

## Touring Areas



Marlsgate Plantation

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Tour a stately columned Greek Revival Mansion shaded by ancient oaks and a pecan grove overlooking the waters of Bearskin Lake.

### Plantation Agriculture Museum

See exhibits that interpret the history of cotton agriculture in Arkansas from statehood in 1863 through World War II, when modern agricultural practices became prevalent.

### Museum of the Arkansas Grand Prairie

This museum features more than 10,000 artifacts and a number of historic outbuildings. Exhibits range from regional waterfowl to agriculture.

### Dale Bumpers National Rice Research Center

Tour this important, state-of-the-art research facility that includes laboratories, seed storage and greenhouses.

### Mack's Prairie Wings

Located in the heart of some of America's best duck hunting, this waterfowl outfitter offers everything from ammunition to duck blinds.

### Mississippi River Parkway Commission

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## Annual Meeting Pricing:

### Delegates (all sessions & meals included):

\$175 – Early Bird - By September 6  
\$200 – After September 6

### One Day (Day of sessions and meals included):

\$100 – Early Bird - By September 6  
\$125 – After September 6

### Spouses/Guest of Delegate (Field education, tours and meals included):

\$125 – Early Bird - By September 6  
\$150 – After September 6

**Remember—September 6 is the deadline for Early Bird pricing.**

## Overnight Accommodations:

### Doubletree Hotel

424 West Markham, Little Rock, AR 72201  
Tel: 501-372-4371 or 800-222-TREE

### Lodging: \$119/night

\* Reserve by September 6. Please mention "Mississippi River Parkway Commission" when making reservations to receive group rate.

\* Complimentary transportation to and from airport  
\* \$7.50/day self-parking

## Travel Information:

### The following airlines service Little Rock National Airport:

American Airlines	Southwest Airlines
Continental Airlines	United Airlines
Delta Airlines	US Airways

### Approximate Driving Distances:

La Crosse, WI	890 miles
St Paul, MN	860 miles
Quad Cities, IA	660 miles
Quincy, IL	530 miles
New Orleans, LA	437 miles
St Louis, MO	400 miles
Clinton, KY	295 miles
Greenville, MS	150 miles
Memphis, TN	139 miles



Don't miss the 2011  
**MRPC Annual Meeting**  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
September 29 - October 1, 2011

### Who Should Attend?

State commissioners, technical members, tourism professionals, Interpretive Center personnel, stakeholders, honorary members and anyone who cares about the Great River Road National Scenic Byway will want to be a part of the 2011 MRPC Annual Meeting in Little Rock.

### Little Rock, Arkansas—

Little Rock is a beautiful community located on the banks of the Arkansas River, a short two-hour drive from Memphis, Tennessee, and the Mississippi River. We've scheduled some opportunities to allow you to get a taste of this community's unique culture, history, agriculture, attractions and cuisine.

**Register today—Complete and return the registration form or register online at [www.mrpcmembers.com/meeting](http://www.mrpcmembers.com/meeting) by September 6 for an early registration discount.**



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Mississippi River Bridge

**Mississippi River Parkway Commission  
2011 MRPC Annual Meeting Agenda**

**Thursday, September 29**

6:30-8pm REGISTRATION (*Hotel Lobby*)

8pm HOSPITALITY

**Friday, September 30**

7am REGISTRATION

7:30-8:30am BOARD MEETING

7:45-8:15am NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

8:30-9am GENERAL SESSION

- Welcomes and Introductions
- National Updates

9:15am BOARD BUSES (*Depart 9:30am*)

9:30am-7:30pm **FIELD EDUCATION, TOURS  
AND MEALS**

- Plantation Agriculture Museum State Park in Scott
- Museum of the Arkansas Grand Prairie in Stuttgart
- Dale Bumpers National Rice Research Center in Stuttgart
- Mack's Prairie Wings, America's Premier Waterfowl Outfitter in Stuttgart
- Marlsgate Plantation in Scott

8pm **HOSPITALITY**

**Saturday, October 1**

6:30-8pm **REGISTRATION**

7:30-8:30am **STATE COMMISSION MEETINGS**

8:30-10am **GENERAL SESSION**

- Arkansas Tourism Welcome
- National Updates
- Arkansas State University Delta Heritage Sites (*including, Johnny Cash Boyhood Home project at Dyess, Arkansas*)- *Dr. Ruth Hawkins*

10am-12:15pm **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
SESSIONS**

12:15-1:30pm **LUNCH AND STATE  
COMMISSION UPDATES**



Johnny Cash Boyhood Home

1:45-3:45pm **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
SESSIONS**

4-5pm **GENERAL SESSION**

- MRPC Business
  - Technical Committee Reports
  - Request for Bylaw Changes
  - Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Officers
- Other Business

5-5:30pm **BOARD MEETING**

6:30-8pm **PILOT'S BANQUET**



Touring the Mississippi River

**Be part of the national discussion...**

- National Scenic Byway Grants
- 75th Anniversary 10-state event
- All-American Road designation



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**Registration Form** (Please print)

To receive **Early Bird Pricing** (marked with an **asterisk\***), reserve your spot for the 2011 MRPC Annual Meeting by completing and submitting a form and fee payment by **September 6**. If paying by check, complete the form below and mail it with your registration fee. You can also register online and submit fee payment through the mail. If paying by credit card, you must fill out the form online at [www.mrpcmembers.com/meeting](http://www.mrpcmembers.com/meeting).

**ALL SESSIONS**

- \$175 Full Days\*** (All Sessions & Meals included)       **\$125\* Spouse/ Guest of Delegate Rate** (Meals included)  
 **\$200 Full Days** (All Sessions & Meals included)       **\$150 Spouse/ Guest of Delegate Rate** (Meals included)

**ONE DAY OF SESSIONS**

- \$100 One Day\*** (Day of Sessions & Meals included)       **\$125 One Day** (Day of Sessions & Meals included)

Check all of the meals you will attend:     Friday Lunch       Friday Dinner       Saturday Lunch       Saturday Dinner

Check here if you prefer a vegetarian meal

Check here if your state commission will be paying your registration fee

Full name (as it should appear on name tag): \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest of Delegate Full name (as it should appear on name tag): \_\_\_\_\_

Which State Commission do you represent? (Circle one)

AR    IL    IA    KY    LA    MN    MS    MO    TN    WI

Are you a first-time attendee?     Yes     No

Will you attend the 7:45-8:15am New Member Orientation on Friday, Sept. 30?     Yes     No

Non-MRPC Delegates, please indicate Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

How many MRPC meetings have you attended in the past?    0 - 3      4 - 8      9 - 12      13 or more

When was the last MRPC meeting you attended? \_\_\_\_\_

On which technical committee do you currently serve?

- Marketing     Culture & Heritage     Transportation     Environment, Recreation and Agriculture     Don't Know

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Our preferred method to send registration confirmations is via e-mail—please include your e-mail address.**

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any special needs you may have related to transportation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any pre-existing medical conditions or food allergies that might require special attention: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **“Mississippi River Parkway Commission.”** Questions? Call the National Office at (866) 763-8310.  
 Cancellations made on or prior to Friday, September 16th will receive a full registration fee refund minus \$20 processing fee.  
 Cancellations made after Friday, September 16th will **not** be eligible for a refund.