



Greenville
on the
Mississippi
Washington County
Convention &
Visitors Bureau

216 South Walnut Street • Greenville, MS 38701

Welcome to Greenville and Washington County, a place of sights, sounds, flavors, music, and stories unique to the legendary Mississippi Delta.

There's more to enjoy than just the ambers and purples of Delta sunsets. There are the lush greens of wildlife refuges and cypress groves, the vivid colors of juke joints, the subtle hues of historic buildings and churches, and the electric colors of night life.

Your invited to take a tour to stir your imagination for what's to come as you wander through historic downtown, travel the Blues Highway, or walk on ground hallowed by pre-Columbian Native Americans.

Come and experience the spirit and mystique of Greenville and Washington County, where the culture and heritage of the past still thrive in a timeless land.

VISITORS' SERVICES

Greenville/Washington County Convention & Visitors Bureau

216 South Walnut Street
Greenville, MS 38701
1-800-467-3582 or 662-334-2711
(fax) 662-334-2708 • www.visitgreenville.org
Monday-Friday 8am - 5pm

From lodging accommodations or dining, to attractions, event information and brochures, we have the contacts and experience to make your trip memorable. We are also happy to assist with group or event planning to Washington County.

Mid-Delta Regional Airport

166 Fifth Avenue • 662-334-3121

The only commercial airport serving the Mississippi Delta, Mid-Delta Regional was built in 1942 and features a Fixed Base Operator, over 40,000 square feet of hangar space, aircraft maintenance services, charter services, and flight training services. Commercial air service is provided by Northwest Airlink.

Washington County Convention Center Complex

1040 South Raceway Road • 662-332-0488

With a 25,000-square-foot exhibit hall and 4,200- square-foot four-way convertible meeting room, Washington County Convention Center can accommodate a wide variety of meetings and events. The 420-acre complex also includes the Expo Building, an ideal place for rodeos and livestock or agricultural exhibits; the Legion Baseball Park; a stock car raceway; drag strip; and model aircraft landing strip.

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

The Flood of 1927 Museum

118 South Hinds between Main & Washington Ave.
Monday-Saturday 9am - 5pm
662-335-5815

Exhibited in the oldest structure in Downtown Greenville, this museum presents the history of one of the greatest natural disasters this country has ever known. On Thursday April 21st 1927, at 7:45 A.M., the levee at Mounds Landing, eight miles north of Greenville, broke due to the pressure from the swollen Mississippi River and created the greatest single crevasse ever to occur anywhere on the river. View actual flood artifacts and photographs illustrating the floods impact on life and death in Greenville and the Mississippi Delta. Screen the twelve-minute documentary video superbly illustrating the cause and effect of the Great flood of '27 and the ensuing struggle of man against nature.

Greenville Air Force Base Museum

Mid Delta Regional Airport • Mezzanine Level
662-334-3121



Greenville Air Force Base Museum

The base opened for training in August, 1941. The Greenville Army Flying School instructed thousands of U.S. airmen and women, as well as NATO cadets, Air Force firefighters, and emergency medical personnel. This museum tells their story from the darkest days of WWII through the Cold War.

Greenville History Museum

409 Washington Avenue
662-335-5802
Monday–Friday 9am - 5pm



Greenville History Museum

Housed in the meticulously restored Miller Building, the museum provides a unique glimpse into life in Greenville from the late 1800's through the 1970's. A fascinating collection of

memorabilia, artifacts, photographs, and news clippings take visitors through each day of the historic 1927 flood as well as other important events and cultural collections indicative of the area.

Hebrew Union Temple, Century of History Museum

504 Main Street • 662-332-4153
www.hebrewunion.org

The Century of History Museum details the contributions and culture of Greenville's Jewish residents since 1867. Important memorabilia as well as stories and photographs are displayed here.

Highway 61 Blues Museum

307 North Broad Street • Leland
Located in the Old Montgomery Hotel
1-866-285-7646 or 662-686-7646
www.highway61blues.com
Monday–Saturday 10am - 5pm

In the heyday of the blues, over 150 bluesmen lived within



Highway 61 Blues Museum

a 100-mile radius of Leland. This museum chronicles the story of the Delta Blues and the musicians who helped make it famous, including memorabilia from Little Milton, B.B. King, James "Son" Thomas, Bougaloo Ames, Eddie Cusic, and many others.

Old #1 Firehouse Museum

230 Main Street
1-800-467-3582 or 662-334-2711
Open by appointment



Old Number #1 Firehouse Museum

Take a journey into fire fighting history at this vintage fire station, circa 1923. From antique fire trucks to hands-on interactive exhibits, this meticulously restored firehouse leaves visitors

with a new appreciation for courageous firefighters, past and present.

The Birthplace of Kermit the Frog

Highway 82 at Deer Creek • Leland
662-686-7383
www.lelandms.org
Monday–Saturday 10am - 5pm



Kermit The Frog

Muppet creator Jim Henson was born in Greenville and raised in Stoneville, just west of Leland. As a child, he spent hours playing along the banks of Deer Creek. It was here that Henson

dreamed of and created the character of Kermit the Frog. A visit to Kermit's birthplace is filled with the fun and creativity of Jim Henson and all his Muppet friends. The exhibit building also operates as a Washington County Welcome Center.

William Alexander Percy Memorial Library Greenville Writers' Exhibit

341 Main Street • 662-335-2331
www.washington.lib.ms.us
Daily Hours Vary

Greenville's extraordinary literary tradition has shaped more writers than any town of its size in the country. In the 20th century, more than 100 published writers called Greenville home. The Writers' Exhibit houses original manuscripts and documents the accomplishments of

writers including William Alexander Percy, Shelby Foote, Angela Jackson, Hodding Carter, Bern Keating, Ellen Douglas, and Walker Percy.

Winterville Indian Mounds and Museum

2415 Highway 1 North • Winterville
662-334-4684

Museum: Monday-Saturday 9am - 5pm
Sunday 1:30pm - 5pm
Grounds: Open Dawn to Dusk

A National Historic Landmark, the Indian Mounds at Winterville constitute one of North America's most significant pre-Columbian archeological sites. The on-site museum tells the story of an advanced North American civilization that once thrived in this location. Twelve mounds, including the massive 55-foot-tall Temple Mound, contrast dramatically with the flat Delta landscape.

The Greenville Arts Council Art Gallery E. E. Bass Cultural Arts Center

323 South Main Street • 662-332-2246
Gallery hours: Monday-Friday 10am - 4pm
Also available by appointment

The Center is housed in the former E. E. Bass Junior High School designed by renowned architect A. Hays Town and built in 1929. The gallery typically hosts seven exhibitions per year with one week between shows. The current schedule is available at:
www.greenville-arts-council.com

ATTRACTIONS

1901 Armitage Herschell Carousel E.E. Bass Center

323 South Main • 662-332-2246
Open Saturday 3pm - 5pm or by appointment

Built between 1894 and 1896 and brought to Greenville in 1901, the carousel is a primitive two row track "country style" carousel with 24 horses and four chariots—all hand carved from poplar wood. The 16 support beams are made of cypress wood and an upper and lower deck of poplar. The carousel is hand painted and is one of the two oldest working Armitage Herschell Carousels in the

country and the only one in the South. The carousel can be rented for parties and private events.

Delta Conservation & Demonstration Center

422 Feather Farms Road • Metcalfe/Mid Delta
662-332-0400
www.dcdcfarm.org
Monday-Friday 7am - 5pm
Weekends by appointment

Established in 1999 as a living, growing, and learning center, this 638-acre facility demonstrates specific Delta conservation practices in a working farm environment. Visitors can also enjoy brilliant wildflower gardens, antique farm equipment, and bird watching.

Downtown Leland Blues Murals

Downtown Leland
1-866-285-7646 or 662-686-7646

The Leland Blues Project depicts the great musical history of the area through a series of striking murals painted on downtown buildings. The murals also highlight interesting shops and local craftspeople.

Historic Downtown Greenville Walking Tour

1-800-467-3582 or 662-334-2711

The Downtown Greenville historic district stretches from Highway 82, through downtown, and ends at the Mississippi River Levee. This area is rich with fascinating historic sites and local attractions; a wonderful combination for a leisurely stroll. Begin your walk at the Greenville/Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau where you will learn about landmark buildings including the former C&G Railroad Depot and Levee Board Complex, the historic offices of the Delta Democrat Times, Cotton Row, and the First National Bank Building.

Greenville Blues Walk

Walnut Street
Downtown Greenville
1-800-467-3582 or 662-334-2711

Take a stroll down historic Walnut Street and experience the Greenville Blues Walk. Along the way, you'll see works of art, meticulously created to honor many of the great artists from the Delta whose music helped shape the Blues and American music as we know it today. You can also step inside one of our local hot spots on Walnut Street and experience Greenville's famous southern hospitality and entertainment.

Greenville Garden Club Cypress Preserve

Located off Highway 82 East - Cypress Lane Road
Open Dawn to Dusk

Since the late 1930s, the Greenville Garden Club has worked to save the Cypress Preserve. Now the preserve is a memorable experience that showcases the magnificence and magic of this tract of virgin cypress trees, which have graced this area for more than 100 years.

Holt Collier Historic Marker Live Oak Cemetery

South Main at Crescent Street

How did the Teddy Bear get his name? In 1903, noted outdoorsman and Confederate scout Holt Collier led a bear hunting expedition for President Theodore Roosevelt in the Delta. The night before the hunt, Collier, other hunters, and the President gathered around a campfire telling stories. Collier promised in the light of the campfire, to capture a bear for the President. The next morning, Collier did just that. When the President was told, he felt bad for the bear and could not shoot it. A political cartoonist popularized the event, which inspired a toy maker to name his stuffed toys "Teddy Bears." Holt Collier, still known in the Mississippi Delta as the greatest bear hunter of all time, is buried in the historic Live Oak Cemetery.

McCormick Book Inn

825 South Main Street • 662-332-5038
www.mccormickbookinn.com
Monday-Saturday 10am - 5pm



McCormick Book Inn

The oldest independently owned bookstore in the tri-state area, the Book Inn showcases a collection of Greenville authors, extensive Mississippi and Delta titles, and a fascinating display of Greenville pictures and artifacts. McCormick Book Inn also hosts signings by local and national authors, guest lectures, and performances by local musicians.

Mississippi Blues Trail

1-800-467-3582 or 662-334-2711
www.msbluestrail.org

Washington County is proud to be one of many stops along the Mississippi Blues Trail. The Trail is the project of the Mississippi Blues Commission. This project places blues interpretive markers at the most notable historical sites related to the growth of the blues throughout the state of Mississippi. The list of markers and locations has been developed by distinguished blues scholars and historians and is being implemented in stages. Washington County will be home to numerous markers upon completion of the trail, due to our great blues heritage. Contact the Convention and Visitors Bureau for the most up-to-date listing and locations of markers.

Mississippi River Levee

Main and Central Streets

Longer and taller than the Great Wall of China, the levee stands as testimony to the Delta's long-fought battle with the mighty Mississippi. In April 1927, the levee broke just north of Greenville and flooded hundreds of thousands of acres of rich Delta farmland. This led to the construction of the present day levee system which has since contained the river's raging waters. Take a memorable walk on top of this engineering marvel, along Greenville's downtown waterfront.

Old Highway 61 The Original Blues Highway

When the first Delta Bluesmen took Highway 61 to the industrial North to find work, they also took their music. Today, the music born in the Delta is revered worldwide and recognized as the roots of jazz, rock and roll, rhythm and blues, and hip hop. The Delta Blues Festival, held in Washington County each September, along with the Highway 61 Blues Festival in Leland each June, attracts music fans from all over the world.



Downtown Leland Mural

River Road Queen Welcome Center

Highway 82 and Reed Road
662-332-2378
Daily 8am - 5pm

The Great River Road parallels the Mississippi River from Minnesota to Louisiana. In similar grand tradition, our state Welcome Center resembles the Victorian riverboats that once ruled the Mighty Mississippi. This unique structure originally served as the State of Mississippi Exhibit in the 1984 New Orleans World's Fair. Today is also home to unique Delta exhibits. Stop in and enjoy a cold drink while you learn about all the amazing sights and sounds Washington County and the great state of Mississippi have to offer.

Stoneville; The Heart of America's Agriculture Research Center

82 Stoneville Road • 662-686-3216
Open by appointment only

Home of the USDA gin laboratory, many technological advances in cotton growing and ginning have emerged from the Stoneville facilities. In addition, the nearby Jamie Whitten Building houses an informative display detailing Stoneville's role in agricultural research, which has affected products as diverse as aerosol cans and disposable diapers. The USDA Aquaculture Research Center is located just outside the Whitten Building and includes research catfish ponds. These mini-production

ponds are important tools in developing the kinds of innovations that will ensure the Delta's leadership in catfish production. More than 75 percent of the world's farm-raised catfish come from the Mississippi Delta.

Walnut Street Entertainment District

Walnut Street Downtown Greenville

Home to a variety of night spots, restaurants and hotels, Walnut Street has emerged as a colorful entertainment district ringing with live music and the lively sounds of the Delta.

Harlow's Casino Resort

4250 Highway 82 West
1-866-534-5825 or 662-335-9797
www.harlowscasino.com

Located on the banks of the Mississippi, Harlow's Casino Resort offers more than 33,000 square feet of casino action, with almost 900 slots, and over 20 table games including craps, roulette, poker, black jack and more. Harlow's Casino Resort also features two restaurants, three bars, over 100 hotel rooms, and a 2,500-seat entertainment complex.

Jubilee Casino

242 South Walnut • 662-335-1111

There's a party downtown at the Jubilee Casino. The Jubilee offers a New Orleans flavor in the Mississippi Delta with more than 800 slots and 13 tables, including blackjack, craps, roulette, and poker. The Jubilee also features live entertainment.

Lighthouse Point Casino

199 North Lakefront Road
1-800-878-1777 or 662-334-7711

Lighthouse Point is packed with exciting casino action! Located in Downtown Greenville, Lighthouse Point has three floors of gaming, over 600 slots, and seven table games including roulette and craps. Visitors can also enjoy southern cuisine at the Captain's Quarters Buffet.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Deer Creek

Leland, off Highway 82



Deer Creek

The banks and flood basin of Deer Creek once supported a booming steamboat trade. Today it still boasts some of the most fertile soil in the world and supports Washington County's thriving cotton industry.

In fact, Washington County is Mississippi's largest cotton-producing county. The region is also famous for an agriculturally based Indian culture, which lived along the creek as early as 1200 A.D.

Greenville Municipal Golf Course

465 Base Golf Road • 662-332-4079

Located at the Mid-Delta Regional Airport, the Greenville Municipal Golf Course is an 18-hole championship course on approximately 124 acres of airport property. The course is rated 70.8 for men with a slope ratio of 116. Please call for tee times and green fees.

Greenville's Water Front

Main or Central Streets
Downtown at Greenville over the levee



Greenville Waterfront

Greenville's waterfront is a beautiful recreation site for many events. Located just over the levee on the banks of Lake Ferguson, it's home to two of Greenville's casinos and has hosted many national and

regional boat tournaments. Greenville's waterfront has two boat ramps open all year for access to Lake Ferguson and accommodates seasonal duck hunting, sport fishing, or just fun on the water.

Lake Ferguson

Greenville, northwest
Washington County

This ten-mile oxbow lake is formerly part of the Mississippi River and is a prime fishing location for a wide variety of species including bream, crappie, bass, and catfish. The lake's topography varies from sandbars at the south end, to deep rocky structures and mud flats. Yet the waters of Lake Ferguson stay clear year round. Lake Ferguson can also be accessed at Warfield Point Park and the Greenville Waterfront for seasonal duck hunting. For fishing license call 1-800-askfish or guide service 1-800-270-delta.

Lake Lee

Seven miles south of Greenville

This lake has a greater fish population than any other Delta lake including largemouth bass, white bass, striped bass, and crappie. Lake Lee is approximately 1110 acres with a depth that varies with the Mississippi River. Access the lake at Deerfield Park on Hwy 454 to Deerfield Road. Lake Lee is a former oxbow of the Mississippi River. For fishing license call 1-800-askfish or guide service 1-800-270-delta.

Lake Washington

Highway 1, 25 miles south of Greenville

Lake Washington is one of the largest natural lakes in Mississippi. At approximately 700 years old, it may also be one of the country's oldest lakes. With nearly 5,000 acres, it's well known for excellent crappie, catfish, and



A boater on Lake Washington

bluegill fishing as well as seasonal duck hunting. Boat ramps are located at Okey's and Cypress Gardens on the south side of the lake. Also accessible from Roy's Store and Cordell's.

Leroy Percy State Park & Campground

Highway 12 • Hollandale
662-827-5436
Open Daily



Leroy Percy State Park

The largest and oldest of Mississippi's state parks, Leroy Percy is characterized by its bubbling hot springs, cypress trees and ancient live oaks dripping with Spanish moss. Leroy Percy is the only state park with a wildlife preserve and is famous for a large alligator population. Visitors can safely observe these reptiles from a raised boardwalk. The park also abounds with deer, squirrel, turkey, duck and dove, as well as unspoiled hunting sites. Park facilities include a snack bar, cabins, meeting rooms, fishing, RV and camping sites, and a nature trail.

Warfield Point Park & Campground

Highway 82 West • Greenville
662-335-7275 or 662-820-8630
www.warfieldpointpark.com
Open Daily



Warfield Point Park

Warfield Point features a 38-foot observation tower for a panoramic view of the Mississippi. It's one of the few locations on the river that offers camping as well as RV and picnic facilities directly on the banks of the Mississippi. The park has new ATV trails and an elevated walking deck with views of the river.

Theodore Roosevelt National Wildlife Refuge

Highway 1 and 436 • Hollandale
662-839-2638
www.fws.gov/yazoo/

A cooperative effort between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Ducks Unlimited, Inc., this wetlands project

offers some of the best bird watching in North America. The National Audubon Society's annual bird counts conducted in this area have identified more species in Washington County than in any other inland location in the United States. The refuge also features an outstanding nature trail, hiking trail, and wildlife photography opportunities. Yazoo National Wildlife Refuge is also known as one of the premier hunting refuges in the southeast. A variety of species make their home here, including a healthy population of duck, geese, alligator as well as a Louisiana black bear. The Refuge also features a 4,000 acre oxbow lake. Please call for complete hunting information.

HISTORIC CHURCHES AND CEMETERIES

Hebrew Union Temple

504 Main Street • 662-332-4153



Hebrew Union Temple

Greenville's Jewish history dates to 1867 and includes the city's first elected mayor, Leopold Wilzinski. An earlier structure was built on this site and dedicated in 1880. The current temple was erected in 1906 and boasts exquisite stained-glass windows. Also housed at the temple is the Century of History Museum.

Mt. Horeb M.B. Church

538 Nelson Street • 662-335-1605

For 140 years, Mt. Horeb Missionary Baptist Church has been an important part of the city's religious life. The congregation was established in 1864; however, its first church was not built until 1868 on Levee Street. The church moved to its present site in 1909. The current structure was built in 1971.

Ruins of St. John's Episcopal Church and Evergreen Cemetery

One mile south of Glen Allan on Lake Washington Road



Ruins of St. John's Episcopal Church

St. John's was one of the first churches in the region, built around 1830. During the Civil War, lead from the church's stained glass windows was melted to make mini balls.

Afterward the church fell into ruins. It is the majesty of these ruins that makes it one of Mississippi's most photographed historic sites.

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church

422 East Gloster Street • 662-332-0891

This Romanesque Revival structure was built in 1828. For nearly a century, the Sacred Heart congregation has been dedicated to educating area youth. In 1910, the Divine Word Missionaries established a parochial school for African-American youth. On the same site in 1920, Father Matthew Christmann helped train and instruct African-American priests.



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

412 Main St • 662-335-5251

This exquisite Neo-Gothic Church was erected in 1907 and has a sister church in Haarlem, Holland. The church was designed and financed by Father P. J. Korstenbroek, a Dutch nobleman who was the parish priest for 33 years. Father Korstenbroek's charity was memorialized in *Lanterns on the Levee*, the memoirs of William Alexander Percy. St. Joseph's famous stained glass windows are from the Munich studio of Emil Frei.

St. Matthew AME Church

514 Nelson Street • 662-335-4479



St. Matthew AME Church

St. Matthew African Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1867. It was the first AME church established in the Delta and the fourth in Mississippi. The church's original site on Levee Street was flooded by the Mississippi River, forcing the church to relocate to its present site in 1890.

Greenville's Historic Cemeteries

Jewish Cemetery, 1000 South Main Street
Greenville Cemetery, South Main at Washington
Live Oak Cemetery, South Main at Crescent Street
Chinese Cemetery, 116 Crescent Street

These final resting places hold important histories of the men and women who were Greenville's early residents: bankers and business people, politicians and former slaves, writers and teachers, community and religious leaders.



The Patriot at a Greenville Cemetery



St. Joseph Catholic Church

DINING AND LODGING

For a separate Dining and Lodging Guide, please contact the Greenville/Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-467-3582 or visit us on-line at www.visitgreenville.org.

Whether you're looking for your favorite chain hotel, local historic lodging, or camping on the Mississippi River, we have what you're hunting for! And make sure you bring your appetite! Washington County is home to dozens of local restaurants. If you're craving fast food, fresh Mississippi farm raised catfish, Mexican, Italian, or world famous steak, you will find it here.

Hot Tamale Trail

Don't forget to ask the Convention and Visitors Bureau for more information on the Hot Tamale Trail. Washington County boasts 12 stops on this spicy food experience. Give us a call for more information, or visit www.tamaletrail.com.



DOE'S EAT PLACE

502 Nelson • 662-334-3315
www.doeseatplace.com

Located at the heart of Greenville, Doe's Eat Place has been dubbed the place where the best steaks in the world are served. Opened in 1941, in the same location as it stands today, visitors from all over the world have enjoyed the tradition of Doe's Eat Place. In 2007, Doe's was honored by the James Beard Foundation, with the America's Classic Award for the fabulous food and unmatched hospitality they've been serving up for generations. Whether your choice is a freshly cut steak hot off the grill, hot tamales from the special Doe's Recipe, or a taste of it all, make sure Doe's is on your "Must Visit List" every time you are in the Delta!