

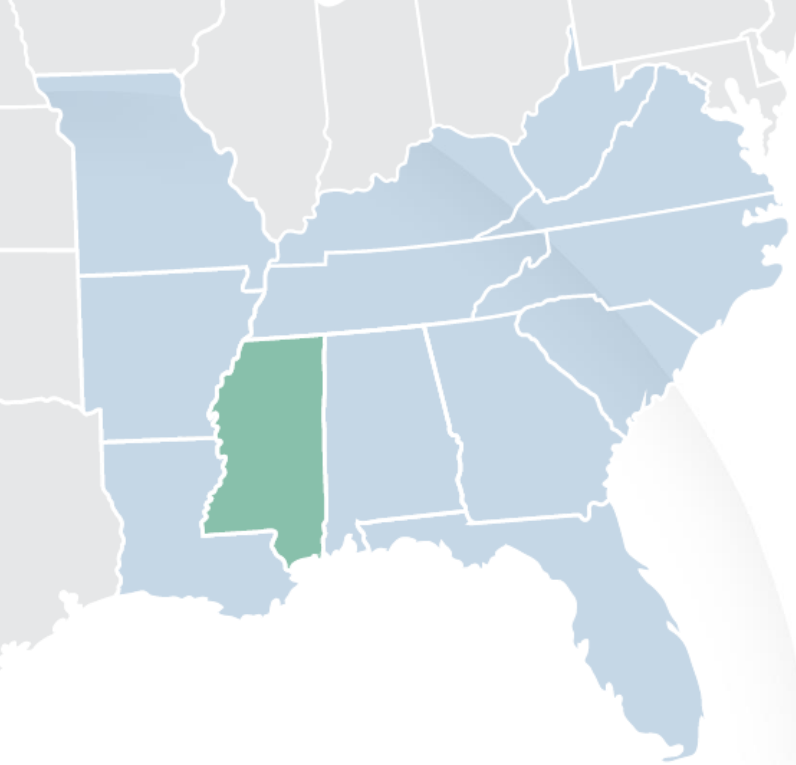
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In 2022, **24 million** domestic and international travelers visited Mississippi, spending **\$7.1 billion**, which supported more than **80,517** jobs with a payroll of **\$1.9 billion**, and generated more than **\$461.2 million** in state tax revenues, according to research compiled by Visit Mississippi. These numbers are substantial but they don't tell the whole story. Communities across Mississippi are promoting their cultural, natural, and historic assets to tell their stories, deliver remarkable travel experiences, and drive economic vitality.

The key segments that make tourism an engine of growth for Mississippi, include:

National Park Service: There are **10** national parks in Mississippi:

- Brices Cross Roads National Battlefield Site
- Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument
- Gulf Islands National Seashore (runs across FL, MS)
- Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home National Monument
- Natchez Historical Park
- Natchez Trace Parkway (runs across AL, MS, TN)
- Natchez Trace National Scenic Trail (runs across AL, MS, TN)
- Shiloh National Military Park (runs across TN, MS)
- Tupelo National Battlefield
- Vicksburg National Military Park (runs across MS, LA)



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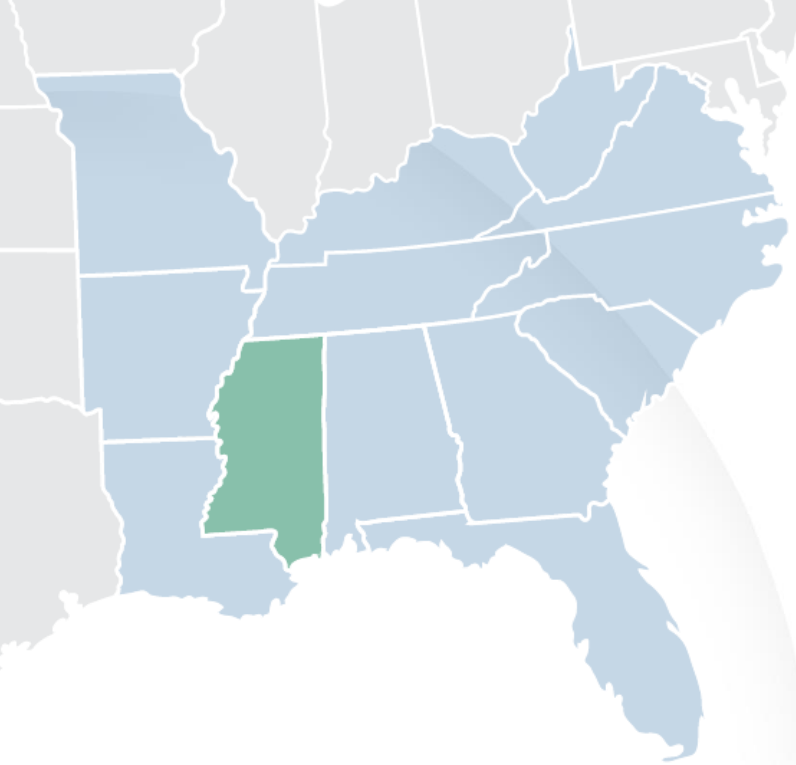
In 2022, **6.9 million** park visitors spent an estimated **\$470 million** in Mississippi's gateway communities supporting a total of **6,680** jobs with a payroll of **\$190 million**, according to the *National Park Service Visitor Spending Effects Report*.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Recreation: USACE is one of the nation's leading providers of outdoor recreation. In Mississippi, it manages **6** lakes:

- Arkabutla Lake
- Enid Lake
- Grenada Lake
- Okatibbee Lake
- Sardis Lake
- Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway

On these waterways, USACE maintains:

- **172** recreation areas
- **1,353** picnic sites
- **1,797** camping sites
- **73** playgrounds
- **29** swimming areas
- **29** trails
- **101** trail miles
- **55** fishing docks and piers
- **122** boat ramps
- **641** marina slips



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In 2022, these natural and recreation sites attracted **4.4 million** visitors, who spent **\$256.5 million** in Mississippi's gateway communities, supporting a total of **1,650** jobs with a payroll of **\$52.6 million**.

U.S. Forest Service: There are **6** national forests in Mississippi:

- De Soto
- Bienville
- Holly Springs
- Delta
- Tombigbee
- Homochitto
- Piney Grove Island

These forests provide clean air and water, preserve cultural resources and conserve lands for the enjoyment of present and future generations, and support the economies of gateway communities through recreation, timber, energy, and minerals. According to U.S. Forest Service research, these forests annually contribute **\$101.8 million** to Mississippi's GDP and support **1,360** jobs with a payroll of **\$65.5 million**.

Mississippi also showcases its cultural, historic, and scenic resources and shares its unique contribution to the American story through three congressionally-designated National Heritage Areas:

- Mississippi Delta National Heritage Area
- Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area
- Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area