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Along the Mighty Mississippi



From its headwaters at Lake Itasca to where it empties into the Gulf of Mexico, the Mississippi River stretches more than 2,300 miles. Its collective stories celebrate the flow of life that has shaped and sustained land, people, fauna, and flora over centuries.

Experience these stories as you drive along the Great River Road National Scenic Byway, which traverses ten states on both sides of the river. Visit our website for the locations of nearly 100 official Interpretive Centers along the way.

The strategic importance of the Mississippi River often has been a factor in historic conflicts. Several Great River Road Interpretive Centers focus on strife in the region.



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Some Suggested Interpretive Centers

Historic Fort Snelling

200 Tower Ave. - Saint Paul, Minnesota - 612.726.1171

historicfortsnelling.org

This landmark sits high on the riverbank above the Mississippi. Visitors learn about the region's history, including the Civil War and the U.S. Dakota War of 1862.

Trail of Tears State Park

429 Moccasin Springs Rd. - Jackson, Missouri - 573.290.5268

mostateparks.com/park/trail-tears-state-park

Located at the site of one of the most tragic events in American history, where nine of the 13 Cherokee Indian groups being relocated to Oklahoma crossed the Mississippi River during harsh winter conditions in 1838-1839.

Columbus-Belmont State Park

350 Park Rd. - Columbus, Kentucky - 270.677.2327

parks.ky.gov/parks

Located on the banks of the Mississippi River, the park is home to a Civil War Museum housed in a farmhouse that was once a Confederate hospital.

Helena Museum of Phillips County

623 Pecan St. - Helena, Arkansas - 870.338.7790

helenamuseum.com

Along with a rich collection of local history exhibits and artifacts, the museum features a diorama that sheds light on the Battle of Helena.

WWII Japanese American Internment Museum

100 S. Railroad St. - McGehee, Arkansas - 870.222.9168

rohwer.astate.edu

Museum remembers the 17,000 Japanese Americans who were forcibly evacuated from their homes and interned at Arkansas camps in Jerome and Rohwer from 1942-45.

Vicksburg National Military Park Visitor Center

3201 Clay St. - Vicksburg, Mississippi - 601.636.0583

nps.gov/vick

Vicksburg was the site of one of the most important battles of the Civil War. The park includes the largest burial site for Union soldiers and sailors.

Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission, aka Grand Gulf Park

12006 Grand Gulf Rd. - Port Gibson, Mississippi - 601.437.5911

grandgulfpark.state.ms.us

This 400-acre park preserves the memory of the Civil War Battle that took place on the site.

Port Hudson State Historic Site

236 Hwy. 61 - Jackson, Louisiana - 888.677.3400

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The 1893 siege of Port Hudson led to some of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War. It became the longest siege in American military history.