

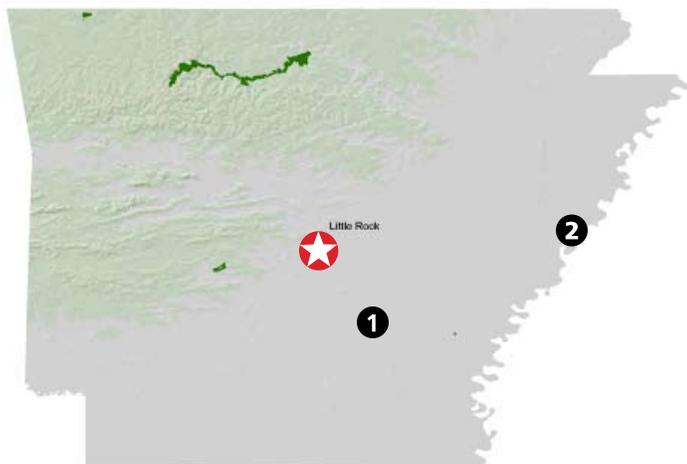


# Arkansas News



Sixty-five foot long graphic of the Mississippi River Trail. NPS Photo

## PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2009



### CURRENT PROJECTS

1. Lake Saracen Trail  
City of Pine Bluff
2. Mississippi River Trail, Phase II  
Mississippi River Trail, Inc.

Find out more about each project on page 2.

## Recent Successes

### Arkansas hosts a successful National Trails Symposium!

Hundreds of trail enthusiasts descended upon Little Rock for 2008's National Trails Symposium. The Symposium provided an opportunity for the worldwide trails community to come together for an inspirational and educational conference. This year's Symposium commemorated the 40th anniversary of the National Trails System Act. This Act opened the door to federal involvement in trails of all types, including the designation of National Recreation Trails.

*"The Rivers & Trails program keeps vibrant by adapting and re-focusing efforts in response to the needs of the communities served..."*

- Terry Eastin,  
Executive Director,  
Mississippi River Trail, Inc.

The NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program helped with conference planning and a variety of sessions, from water trail maintenance to art on trails.

### Mississippi River Parks & Trails Unite

Working in close partnership with the Mississippi River Trail, the RTCA program with staff assistance from NPS Midwest and Southeast Regions, is facilitating efforts to connect people

## We're Here For You.

Could your project benefit from RTCA Staff Assistance? Contact us to find out.

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## THE RTCA PROGRAM

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. RTCA staff provides technical assistance to community groups and local, state, and federal government agencies working to protect natural areas and water resources and enhance close-to-home outdoor recreation opportunities. We help communities plan, organize partnerships, and achieve on-the-ground success on projects they initiate.

Find more information online at  
[www.nps.gov/rtca](http://www.nps.gov/rtca)



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# Current Projects

## 1. Lake Saracen Trail

Location: City of Pine Bluff  
Congressional District: 4  
Project Partner: City of Pine Bluff  
NPS Contact: Diana Allen

### Project Goal:

A 5-mile loop trail around Lake Saracen, with linkages to 45-mile system of community trails.

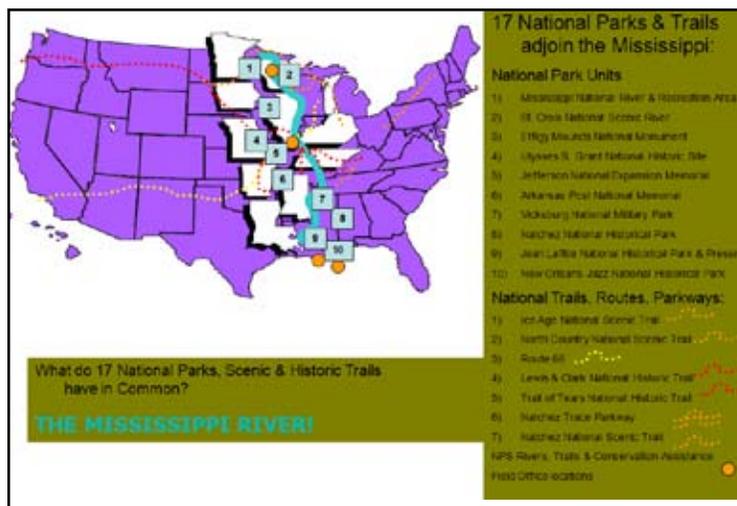
## 2. Mississippi River Trail, Phase II

Location: Headwaters of Mississippi River in Minnesota to Gulf of Mexico, New Orleans

Congressional Districts: AR - 1,4, IA - 2,4, IL - 4,12,16,17,19, KY - 1, LA - 1,2,3,5,6, MN - 2,3,4,5,6,8, MO - 1,2,3,8,9, MS - 1,2,3, TN - 7,8,9, WI - 3  
Partner: Mississippi River Trail, Inc.  
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### Project Goal

3,000 miles of trail system and 30,000 acres of open space along the Mississippi River in ten states, and an organization to support conservation, recreation, public health, and tourism.



Mississippi River Parks & Trails Collaborative. NPS Photo.

## Recent Successes cont.

to the Mississippi River, its places, and stories along ten states from the headwaters to the Gulf. In October 2008, the first meeting of the Mississippi River, Parks, and Trails Collaborative was conducted in St. Louis to initiate plans to promote the magnificence and diversity of the Mississippi River as a national treasure and encourage visitation and volunteerism in communities, parks, and trails.