



# A GUIDE FOR DOWNTOWN JACKSON *Festivals & Attractions*



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# DOWNTOWN

# festivals & parades

## FEBRUARY

**CHINESE SPRING FESTIVAL** A Chinese cultural event in historic Downtown Jackson celebrating the Lunar New Year in the Asian tradition. Offers stunning visuals and exhibits, traditional food and impressive performances culminated with a dragon-led street parade.

## DIXIE NATIONAL LIVESTOCK SHOW, PARADE & RODEO

The largest rodeo east of the Mississippi River, that brings over 100,000 visitors each year, features a week of livestock shows, equine events, agricultural showcases and world-class rodeo entertainment, followed by a concert each night. Also accompanied by a wagon train, dance and parade!

**MISSISSIPPI BLUES MARATHON** An annual one-of-a-kind Blues marathon supporting the Mississippi Blues Commission. Live music is played before, during and after the event when runners and enthusiasts gather for a huge street party showcasing Jackson and the rich Blues history of our great state.

## MARCH

**HAL'S ST. PADDY'S DAY PARADE & FESTIVAL** This event, often described as "a green Mardi Gras", drawing roughly 75,000 enthusiasts each year, features a parade, 5k, pet parade, kids' activities and street dance!

## AUGUST

**MISSISSIPPI BOOK FESTIVAL** A Literary Lawn Party on the grounds of the State Capitol that draws thousands of literary advocates from Mississippi and beyond. The historic setting, lovely grounds and surrounding streets become a book lover's playground with hundreds of visiting authors, panel discussions, book signings, vendors, Capitol tours, food trucks and family-friendly activities igniting the imagination and setting the stage for a lifelong love of books.

## SEPTEMBER

**PARK(ing) DAY** An annual, open-sourced global event providing collaboration opportunities to bring together

residents, organizations, students, artists and activists to transform parking spaces into "PARK(ing)" spaces: temporary public spaces for one day a year. It has since evolved into a global movement. Musicians, vendors and designers line the streets as the City enjoys the day in the "park".

## OCTOBER

**FARISH STREET HERITAGE FESTIVAL** An annual celebration in the Historic Farish Street District honoring the community's rich and unique heritage. Features several stages of live entertainment, "soul food" and ethnic delicacies as well as art and craft exhibitions from vendors around the world.

**MISSISSIPPI STATE FAIR** One of the South's major fairs averaging over 600,000 in attendance annually. Sitting on over 100 acres, the event features livestock shows, live entertainment, circus acts, creative art competitions, carnival rides and delicious fair food coupled with over 120,000 square feet of exhibitions.

## NOVEMBER

**CHIMNEYVILLE CRAFTS FESTIVAL** Held the first weekend after Thanksgiving, the festival provides an extraordinary selection of original pieces created by the Craftsmens Guild of Mississippi. The three-day event features live demos of traditional and contemporary craft, special programs and live music.

**INTERNATIONAL GUMBO FESTIVAL** An international, family-friendly festival featuring a blind-judge gumbo cookoff to name the "International Gumbo Festival Champion", with a fantastic live music line up throughout the day.

## DECEMBER

**CITY OF JACKSON HOLIDAY PARADE** Each year the City of Jackson kicks off the holidays with an annual Christmas Parade through the streets of Downtown, followed by the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony which includes music, dancing, a visit with Santa Claus and more.



# DOWNTOWN

## attractions

### ALAMO THEATRE

333 N Farish Street  
601.352.3365  
[www.facebook.com/TheAlamoTheater](http://www.facebook.com/TheAlamoTheater)

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### ARTS CENTER OF MISSISSIPPI

201 E Pascagoula Street  
601.960.1537

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### EUDORA WELTY LIBRARY

300 N State Street  
601.968.5809  
[www.jhlibrary.com/caledar-for-location/Eudora-Welty-Library/201904](http://www.jhlibrary.com/caledar-for-location/Eudora-Welty-Library/201904)

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### FARISH STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Farish\\_Street\\_Neighborhood\\_Historic\\_District](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Farish_Street_Neighborhood_Historic_District)

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### HILL-HOLLY BUILDING

300 N Farish Street  
769.216.2026  
[www.thehollyfoundation.org](http://www.thehollyfoundation.org)

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### INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM OF MUSLIM CULTURES

201 E Pascagoula Street  
601.960.0440  
[www.immuslimcultures.org](http://www.immuslimcultures.org)

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### JACKSON CITY HALL

219 S President Street  
601.960.1037

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### MERCI TRAIN

618 E Pearl Street  
601.576.6800  
[www.mercitrain.org/Mississippi](http://www.mercitrain.org/Mississippi)

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### MISSISSIPPI CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM

222 North Street, Ste. 2205  
601.576.6800  
[www.mcrm.mdah.ms.gov](http://www.mcrm.mdah.ms.gov)

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### MISSISSIPPI GOVERNOR'S MANSION

300 E Capitol Street  
601.359.6421  
[www.mdah.ms.gov/new/visit/governors-mansion](http://www.mdah.ms.gov/new/visit/governors-mansion)

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### MISSISSIPPI MUSEUM OF ART

308 S Lamar Street  
601.960.1515  
[www.msmuseumart.org](http://www.msmuseumart.org)

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### MISSISSIPPI STATE CAPITOL

400 High Street  
601.359.3114  
[www.legislature.ms.gov/Pages/History.aspx](http://www.legislature.ms.gov/Pages/History.aspx)

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### MUSEUM OF MISSISSIPPI HISTORY

222 North Street, Ste. 1206  
601.576.6800  
[www.mmh.mdah.ms.gov](http://www.mmh.mdah.ms.gov)

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### OLD CAPITOL MUSEUM

100 State Street  
601.576.6920  
[www.mdah.ms.gov/oldcap](http://www.mdah.ms.gov/oldcap)

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### OLD GREYHOUND BUS DEPOT

219 N Lamar Street  
[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Old\\_Greyhound\\_Bus\\_Station\\_\(Jackson,\\_Mississippi\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Old_Greyhound_Bus_Station_(Jackson,_Mississippi))

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### RUSSELL C. DAVIS PLANETARIUM

201 E Pascagoula Street  
601.960.1552  
[www.jacksonms.gov/index.aspx?nid=142](http://www.jacksonms.gov/index.aspx?nid=142)

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### SMITH PARK

Cornered by Amite & Congress Streets, and Yazoo & West Streets

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### SMITH ROBERTSON MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER

528 Bloom Street  
601.960.1457  
[www.jacksonms.gov/index.aspx?nid=143](http://www.jacksonms.gov/index.aspx?nid=143)

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### THALIA MARA HALL

255 E Pascagoula Street  
601.960.1537  
[www.thaliamarahall.net](http://www.thaliamarahall.net)

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### WAR MEMORIAL BUILDING

120 N State Street  
601.354.7207

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### WELCOME TO JACKSON MURAL

511 E Pearl Street

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### WILLIAM F. WINTER MISSISSIPPI ARCHIVES & HISTORY BUILDING

200 North Street  
601.576.6850  
[www.mdah.ms.gov/new/visit/william-f-winter-building](http://www.mdah.ms.gov/new/visit/william-f-winter-building)



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