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58 LSU Rural Life Museum and Windrush

4650 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70898

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Site of the longest siege in U.S. military

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236 Highway 61, Jackson, LA 70748

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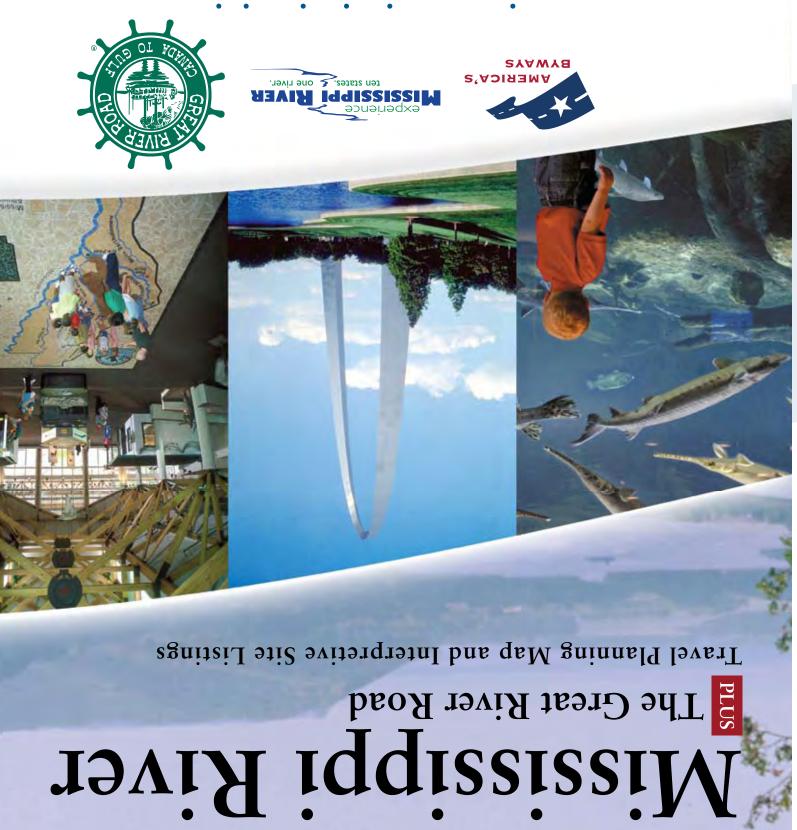
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59 Plaquemine Lock State Historic Site

19th- century Louisiana.

This lock operated for 52 years, connecting

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Great River Road Interpretive Centers

The Mississippi River Parkway Commission (MRPC) has given special recognition to a network of regional museums and Interpretive Centers located along the Great River Road. Each of these designated Great River Road Interpretive Centers tells part of the fascinating story of the Mississippi River and the region. Great River Road Interpretive Centers are indicated on the map by this symbol . For more information about traveling along the Mississippi River and beyond, visit www.experiencemississippiriver.com

The MRPC is a national commission established in 1938 to preserve, promote and enhance the scenic, historic and recreational resources along the Mississippi River. The MRPC is responsible for developing and promoting the Great River Road, a designated National Scenic Byway.

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1 Itasca State Park-Mary Gibbs Mississippi Headwaters Center 36750 Main Park Dr., Park Rapids, MN 56470 218-266-2100 • www.dnr.state.mn.us Walk across the headwaters of the mighty

journey to the Gulf of Mexico.

2 Forest History Center

2609 County Rd., 76, Grand Rapids, MN 55744 218-327-4482 • www.mnhs.org/places/sites/fhc Experience a turn-of-the-century logging camp, complete with the camp blacksmith, saw filer, clerk, cook and lumberjacks.

Mississippi as it starts its winding 2,552-mile

Mill City Museum

704 South 2nd St., Minneapolis, MN 55401 612-341-7555 • www.millcitymuseum.org Experience the important history of the river and the birth of its flour milling industry in Minneapolis.

4 Historic Fort Snelling

Highways 55 and 5, Minneapolis, MN 55111 612-726-1171 • www.mnhs.org/places/sites/hfs Experience frontier life at this restored stone fortress overlooking the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers.

5 Minnesota History Center

345 W. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102 800-657-3773 • www.mnhs.org/historycenter An innovative history museum and research center. Enjoy breathtaking views of downtown St. Paul and the State Capitol.

6 The Science Museum of Minnesota/NPS Mississippi River Visitor Center 345 W. Kellogg Blvd., Saint Paul, MN 55102 651-221-9444

www.smm.org and www.nps.gov/miss Explore the Mississippi Gallery, which focuses on the Mississippi River as it winds through Minnesota.

7 National Eagle Center 152 Main St., Wabasha, MN 55981 651-565-4989 • www.nationaleaglecenter.org View one of the largest concentrations of bald eagles in the continental United States

at this year-round center on the river. **WISCONSIN**

Museum.

Riverside Museum 410 Veterans Memorial Dr., Riverside Park, La Crosse, WI 54601 • 608-782-1980 www.explorelacrosse.com This museum celebrates the Mississippi River with displays of wildlife that live along the river, the logging industry, and the

Villa Louis 521 N. Villa Louis Rd., Prairie du Chien, WI 53821 608-326-2721 www.wisconsinhistory.org/villalouis

steamboating days of old.

Tour one of the most authentically restored Victorian house, built by Hercules Dousman, a 19th-century frontier entrepreneur.

10 Stonefield State Historic Site 2195 Hwy. V V, Cassville, WI 53806 608-725-5210 www.wisconsinhistory.org/stonefield Experience rural Wisconsin life along the Mississippi through a 1900 farmstead and village and the Wisconsin State Agricultural

11 Fort Crawford Museum 717 S. Beaumont Rd. Prairie du Chien, WI 53821 608-326-6960 www.fortcrawfordmuseum.com/index.html See more than 50 exhibits in 3 buildings telling the story of Prairie du Chien. Learn about pioneer surgeon Dr. William Beaumont.

12 Great River Road Visitors & Learning Center at Freedom Park 200 Monroe St., Prescott, WI 54021 715-262-0104 www.fredomparkwi.org/home%20page.html Marvel at eagles soaring above the confluence of the Mississippi and St. Croix rivers. Features hands-on, multimedia

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13 Effigy Mounds National Monument 151 Highway 76 – 10 miles south of Harpers Ferry, IA 52146 563-873-3491 • www.nps.gov/efmo

Preserves 200 prehistoric Indian mounds, including animal-shaped effigies. Hiking trails provide spectacular overlooks of the Mississippi.

14 Iowa DNR - Guttenberg Fish Hatchery 331 South River Park Dr., Guttenberg, IA 52052 563-252-1156 • www.state.ia.us/fish Depicts several aquatic ecosystems and features an interactive kiosk with "Fishing in Iowa" information.

15 National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium and National Rivers Hall of Fame 350 E. 3rd St., Dubuque, IA 52001 800-226-3369 • www.rivermuseum.com Large freshwater aquariums, hands-on historical exhibits and the National Rivers Hall of Fame. A Smithsonian Affiliate and National Rivers Center.

16 Mines of Spain/E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center 8991 Bellevue Heights, Dubuque, IA 52003 563-556-0620 • www.minesofspain.org This 1,387-acre preserve of woods and prairie is located along the Mississippi. The entire area is designated as a National Historic Landmark.

17 Mississippi Valley Welcome Center 900 Eagle Ridge Rd., LeClaire, IA 52753 563-322-3911 • www.visitquadcities.com Located on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi. Features beautiful views, information on area attractions and a gift shop.

18 Putnam Museum of History and Natural

1717 West 12th St., Davenport, IA 52804 563-324-1933 • www.putnam.org Includes the Black Earth/Big River nature experience, the award-winning River, Prairie and People History Hall, Treasures of the Asian/Egyptian gallery.

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www.experiencemississippiriver.com. updates and special events at Look for additions, Center Metwork continues to grow. The Great River Road Interpretive

sites in Thibodaux, Lafayette and Eunice. Quarter Visitor Center and three Acadian Consists of Barataria Preserve, French 504-589-2133 • www.nps.gov/jela 419 Decatur St., New Orleans, LA 70130

the Old U.S. Mint, and the Presbytere. Quarter, including the Cabildo, the Arsenal, Complex of historic landmarks in the French

62 Jean Lafitte National Historical Park &

su.5168-6968 • www.ctt.state.la.us

61 Louisiana State Museum ocal bistory and culture. bnn state ni tesretni nn diw sedt vot retnes The area's premier museum and research 504-523-4662 • www.hnoc.org

533 Royal St., New Orleans, LA 70130

19 Nahant Marsh Education Center

563-323-5196

4221 Wapello Ave., Davenport, IA 52802

Explore 500 acres of urban wetlands

20 Muscatine History & Industry Center/

Pearl Button Museum

downtown Muscatine.

22 Old Fort Madison

Upper Mississippi Valley.

Keokuk, IA 52632

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800-645-0248

26 Villa Kathrine

217-224-3688

and gift shop.

to observe bald eagles.

25 Black Hawk State Historic Site

Mississippi River in the 1800s.

reflecting several countries.

23 George M. Verity Riverboat Museum

101 Mississippi Dr., (Victory Park)

rooms, staterooms and pilothouse.

800-383-1219 • www.geomverity.org

Housed in the George M. Verity steamboat,

built in 1928. Tour the boiler and engine

24 Mississippi Visitor Center – Arsenal Island

www.mvr.usace.army.mil/missriver

Lock & Dam #15, Rock Island, IL 61204

Learn about the river's navigational dams

1510 46th Ave., Rock Island, IL 61201

309-788-9536 • www.blackhawkpark.org

Displays the life of the Fox and Sauk Indian

tribes that lived near the Rock River and the

532 Gardner Expressway, Quincy, IL 62306

Tourist information center built in 1900

as a residence. The architecture is Islamic,

27 Pere Marquette State Park Interpretive Center

Includes a 350-gallon river fish aquarium,

Native American artifacts, bald eagle exhibit

Route 100 W., Grafton, IL 62037

618-786-3323 • www.dnr.state.il.us

and locks. In winter, this is an excellent place

along the Mississippi River. Includes an

educational facility, boardwalk and trails.

117 W. Second St., Muscatine, IA 52761

Learn the button-making process, from collecting shells in the river to the

finished product. Located in histor

21 Toolesboro Indian Mounds & Museum

Highway 99, Wapello, IA 52653

563-263-1052 • www.muscatinehistory.org

319-523-8381 • www.iowahistory.org/sites

Burial mounds from the Hopewell Culture,

dating to 200 BC to 300 AD. Site also

includes education center with exhibits.

811 Ave. E., Fort Madison, IA 52627

800-210-8687 • www.oldfortmadison.com

Old Fort Madison is a full size reconstruction

of the first American military garrison in the

751 Chartres St., New Orleans, LA 70116

Learn about life along the river and 800-789-4221 • www.stfrancisville.us 11757 Ferdinand St., St. Francisville, LA 70775

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55 Poverty Point State Historic Site

& Tourist Center

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to the U.S.S. Cairo, a Civil War gunboat.

Union control of the Mississippi. Also home 9dt 9vig b9ql9d tadt 9g9iz E881 9dt fo 9ti2 601-636-0583 • www.nps.gov/vick/home.htm 3201 Clay St., Vicksburg, MS 39183 53 Vicksburg National Military Park

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877-462-6979

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in a restored 1918 railroad depot. interprets the history of the Blues. Located The Delta Blues Museum preserves and 662-332-2378 • www.deltabluesmuseum.org 1 Blues Alley, Clarksdale, MS 38614 51 The Delta Blues Museum

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campsites and cabins. mighty Mississippi changed course. Offers lake, cut off centuries ago when the Lake Chicot is a 20-mile long oxbow 870-265-5480 • www.arkansasstateparks.com 2542 Highway 257, Lake Village, AR 71653 49 Lake Chicot State Park

Lower Mississippi River Valley. site was the first European Settlement in the Arkansas River and two backwaters, the Located on a peninsula bordered by the 970-548-2207 • Varpo.gov/arpo 1741 Old Post Rd., Gillett, AR 72055 48 Arkansas Post National Memorial

extinct, has been spotted in this area. The ivory-billed woodpecker, thought to be bottomland hardwood forests on the river. Learn about the largest remaining 870-282-8200 • www.fws.gov/whiteriver 57 South CC Camp Rd., St. Charles, AR 72140 Visitor Center

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47 White River National Wildlife Refuge

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a reconstructed village and earthworks. American culture of the Mid-South. Explore Auseum focuses on the prehistoric Native 901-785-3160 • www.cas.memphis.edu/chacalissa 1987 Indian Village Dr., Memphis, TN 38109 44 Chucalissa Museum

28 National Great River Museum 36 Great River Road Interpretive Center 2 Lock & Dam Way, East Alton, IL 62024

www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Rivers/ngrm.htm its role as a transportation corridor and its 37 Trail of Tears State Park

29 Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site 30 Ramey St., Collinsville, IL 62234 618-346-5160 • www.cahokiamounds.com Exhibits, artifacts, dioramas, murals and

largest prehistoric Indian site in America.

Tells the story of the river's natural forces,

30 Fort de Chartres State Historic Site 1350 State Highway 155, Prairie du Rocher, IL 62277 618-284-7230 Partially rebuilt 18th-century fort originally

built by the French. The museum interpretive center is located in a rebuilt historic building. 31 Pierre Menard State Historic Site & Fort

Kaskaskia 4320 Kaskaskia Rd., Ellis Grove, IL 62241 618-859-3031

Take a glimpse into the upper-class French American life. See a spectacular panoramic view of Kaskaskia Island and the Mississippi.

Cairo Custom House Museum 1400 Washington, Cairo, IL 63401 618-734-1019 Collection of local history exhibits, including Civil War artifacts and the desk of Gen.U.S. Grant. Built in 1872 by U.S.

Treasury architect, A.B. Mullett.

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33 Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum 208 Hill St., Hannibal, MO 63401 573-221-9010 • www.marktwainmuseum.org Return to the days of Tom & Huck by visiting six historic buildings, including Mark Twain's Boyhood Home and Museum.

Clarksville Visitor and River Heritage Center Highway 79 N., Clarksville, MO 63336 573-242-3132 • www.clarksvillemo.com Offers indoor exhibits and an outdoor platform that overlooks Lock and Dam #24. Great spot to view migrating birds and wintering bald eagles.

35 Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (The Arch)

11 N. 4th St., St. Louis, MO 63102 314-655-1700 • www.nps.gov/jeff Memorial commemorates St. Louis' role in western expansion and includes the 630-foot Gateway Arch, the Museum of Westward Expansion and the Old Courthouse.

66 South Main St., Sainte Genevieve, MO 63670 573-883-7097 • www.saintegenevievetourism.org Interpretive Center provides local historic information, a river display, a community video, gift shop and art gallery.

429 Moccasin Springs, Jackson, MO 63755 www.mostateparks.com/trailoftears.htm

3,415-acre park adjacent to the river and along the Cherokee's forced march trail to the West, Includes interpretive exhibit.

38 New Madrid Historical Museum 1 Main St., New Madrid, MO 63869 573-748-5944 • www.new-madrid.mo.us Lean the story of this 200-year old river town, including Native American history, French exploration, earthquakes, Civil War and riverboats.

39 Columbia Bottom Conservation Area 801 Strodtman Rd., St. Louis, MO 63138 314-877-6014 http://mdc.mo.gov/areas/areas/bottom/ Includes a view of the confluence of Missouri's largest rivers. A mosaic of

40 Cape Girardeau Conservation Campus Nature Center

of river frontage.

2289 County Park Dr., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 573-290-5218 • http://mdc.mo.gov/areas/cnc/cape/ Showcases the rich cultural history and diverse resources of southeast Missouri. Located within Cape Girardeau's North County Park.

bottomland habitats surrounded by 6.5 miles

KENTUCKY

41 Wickliffe Mounds State Historical Site 94 Green St., Wickliffe, KY 42087 270-335-3681 • www.parks.ky.govstatehistoricsites Explore the archaeological excavation of a town built by the Mississippian Indians and used as a ceremonial and trade center for the eastern U.S.

42 Columbus-Belmont State Park 350 Park Rd., Columbus, KY 42032 270-677-2327 • www.parks.ky.gov/stateparks Relics from the Civil War as well as early Indian artifacts are on display. Visitors will also learn about the New Madrid earthquake of 1812.

TENNESSEE

43 Reelfoot Lake State Park Visitor Center 120 State Route 213, Tiptonville, TN 38079 800-250-8617

www.stateparks.com/reelfoot lake lake.html See exhibits about the natural and cultural history of Reelfoot Lake, including an earthquake simulator and a variety of multimedia programming.