped

The Fondren Historic Neighborhood
601-981-9606 • www.fondren.org

Typically held the Thursday before Thanksgiving, the merry merchants of Fondren host this annual open house party to welcome the Christmas season by extending their hours for shopping, food, drink, and music. Free.

Handworks Holiday Market

Mississippi Trade Mart
601-981-1052 • www.handworksmarket.com

Shop for fine arts and crafts by Mississippi and regional artisans. Home and garden accessories are also available. Admission.

Harvest Festival

Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum
601-713-3365 • www.mdac.state.ms.us

At harvest time, observe the operation of the cotton gin, sawmill, cane mill, and blacksmith shop. Admission includes tour of the Museum.

Mistletoe Marketplace

Mississippi Trade Mart
601-948-2357 • 1-800-380-2870
www.mistletoemarketplace.com

A three-day holiday shopping extravaganza spotlights more than 100 merchants from across the nation. Special events occur each day. Concessions. Admission.

DECEMBER

Annual Christmas Tree Festival

Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center
601-960-1457

A showcase of various civic, social, and religious organizations' creatively decorated Christmas trees. Each year's festival conveys a special theme. Free.

Ballet Magnificat!

A Christmas Dream

Thalia Mara Hall • 255 East Pascagoula
601-977-1001 • www.balletmagnificat.com

The liturgical touring company is joined by their School of the Arts students in the group's

traditional holiday performance. Call for information and tickets.



Ballet Mississippi's Presentation of "The Nutcracker"

Ballet Mississippi: The Nutcracker

Thalia Mara Hall • 255 East Pascagoula
601-960-1560 • www.balletms.com

The beloved classic Christmas story of Clara, the nutcracker, and their adventures in the Land of Sweets comes to life each year at Thalia Mara Hall. Guest professional artists appear with the Ballet Mississippi School company directed by David Keary. Evening and matinee performances provide magical family entertainment. Call for reserved tickets.

Belhaven Singing Christmas Tree

Belhaven University soccer bowl
601-968-5930 • www.belhaven.edu

A Belhaven tradition since 1933, the Singing Christmas Tree is an outdoor choral performance of the season's favorite Christmas carols and songs. Bring blankets and lawn chairs. Free.

Chimneyville Crafts Festival

Mississippi Trade Mart
601-856-7546 • www.mscraftsmenguild.org

At this ultimate Christmas shopping spree, works by hundreds of juried craftsmen from throughout the Southeast are exhibited, demonstrated, and sold. Find crafts in wood, pottery, glass, fiber, metal, basketry, jewelry, and more. Admission.



Chimneyville Crafts Festival

Christmas at the Governor's Mansion

601-359-6421 • www.mdab.state.ms.us

The Mansion is beautifully decorated with

traditional holiday greenery and fruit for regular morning tours on Tuesday through Friday. Call for tour times. Free.



A Christmas Carol

A Christmas Carol

*New Stage Theatre • 1100 Carlisle Street
601-948-3531 • www.newstagetheatre.com*

New Stage’s classic version was recognized as one of five outstanding productions across the country by USA Weekend. Set in Victorian London, it is a holiday family tradition. Admission.

City of Jackson Christmas Parade

Downtown Jackson

601-960-1084 • www.city.jackson.ms.us

Usher in the Yuletide Season at the annual Christmas Parade held the first Saturday in December. After the parade, gather at City Hall for the tree lighting ceremony and musical entertainment. Free.

Community Kwanzaa Celebration

Medgar Evers Community Center • 601-960-1741

Kwanzaa is a seven-day celebration of cultural fellowship and brotherhood, which focuses on the heritage of African-Americans. Call for details.



A visit with Santa

Historic Christmas at The Oaks

*Oaks House Museum • 823 North Jefferson Street
601-353-9339 • www.theoakshousemuseum.org*

Experience an authentic Victorian Christmas that includes 1850s entertainment and decorations typical of that period in Jackson’s history. Free.

Mississippi State Kennel Club Magnolia Christmas Classic

Mississippi State Fairgrounds

<http://msstatekc.org/eventsandshows.html>

Two American Kennel Club championship point shows and obedience trials are held each year in conjunction with two Brandon Kennel Club shows in Jackson. The four-day, “Magnolia Christmas Classic” gives audiences and dog lovers a chance to watch the state’s top dogs in action!



Top dogs at the Christmas Classic

Old Jackson Christmas by Candlelight Tour

*Mississippi State Capitol, Governor’s Mansion,
and Mansion House Museum
601-576-6920 • www.mdah.state.ms.us*

Catch the Christmas spirit in Jackson’s most historic buildings. Walk through candlelit rooms filled with nostalgic Victorian decorations. Concerts, refreshments, and trolley rides add to the holiday spirit. Free.

Puppet Wonderland

Millsaps College • 601-977-9840

The Mississippi Puppetry Guild in cooperation with the Millsaps College Department of Theater presents “Peter and the Wolf” and “The Nutcracker Sweets.” Admission.

For many more events,
please visit our website at
www.visitjackson.com

GO FROM BALLET TO DOWN-HOME BLUES.

PERFORMING ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

BALLET MAGNIFICAT

5406 I-55 North • 601-977-1001
www.balletmagnificat.com

Ballet Magnificat is a classical ballet company with a religious focus. The company is sponsored by churches, educational foundations, and arts councils. It tours throughout the world.

BALLET MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi Arts Center
201 East Pascagoula Street • 601-960-1560
www.balletms.com

Ballet Mississippi is one of Jackson's premiere performing arts organizations providing educational outreach and the Ballet Mississippi School to expose Mississippi students to the beauty and artistry of ballet. The company's professionally trained dancers perform "The Nutcracker" each winter and present a special Spring Gala performance as well. Guest choreographers are invited to stage their work. Ballet Mississippi now partners with Millsaps College, offering a credit course in ballet.

COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S THEATRE

1000 Monroe Street • P. O. Box 4403 • 601-354-1191

Community Children's Theatre is a 50-year-old volunteer organization that annually produces a play for area children. Members select the play, build sets, gather props, rehearse, make costumes, work spotlights, arrange the schedule, and otherwise work their hearts out for the 10,000 plus children who see the play each winter.

FONDREN THEATRE WORKSHOP

www.fondrentheatreworkshop.org

The Fondren Theatre Workshop is dedicated to building a theatre community with an emphasis on sharing the creative process by giving workshops and performances year-round.

JACKSON CHORAL SOCIETY

P. O. Box 4211 • Fondren Station • 769-218-0427
www.jacksonchoralsociety.org

The Jackson Choral Society includes people from all walks of life who enjoy performing fine choral works. Some are professional musicians, but most are people who just enjoy singing.

METROPOLITAN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA SOCIETY

3615 Hawthorne Drive • 601-366-3457

The Society provides Central Mississippi audiences with concerts of quality classical music in a chamber orchestra setting. It gives community members the opportunity to perform classical music, and it gives individuals the opportunity to solo with an orchestra.



Mississippi Chorus with the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra

MISSISSIPPI CHORUS

787 East Northside Drive • 601-278-3354
www.mschorus.org

Enjoy the work of this volunteer group of dedicated singers as they reveal the passion and intricacy of timeless music during each year's season of public concerts. Experience the music as an audience member or as a member of the chorus as it keeps beautiful music alive through local, national and international performances.

MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY SYMPHONIC BAND

601-601-2786 • www.mcsb.us/

The Mississippi Community Symphonic Band is an organization of over 70 volunteer wind and percussion instrumentalists. The band, along with the Mississippi Swing jazz band, performs five main pops concerts and a number of by-request concerts each year, all for the sheer joy of bringing great music to the community. The band includes players of all ages and

backgrounds, and the main concerts are always free. It frequently premieres new works and features local musicians.

MISSISSIPPI METROPOLITAN BALLET

110 Homestead Drive, Madison
601-853-4508 • www.msmetroballer.com

The Mississippi Metropolitan Ballet is a non-profit regional ballet company in neighboring Madison, Mississippi, that provides professional dance training and performance opportunities for serious students. Mississippi Metropolitan Ballet offers work of the highest artistic quality for the Metro Jackson area with the Nutcracker and a Spring Gala performance given every year at Thalia Mara Hall.

MISSISSIPPI MURDER MYSTERIES

601-331-4045 • www.missmurdermystery.com

Mississippi Murder Mysteries, a Stewart Production Company, is a group of professional actors, presenting comedic murder mystery style dinner theatre. An evening with the Mississippi Murder Mysteries troupe provides adult audiences with a night of hilarious, original entertainment while enjoying fine dining experiences at local restaurants.

MISSISSIPPI OPERA

Mississippi Arts Center
201 East Pascagoula Street • P. O. Box 1551
601-960-1528 • Box Office 601-960-2300
www.msopera.org

The Mississippi Opera produces and presents a season of Grand Opera and a variety of other opera/musical theater, recital, and special events. Acclaimed by national and international critics, Mississippi Opera attracts audiences from throughout the region and serves Mississippi through touring and education productions.

MISSISSIPPI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Mississippi Arts Center
201 East Pascagoula Street • P.O. Box 205
601-960-1565 • www.msorchestra.com

The largest performing arts organization in Mississippi, MSO exists to enrich the quality of life and enliven the spirit of all Mississippians with live performance grounded in artistic excellence. MSO partners with innovative educators and practices sound fiscal management. The Symphony performs for approximately 400,000 Mississippians each year either as a full orchestra, a touring orchestra, or a chamber orchestra.

MISSISSIPPI PUPPETRY GUILD

1927 Springridge Drive • 601-956-3414

The Mississippi Puppetry Guild is a professional puppet theatre company organized in 1967. Performances combine arts, education, and entertainment. The Puppet Arts Theatre tours Mississippi and the Southeast.

NEW STAGE THEATRE

1100 Carlisle Street • 601-948-3531
www.newstageatheatre.com

New Stage Theatre, founded in 1965, is Mississippi's only professional theater and produces a full season of shows from September to June. New Stage also boasts a dynamic education department dedicated to keeping theatre imaginative, creative, and vital to students across Mississippi. New Stage Theatre is committed to cultivating and educating a culturally-diverse audience through its play selection, casting, artistic staffing, and educational outreach programs.

USA INTERNATIONAL BALLET COMPETITION, INC.

P. O. Box 3696 • 601-355-9853
www.usaibc.com

One of the world's most prestigious dance events, the USA International Ballet Competition (USA IBC) is a two-week "olympic style" competition where tomorrow's ballet stars vie for gold, silver, and bronze medals, cash awards, and scholarships. Designated as the official USA Competition by a Joint Resolution of Congress, the USA IBC is held every four years, in the tradition of sister competitions in Varna, Bulgaria and Moscow, Russia. Audiences and participants alike enjoy a festival of ancillary events, such as the International Dance School, regional ballet company performances, dance films and dance workshops.



Performance at the 2010 USA IBC

MORE CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Guild of Organists .....	.601-362-3235
Eudora Welty Library System .....	.601-968-5811
Greater Jackson Arts Council .....	.601-960-1557
<i>www.jacksonartscouncil.org</i>	
Hinds Community College .....	.601-857-3321
<i>www.hinds.cc.ms.us</i>	
Jackson Arts Collective .....	.601-497-7454
Jackson Public School's Academic & Performing Arts Complex (APAC) Performing Arts Division	.601-960-5387
Mississippi Academy of Ancient Music .....	.601-852-4848
<i>revolvingpaintdream.com/ancientmusic</i>	
Mississippi Artists Guild .....	.601-373-1110
Mississippi Arts Commission .....	.601-359-6030
<i>www.arts.state.ms.us</i>	
Mississippi Department of Archives & History .....	.601-576-6850
<i>www.mdab.state.ms.us</i>	
Mississippi Humanities Council .....	.601-432-6752
<i>www.ms humanities.org</i>	
Mississippi Mass Choir .....	.601-366-8863
<i>www.themississippimasschoir.com</i>	
Mississippi Poetry Society .....	.601-856-3635
Mississippi Writers Association .....	.601-352-6864
Puppet Arts Theatre .....	.601-956-3414
Very Special Arts of Mississippi .....	.601-713-3311
W. Kessler, Ltd. ....	.601-981-1847
<i>www.kesslerbroadway.com</i>	

America's Best Inn

2450 Highway 80 West
601-353-0340
♿ 38 Rooms • Exit 42B

America's Best Value Inn

2655 I-55 South
601-372-1006 • 1-800-800-8000
75 Rooms • Exit 92A

Baymont Inn

5709 I-55 North
601-206-1616 • 1-800-424-6423
♿ 121 Rooms

Best Value Inn & Suites

5035 I-55 North
601-982-1011
♿ 120 Rooms • Exit 100

Best Western Executive Inn

725 Larson Street
601-969-6555 • 1-800-WESTERN
♿ 62 Rooms

Best Western Jackson North

593 Beasley Road
601-956-8686 • 1-800-528-1234
♿ 60 Rooms

Budget Inn

1525 Ellis Avenue
601-944-1150 • 1-800-265-9399
199 Rooms • Exit 42B

Cabot Lodge Millsaps

2375 North State Street
601-948-8650 • 1-800-874-4737
♿ 205 Rooms • Exit 98A

Clarion Hotel, The Roberts Walthall

225 East Capitol Street
601-948-6161 • 1-800-932-6161
♿ 208 Rooms • Exit 96A

Coliseum Inn & Suites

614 Monroe Street
601-352-8282
♿ 51 Rooms • Exit 96B

Comfort Inn Southwest

2800 Greenway Drive
601-922-5600 • 1-800-228-5150
♿ 76 Rooms • Exit 40A

Courtyard by Marriott

6280 Ridgewood Court
601-956-9991 • 1-800-321-2211
♿ 117 Rooms • Exit 102B

Days Inn-Coliseum

804 Larson Street
601-352-7387 • 1-800-329-7466
♿ 48 Rooms • Exit 96B

Days Inn Southwest

2616 Highway 80 West
601-969-5511 • 1-800-DAYS-INN
♿ 50 Rooms • Exit 42B

E.com Lodge

3880 I-55 South, Savannah Street
601-373-1244
♿ 80 Rooms • Exit 90A

Extended Stay Deluxe

572 Beasley Road
601-206-5757 • 1-800-257-3000
♿ 94 Suites

Extended Stay of America

5354 I-55 North
601-956-4312 • 1-800-EXT-STAY
♿ 108 Rooms • Exit 100

Fairfield Inn by Marriott

5723 I-55 North
601-957-8557 • 1-800-228-2800
♿ 79 Rooms • Exit 102


Fairview Inn (Bed & Breakfast)

734 Fairview Street
601-948-3429 • 1-888-948-1908
♿ 17 Rooms • Exit 98A

Hampton Inn & Suites

320 Greymont Avenue
601-352-1700 • 1-800-HAMPTON
♿ 80 Rooms, 31 Suites • Exit 96B

Hampton Inn North

465 Briarwood Drive
601-956-3611 • 1-800-HAMPTON
 119 Rooms • Exit 102


Hill Top Inn

1065 S. Frontage Rd, I-20
601-354-4455
65 Rooms • Exit 44A


**Hilton Garden Inn Jackson/
Downtown (formerly the
Historic King Edward Hotel)**

235 West Capital Street
601-353-5464 • 1-800-HILTONS
 186 Rooms • Exit 96A


Hilton Jackson

1001 East County Line Road
601-957-2800 • 1-888-263-0524
 273 Rooms • Exit 103


In-Town Suites

5731 I-55 North • 601-957-6833
 131 Rooms

Inn Place Suites

881 East River Place
601-355-3599 • 1-800-331-3131
 120 Rooms • Exit 96C


Inns of USA

4641 I-55 North
601-981-3320
 65 Rooms • Exit 100

Jackson Hotel and Suites

310 Greymont Avenue
601-948-4466
 107 Rooms • Exit 96B

Jackson Inn

5075 I-55 North
601-366-9411 • 1-800-611-9151
222 Rooms • Exit 102A



Jackson Inns and Suites

5411 I-55 North
601-899-9000 • 1-800-BEST-INN
103 Rooms • Exit 100


Jackson Marriott-Downtown

200 East Amite Street
601-969-5100
 303 Rooms • Exit 98B

Jameson Inn

585 Beasley Road
601-206-8923 • 1-800-526-3766
 67 Rooms

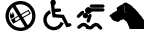
La Quinta Inn North

616 Briarwood Drive
601-957-1741 • 1-800-531-5900
 144 Rooms • Exit 102A


Metro Inn

1520 Ellis Avenue
601-355-7483 • 1-800-542-2923
 146 Rooms • Exit 42B


Motel 6

6145 I-55 North
601-956-8848 • 1-800-466-8356
 100 Rooms • Exit 103

Old Capitol Inn (Boutique Hotel)

226 North State Street
601-359-9000 • 1-888-359-9001
 24 Rooms • Exit 96A

Parkside Inn

3720 I-55 North
601-982-1122
 95 Rooms • Exit 98B




**Poindexter Park Inn
(Bed & Breakfast)**

803 Deer Park Street
601-944-1392
5 Rooms



Quality Inn

400 Greymont Avenue
601-969-2230 • 1-800-300-8800
     135 Rooms • Exit 96B

Red Roof Inn Fairgrounds

700 Larson Street • 601-969-5006
1-800-THE-ROOF (1-800-843-7663)
   116 Rooms • Exit 96B

Regal Inn

1651 Terry Road • 601-355-0753
  110 Rooms • Exit 43B




Regency Hotel & Convention Center

400 Greymont Avenue • 601-969-2141
141 Rooms • Exit 96B
     





Regency Inn

1714 Highway 80 West • 601-354-4931
70 Rooms • Exit 32B



Scottish Inn

2620 Highway 80 West
601-354-3900
   52 Rooms • Exit 42B





Select 10 Motel North

4639 I-55 North
601-982-1044 • 1-800-800-8000
    88 Rooms • Exit 100

Sleep Inn & Suites

209 South Gallatin Street
601-896-0390
  68 Rooms • I-20 Exit 44A;
I-55 Exit 96A



Studio 6

5925 I-55 North
601-956-9988 • 1-800-557-3435
    70 Rooms • Exit 103

Super 8

2355 Hwy 80 West
601-948-0680 • 1-800-800-8000
53 Rooms • Exit 42B

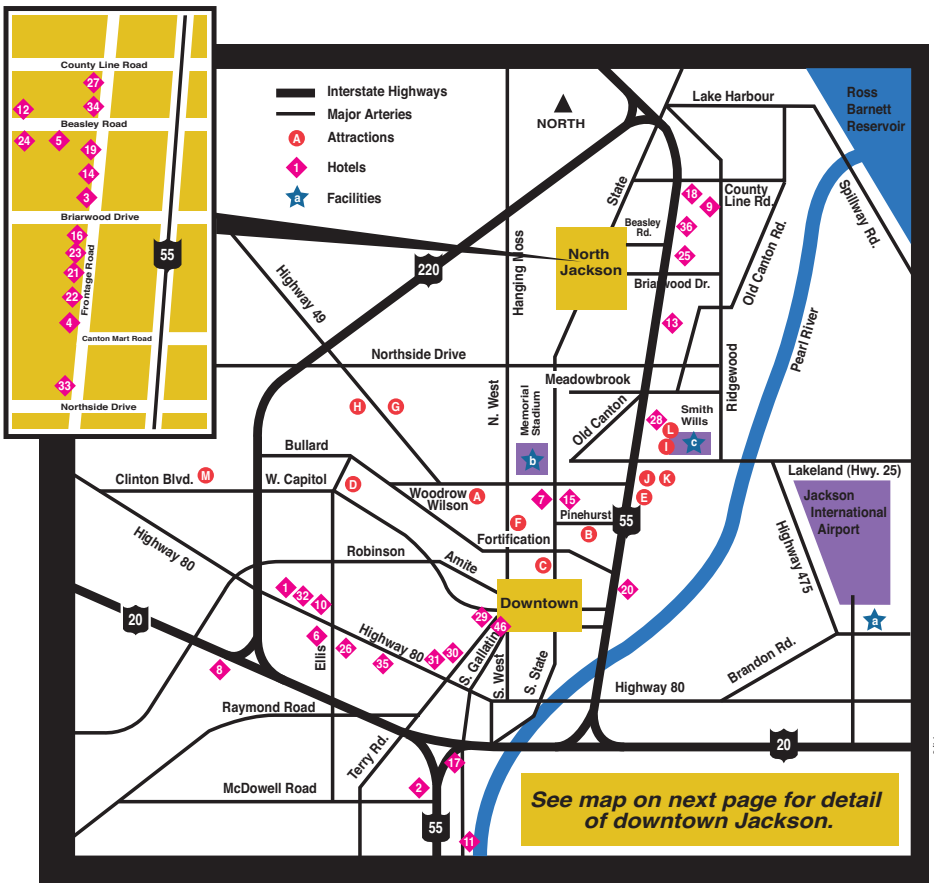
Super 8 North

6058 I-55 North
601-956-9986 • 1-800-272-6233
  58 Rooms • Exit 102

Key to Hotel Amenities:

-  Non-smoking Rooms Available
-  Handicap Accessible Rooms
-  Restaurant
-  Lounge
-  Swimming Pool
-  Pet Friendly

NOTE: Hotel information was correct at publication date of March 2011.



JACKSON ATTRACTIONS, SHOPPING & HOTELS

Attractions

- A. The City of Jackson Fire Museum & Public Fire Safety Education Center
- B. Eudora Welty House & Garden
- C. Jackson Municipal Art Gallery
- D. Jackson Zoological Park
- E. LeFleur's Bluff State Park
- F. Mansion House
- G. Medgar Evers Home
- H. Medgar Evers Library/Statue
- I. Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum/ National Agricultural Aviation Museum
- J. Mississippi Children's Museum
- K. Mississippi Museum of Natural Science
- L. Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame & Museum
- M. Mynelle Gardens

Hotels

- 1. America's Best Inn 601-353-0340
- 2. America's Best Value Inn 601-372-1006
- 3. Baymont Inn 601-206-1616
- 4. Best Value Inn & Suites 601-982-1011
- 5. Best Western Jackson North • 601-956-8686
- 6. Budget Inn 601-944-1150
- 7. Cabot Lodge Millsaps 601-948-8650
- 8. Comfort Inn Southwest 601-922-5600
- 9. Courtyard by Marriott 601-956-9991
- 10. Days Inn Southwest 601-969-5511
- 11. E.com Lodge 601-373-1244
- 12. Extended Stay Deluxe 601-206-5757
- 13. Extended Stay of America • 601-956-4312

- 14. Fairfield Inn by Marriott 601-957-8557
- 15. Fairview Inn (Bed & Breakfast) 601-948-3429
- 16. Hampton Inn North 601-956-3611
- 17. Hill Top Inn 601-354-4455
- 18. Hilton Jackson 601-957-2800
- 19. In-Town Suites 601-957-6833
- 20. Inn Place Suites 601-355-3599
- 21. Inns of USA 601-981-3320
- 22. Jackson Inn 601-366-9411
- 23. Jackson Inns and Suites 601-899-9000
- 24. Jameson Inn 601-206-8923
- 25. La Quinta Inn North 601-957-1741
- 26. Metro Inn 601-355-7483
- 27. Motel 6 • 601-956-8848
- 28. Parkside Inn 601-982-1122
- 29. Poindexter Park Inn (Bed & Breakfast) 601-944-1392
- 30. Regal Inn 601-355-0753
- 31. Regency Inn 601-354-4931
- 32. Scottish Inn 601-354-3900
- 33. Select 10 Motel North 601-982-1044
- 34. Studio 6 • 601-956-9988
- 35. Super 8 • 601-948-0680
- 36. Super 8 North 601-956-9986

Facilities

- a. Jackson-Evers International Airport 601-939-5631
- b. Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium 601-354-6021
- c. Smith-Wills Stadium 601-362-2294

*See downtown map on next page for detail



● DOWNTOWN ATTRACTIONS

- N. Arts Center of Mississippi
- O. City Hall
- P. Greenwood Cemetery
- Q. The International Museum of Muslim Cultures
- R. Mississippi Farmers Market
- S. Mississippi Governor's Mansion
- T. Mississippi Museum of Art
- U. Mississippi State Capitol
- V. The Oaks House Museum
- W. The Old Capitol Museum
- X. Russell C. Davis Planetarium/
Ronald E. McNair Space Theater
- Y. Smith Robertson Museum &
Cultural Center
- Z. War Memorial Building
- ZZ. William F. Winter Archives &
History Building

◆ DOWNTOWN HOTELS

- 37. Best Western Executive Inn
- 38. Clarion Hotel, The Roberts Walthall
- 39. Coliseum Inn & Suites
- 40. Days Inn–Coliseum
- 41. Hampton Inn & Suites
- 42. Hilton Garden Inn Jackson/Downtown
(formerly the Historic King Edward Hotel)
- 43. Jackson Hotel and Suites
- 44. Jackson Marriott–Downtown
- 45. Old Capitol Inn (Boutique Hotel)
- 46. Quality Inn
- 47. Red Roof Inn Fairgrounds
- 48. Regency Hotel & Convention Center
- 49. Sleep Inn & Suites • 601-896-0390

★ DOWNTOWN FACILITIES

- d. Jackson Convention Complex
- e. Mississippi State Coliseum
- f. Mississippi State Fairgrounds
- g. Mississippi Trade Mart
- h. Thalia Mara Hall
- i. Union Station

THERE'S NO BETTER PLACE TO MEET AND GREET.

The City with Soul offers a world of possibilities for your next meeting, conference, or convention. With over 5,000 hotel rooms, over 300 restaurants, elegant banquet and convention facilities, and the beautiful new 330,000 square-foot Jackson Convention Complex, we can accommodate everything from board meetings to convention groups of 7,000 – all with the same flair for hospitality that makes our city famous.

Located at the crossroads of I-20 and I-55, Jackson is easily accessible by all modes of transportation and the Jackson-Evers International Airport, our “user friendly” airport, is located only 15 minutes from downtown.

WE'LL MAKE YOUR NEXT CONVENTION LESS TAXING.

Planning a convention in Jackson won't just make you look good. It'll make your bottom line look good, because not only do we have world-class events for your group to enjoy and one-of-a-kind historic attractions to explore, we also offer your group a fairly low tax rate. Jackson has one of the lowest tourism taxes in the region, and the Jackson Convention and Visitors Bureau offers one of the best free services packages for meetings in the nation. All these attributes make Jackson one very affordable, accessible, and accommodating place.

HERE ARE A FEW MORE PERKS WE PROVIDE, FREE OF CHARGE.

- Site inspections for qualified meeting and convention planners
- Assistance with program and excursion planning
- Registration assistance
- Area pamphlets, brochures, and maps
- Canvassing of local hotels/motels for available rooms and meeting space for your convention
- News releases
- Photographs and printed materials for use in preparing your organization's publications
- An official invitation and welcome
- Attendance promotion

For information on complementary services for your next convention or group tour,
call (601) 960-1891 or 1-800-354-7695.

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