



Mississippi News

Kayakers enjoying the Pascagoula River.
Photo: April M. Havens, GulfLive.com

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2015



CURRENT PROJECTS

- 1. Leakesville Blueway**
Town of Leakesville
- 2. Midtown Skate Park**
SkateMS Foundation
- 3. Mississippi River Trail**
Mississippi River Trail, Inc.

- NPS Unit
- State Capital

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Current Projects

1. Leakesville Blueway

Project Partner: Town of Leakesville
NPS Contact: Liz Smith-Incer
Location: Leakesville
Congressional District: MS - 4

Project Goal

Work with the Nature Conservancy and the Town of Leakesville to develop a 10-mile blueway on the Chickasawhay River, which feeds into the Pascagoula River.

NPS Role

Assist with partnership building for the project and conduct public workshops to build awareness about blueway development and the important role blueways play in the economics and health of a community.

ABOUT US

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. Program staff provide 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.

Current Projects cont.

We're Here For You.

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

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2014 Nationwide Partnership Success

3,278.74 Miles of Trail Developed

2,046.25 Miles of River Conserved

9,411.06 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected

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2. Midtown Skate Park

Project Partner: SkateMS Foundation

NPS Contact: Joshua Moore

Location: Jackson

Congressional District: MS - 2

Project Goal

Work with SkateMS Foundation, the Midtown Foundation, and the City of Jackson to revitalize and restore historic Benjamin Brown Park. The revamped park will provide community access to outdoor recreation that includes a skate park, walking trail, and water features. The park will also connect numerous residential areas to local schools and businesses.

NPS Role

Assist with partnership building for the project and development of marketing materials. Facilitate public outreach and meetings between the City of Jackson and project partners.

3. Mississippi River Trail

Project Partner: Mississippi River Trail, Inc.

NPS Contact: Liz Smith-Incer

Location: Headwaters of Mississippi River in Minnesota to Gulf of Mexico
Congressional Districts: MS - 1, MS - 2, MS - 3

Project Goal

Connect all National Parks and Refuges along the Mississippi River via the Mississippi River Trail, which would pass through hundreds of communities and create a network of 3,000 miles of trail from Minnesota to Louisiana. This multi-state, multi-agency collaboration seeks to create a communication forum between all US Fish and Wildlife refuges and national parks that adjoin the Mississippi. Locally the project develops 71 miles of trail from Vicksburg to Natchez, Mississippi.

NPS Role

Facilitate outreach and workshop planning to support development of segments of the Mississippi River Trail.



SkateMS Foundation members hosting a "Kids Need Fresh Air" clinic.
Photo: SkateMS Foundation