

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.



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attractions

ALAMO THEATRE

333 N Farish Street
601.352.3365
www.facebook.com/TheAlamoTheater

ARTS CENTER OF MISSISSIPPI

201 E Pascagoula Street
601.960.1537

EUDORA WELTY LIBRARY

300 N State Street
601.968.5809
www.jhlibrary.com/caledar-for-location/Eudora-Welty-Library/201904

FARISH STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Farish_Street_Neighborhood_Historic_District

HILL-HOLLY BUILDING

300 N Farish Street
769.216.2026
www.thehollyfoundation.org

INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM OF MUSLIM CULTURES

201 E Pascagoula Street
601.960.0440
www.immuslimcultures.org

JACKSON CITY HALL

219 S President Street
601.960.1037

MERCI TRAIN

618 E Pearl Street
601.576.6800
www.mercitrain.org/Mississippi

MISSISSIPPI CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM

222 North Street, Ste. 2205
601.576.6800
www.mcrm.mdah.ms.gov

MISSISSIPPI GOVERNOR'S MANSION

300 E Capitol Street
601.359.6421
www.mdah.ms.gov/new/visit/governors-mansion

MISSISSIPPI MUSEUM OF ART

308 S Lamar Street
601.960.1515
www.msmuseumart.org

MISSISSIPPI STATE CAPITOL

400 High Street
601.359.3114
www.legislature.ms.gov/Pages/History.aspx

MUSEUM OF MISSISSIPPI HISTORY

222 North Street, Ste. 1206
601.576.6800
www.mmh.mdah.ms.gov

OLD CAPITOL MUSEUM

100 State Street
601.576.6920
www.mdah.ms.gov/oldcap

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))

RUSSELL C. DAVIS PLANETARIUM

201 E Pascagoula Street
601.960.1552
www.jacksonms.gov/index.aspx?nid=142

SMITH PARK

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

SMITH ROBERTSON MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER

528 Bloom Street
601.960.1457
www.jacksonms.gov/index.aspx?nid=143

THALIA MARA HALL

255 E Pascagoula Street
601.960.1537
www.thaliamarahall.net

WAR MEMORIAL BUILDING

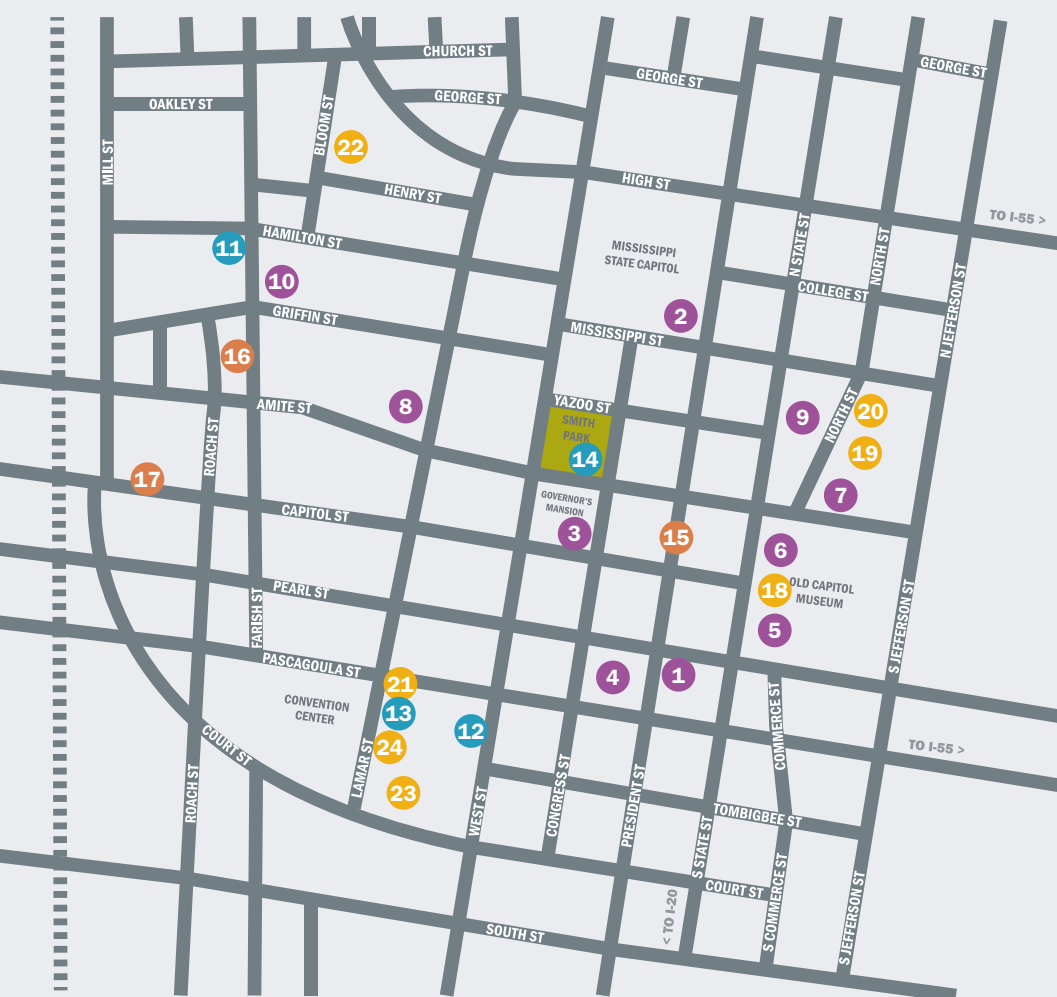
120 N State Street
601.354.7207

WELCOME TO JACKSON MURAL

511 E Pearl Street

WILLIAM F. WINTER MISSISSIPPI ARCHIVES & HISTORY BUILDING

200 North Street
601.576.6850
www.mdah.ms.gov/new/visit/william-f-winter-building



Downtown Attractions

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