



Mississippi River Parkway Commission Annual Meeting

West Memphis, AR | October 23-25, 2018



Big River Crossing (West Memphis, AR)

Join us in Arkansas!

The 2018 MRPC Annual Meeting will be held October 23-25 in West Memphis, AR, a thriving city located in the heart of the Delta. We have a full meeting planned that includes important agenda items and exciting speakers, as well as tours of this fascinating region that will get us onto the Mississippi River and into iconic river attractions. Make plans now to attend the MRPC Annual Meeting in West Memphis. Register today!

Agenda (Subject to change)

Tuesday, October 23

9:00am-4:00pm **Strategic Planning Session and Board Meeting
(Board of Directors Only)**

5:30pm-7:00pm **Welcome Reception**



Johnny Cash Boyhood Home



Sultana Disaster Museum

Registration

Register at mrpcmembers.com

Delegates (all sessions & meals included):

\$150 – Early Bird – by October 5
\$180 – After October 5

Spouses/Guest of Delegate:
\$110 – Early Bird – by October 5
\$140 – After October 5

One Day (Day of sessions and meals included):
\$95

Remember—October 5 is the deadline for early-bird pricing.

Hotel Reservations

Comfort Suites
850 Stephen Boulevard
West Memphis, AR 72301

Call 870-733-9900 to make reservations and be sure to mention the **Mississippi River Parkway Commission** to get a special guestroom rate of \$89 a night.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations made on or prior to Friday, October 5, will receive a full registration fee refund minus a \$20 processing fee.

Cancellations made after Friday, October 5, will **not** be eligible for a refund.





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Wednesday, October 24

8:00-8:30am **Committee Chairs Meeting**

8:00-8:30am **New Member Orientation**

9:00am-Noon **Opening General Session**

- Strategic Plan Update – Pilot Karl Samp & Pilot Pro Tem Terri McCullough
- Corridor Management Plan Update – Transportation Chair Carol Zoff
- Mississippi River Connections Collaborate (MRCC) Update – Pilot Pro Tem Terri McCullough & MRCC members
- Relay of Voices– Victoria Bradford
- Music of the Arkansas Delta and Great River Road – Dr. Cliff Jones
- Mississippi River Flyway and Water Trails – Chris Colclasure
- Foods of the Arkansas Delta – Rex Nelson

Noon-1:45pm

Lunch

- Rodney Slater, former United States Secretary of Transportation
- Report of the Nominations Committee and Election of Officers

2:00-4:00pm

Technical Committee Sessions

5:30-8:30pm

Outdoor Dinner, Firepit and Dutch Oven Dessert On Horseshoe Lake

9:00-10:30pm

Hospitality Reception

Thursday, October 25

9:00am-4:00pm

Mobile Sessions

- Osceola Barge on the Mississippi River
- Johnny Cash Boyhood Home
- Sultana Disaster Museum

5:30-6:30pm

Hospitality Reception

6:45-8:30pm

Pilot's Banquet & Award

- Speaker – Kane Webb, Director of the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism
- Recognition and Awards

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Air Service and Free Shuttle

Our conference hotel is located about 20 minutes from **Memphis International Airport (MEM)**. A special free shuttle service is available for attendees.

Reserve your seat on the shuttle – a sign-up form can be found on mrpcmembers.com.

About West Memphis

West Memphis, Arkansas, is a vibrant city on the west bank of the Mississippi River. It has long played an important role in commerce as a transportation and trucking hub. It's been the stomping ground of some of the nation's most iconic blues musicians.

West Memphis Area Mobile Sessions

We'll take time to explore and learn about this rich region on the west bank of the Mississippi River. Here are some places we'll visit:

- Horseshoe Lake, an oxbow lake that's a popular recreational asset in the region. We'll have an outdoor dinner and campfire at the lake.
- Osceola, an important riverside shipping and industrial center. We'll get on the water via one of Osceola's river barges.
- Johnny Cash Boyhood Home. We'll see the restoration efforts that have preserved this unique American farming community and the childhood of an American music icon.
- Sultana Disaster Museum. We'll learn about the greatest maritime disaster in U.S. history.

