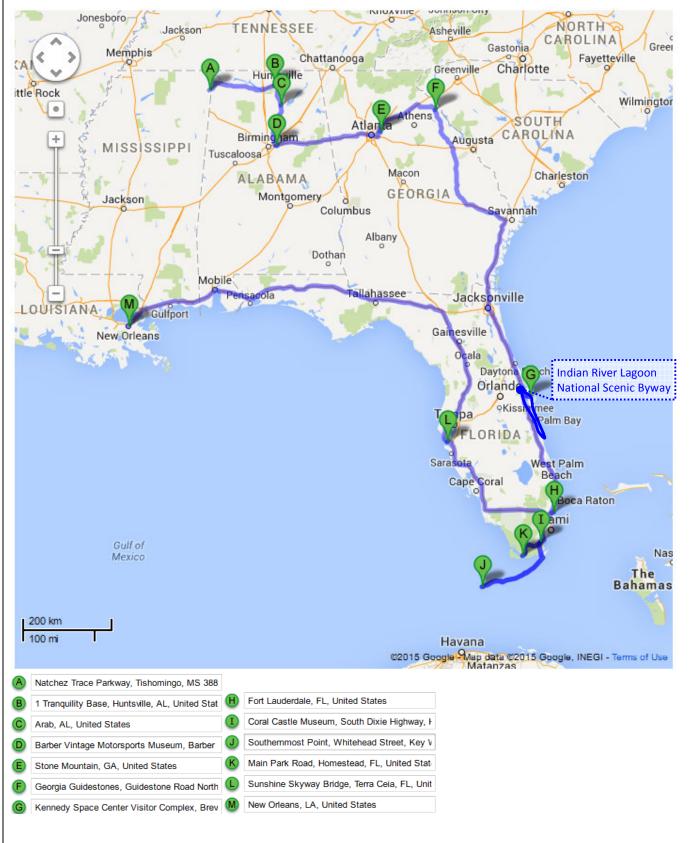
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Natchez Trace Parkway, AL - US Space & Rocket Center - Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum - Stone Mountain Park, GA - Georgia Guide Stones - Kennedy Space Center, FL - Indian River Lagoon National Scenic Byway including over a dozen attractions along both legs - Fort Lauderdale - Coral Castle - Overseas Hwy - Southernmost Point Buoy - Florida Everglades - New Orleans, LA



# The Natchez Trace Parkway

## N 31.558800°, W 91.398614° to N 36.035621°, W 86.975580°, 444 mi, 715 km, 8:15 hrs

(also known as the Natchez Trace or simply the Trace) is a National Parkway in the southeastern United States that commemorates the historic Old Natchez Trace and preserves sections of the original trail. The Natchez Trace Parkway logo can be seen on signs and trail markings along the parkway.

Its central feature is a two-lane parkway road that extends 444 miles (715 km) from Natchez, Mississippi to Nashville, Tennessee. Access to the parkway is limited, with more than 50 access points in the states of Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee. The southern end of the route is in Natchez at an intersection with Liberty Road, and the northern end is northeast of Fairview, Tennessee, in the suburban community of Pasquo, Tennessee, at an intersection with Tennessee 100. In addition to Natchez and Nashville, the larger cities along the route include Jackson and Tupelo, Mississippi, and Florence, Alabama.

The All-American Road is maintained by the National Park Service, to commemorate the original route of the Natchez Trace.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natchez\_Trace\_Parkway http://coolrain44.wordpress.com/2009/07/19/top-us-attractions-state-by-state/

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Natchez Trace Parkway (National Park Service), 444 mile long parkway stretching from Natchez, MS to Pasquo, TN – The 710km velvety smooth asphalt w manicured grass shoulders, one of the oldest US hwy's



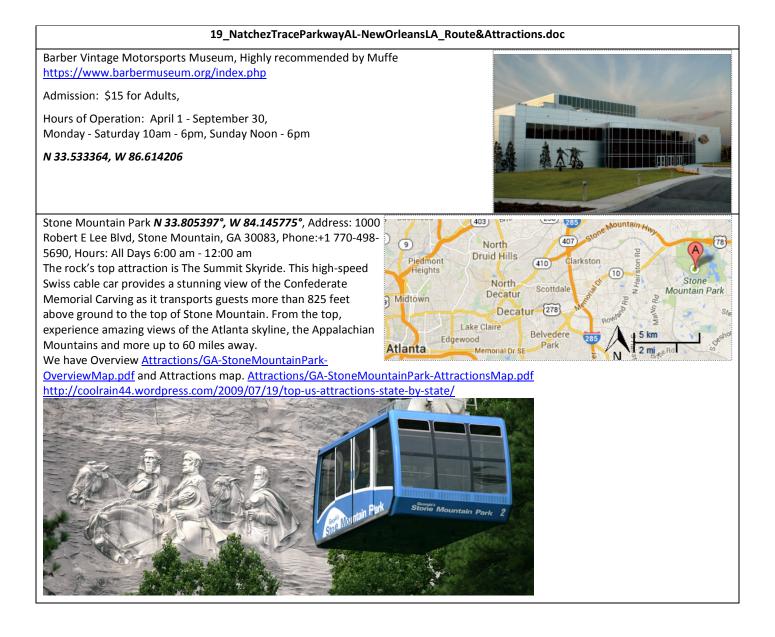


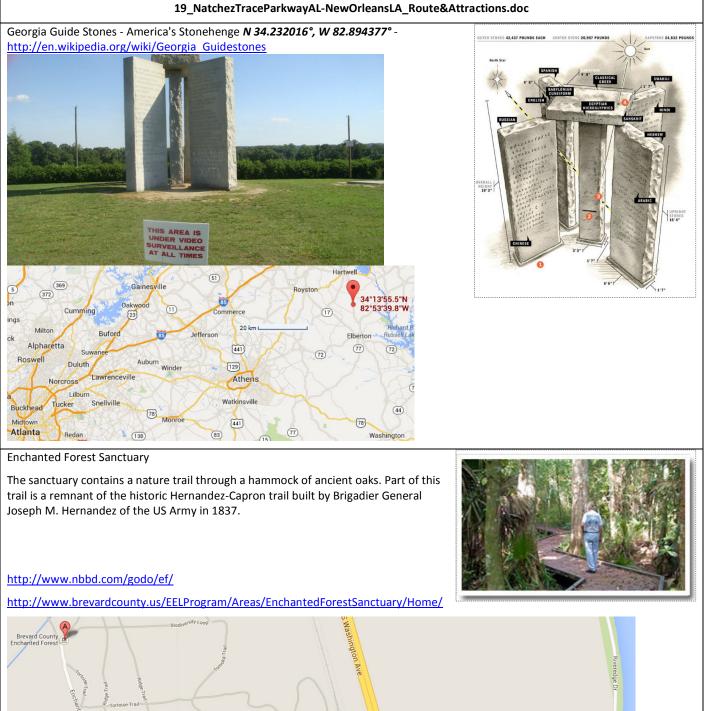
U.S. Space & Rocket Center N 34.711191°, W 86.65368° 1 Tranquility Base, Huntsville, Alabama, +1 256-837-3400





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Indian River Lagoon National Scenic Byway

Length: 241.4 km. Time to Allow: Take four hours to drive.

Fees: There are no fees to drive the byway; however, some of the state and federal lands charge park fees.

The Indian River Lagoon National Scenic Byway gives access to a National Estuary providing habitat to more species than anywhere in North America. History buffs, bird watchers, anglers, surfers, swimmers, boaters, and vacationers will find excitement at a national seashore, wildlife refuges, state park, museums, the Kennedy Space Center, beaches, and waterways.



Canaveral National Seashore

Located just outside of Titusville, Florida, Canaveral National Seashore is situated on a barrier island and includes ocean, beach, dune, hammock, lagoon, salt marsh, and pine flatland habitats. <u>Attractions\FL\_CanaveralSeashoreMap.pdf</u>

http://www.nps.gov/cana/index.htm http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canaveral\_National\_Seashore

Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge

The Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge offers spectacular views of the real Florida, with an excellent visitor center and nature trails.

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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge

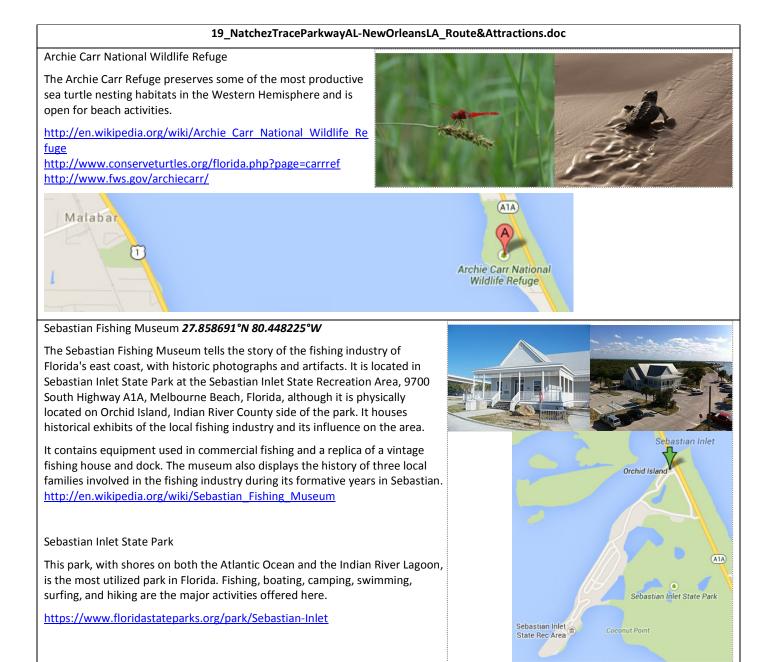
Kennedy Space Center, <a href="http://www.kennedyspacecentertours.net/?p=1">http://www.kennedyspacecentertours.net/?p=1</a>

#### N 28.522692, W 80.682104

The Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex provides an exhilarating and educational experience of the space program. Whether touring the Rocket Garden, or boarding a full-scale replica of the Space Shuttle Explorer, visitors are guaranteed an adventure.



Many different tours offered from about \$50 and up.



McLarty Treasure Museum, 13180 North A1A, Vero Beach, FL 32963

McLarty Treasure Museum is open 7 days a week 10:00 AM-4:00 PM.

(last video shows 3:15-4:00). Admission fee is \$2.00 per person.

Phone: +1 772-589-2147.

The McLarty Treasure Museum is a state sponsored museum which chronicles the story of a Spanish ship, wrecked off the coast in the early 1700's, and the ordeal of the survivors. The museum also displays numerous artifacts.

http://www.atocha1622.com/mclarty.htm https://www.facebook.com/pages/McLarty-Treasure-Museum/107607475935765?rf=116503368373963





Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge

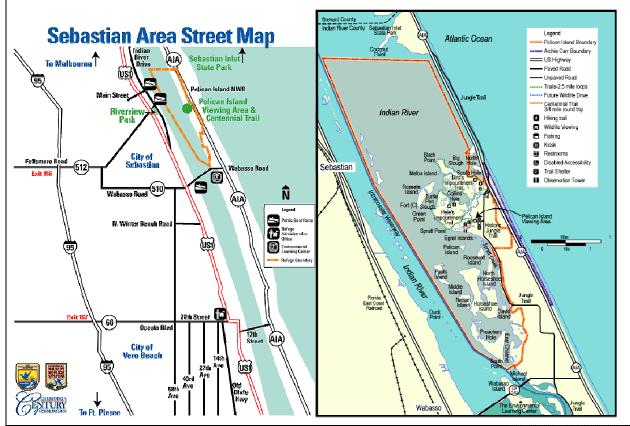
Refuge Hours: 7:30 am - Sunset daily (Monday - Sunday)

Established by President Theodore Roosevelt on March 14, 1903, Pelican Island became the first official refuge in the United States. Covering 5,175 acres, this pristine habitat became the model for all later conservation efforts.

http://www.fws.gov/pelicanisland/

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pelican\_Island\_National\_Wildlife\_Refuge





Brevard Zoo, 8225 North Wickham Road, Melbourne, Florida

The Brevard Zoo is home to over 460 animals, representing 119 species from Latin America, Florida, Asia and Australia. The zoo also has exhibits on the wetland and estuarine ecology of east central Florida.

Brevard Zoo is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. rain or shine. Last admission is 4:15 p.m.

Paws On is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. but may close sporatically due to inclement weather and may close early due to special events..

The Zoo is closed on Thanksgiving and Dec. 25. In addition, the Zoo closes at 3 p.m. on event days including Safari Under the Stars, Jazzoo and Boo at the Zoo.

Admission: Adults.\$16.95

**Refund Policy** 

>... No refunds will be issued once a guest purchases tickets.

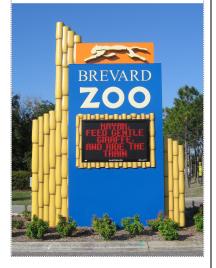
>... No refunds or rain checks will be issued due to inclement weather. The Zoo is an outdoor facility with little

indoor space. Please plan your trip to the Zoo accordingly based on the anticipated weather conditions for that day.

>... No refunds will be issued to anyone removed from the Zoo for failure to follow The Rules of the Wild.

>... Please make sure you read and understand our refund policy.

https://brevardzoo.org/ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brevard Zoo



Ted Moorhead Lagoon House

3275 Dixie Hwy NE, Palm Bay, FL

The Lagoon House is a two story building which showcases turn-of-thecentury Florida vernacular style architecture. The building houses a visitors center, historical center, and an environmental learning center for the Indian River Lagoon.

http://www.mrcirl.org/lagoon-house



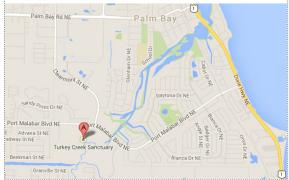
Turkey Creek Sanctuary, 1518 Port Malabar Blvd NE, Palm Bay, FL 32905

The Turkey Creek Sanctuary is surrounded by ancient sand dunes, saw palmettos, and oaks. A 4,000 foot boardwalk (3km) meanders through the woods to a bass, manatee, and turtle filled creek.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turkey\_Creek\_Sanctuary

http://www.brevardcounty.us/eelprogram/areas/turkeycreek/home

http://www.palmbayflorida.org/government/departments/parks-and-recreation/recreation/turkey-creek-sanctuary



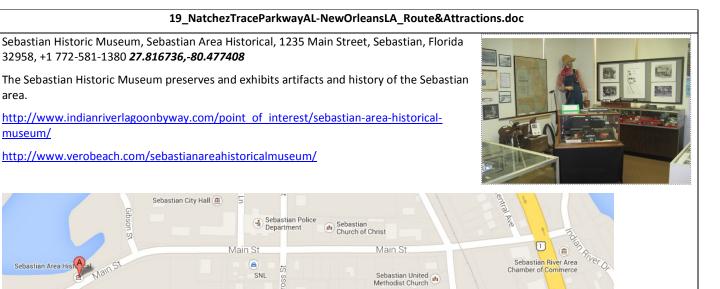


Bensen House (Grant Historical House), 5795 S Us Highway 1, Grant, Florida 32949

This particular home has survived over 80 years. Originally erected in 1916, it has been restored complete with a collection of antiques and furniture that capture the time when it thrived.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bensen\_House http://www.grantseafoodfestival.com/granthistorical-house.aspx https://www.facebook.com/pages/Grant-Historical-House/134605589923339





Paul Kroegel Statue, 600 US Hwy 1, Sebastian, Florida, 32958 27.809226, -80.464168

Paul Kroegel was the first warden of the Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge. It was he who convinced President Theodore Roosevelt to designate the fragile rookery of Pelican Island as a refuge in 1903.

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Home of

Laura (Riding) Jackson from 1943-1991.

"The most consistently good

woman poet of all time.' Who's Who in 20th Century Literature.

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Laura Riding Jackson Home, 255 Live Oak Drive, Vero Beach, FL 32963

Laura Riding Jackson was a widely-noted, avantgarde poet of the 1920s and 1930s. Her home was constructed of locally milled Florida pine in about 1910, when Indian River County was a wilderness. A good example of Florida's historic "cracker" style of vernacular architecture, it is two stories, approximately 1,400 square feet, and is furnished with her own belongings.

The poet occupied in this house from 1943 to 1991. Toward the end of her life, she sold the property to commercial interests to support herself, but remained in the house under a lease. At her death, the Laura (Riding) Jackson Board of Literary Management bequeathed the house to the Laura (Riding) Jackson Foundation to serve as a focal point for the study of literature, philosophy and history

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laura Riding https://www.facebook.com/LauraRidingJackson



Fort Lauderdale, Recommended by Muffe

http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/

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Overseas Highway, U.S. 1-- Florida Keys. A there and back leg south of Miami N 25.329132°, W 80.451736°, 228 mi, 367 km, 4:48 hrs - return

- Leaving the mainland for the 120-mile-long island chain of Florida's Keys, travelers enter a paradise of beach bars, water sports, and Parrotheads (Jimmy Buffett fans). From Key Largo to Key West, the overseas highway strings the islands together like beads, running past lighthouses, underwater coral-reef parks, and across 7 Mile Bridge—one of the longest bridges in the world.

**Stop:** On the docks at Islamorada travelers can hand-feed bait fish to tarpon more than six feet long. (*robbies.com*; *from \$3.*)

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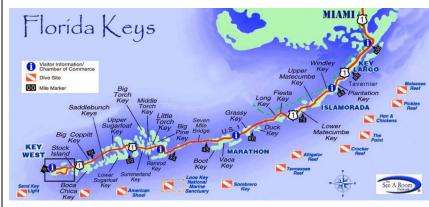
One of the country's most popular scenic drives, from Miami to Key West, owes its existence to a devastating tragedy. A hurricane destroyed the ambitious Florida East Coast Railroad in 1935, but rather than rebuild, the tracks were converted into the Overseas Highway, which skims across the tropical blue waters for more than 120 miles.

Where to Stop: On the island of Islamorada, you can swim with dolphins at the historic Theater of the Sea.<u>theaterofthesea.com</u>

Driving on the Overseas Highway into the Florida Keys is a unique experience. This highway is a 113-mile (181-kilometer) series of roads and bridges, from the Florida mainland all the way down to our country's southernmost point -- Key West. These bridges, currently open to vehicular traffic only, are achievements in engineering. They are the survivors of Henry Flagler's Florida East Coast Railway, intended to connect the Keys to the mainland. Construction began in 1905 and finished in 1912. However, Flagler's rail project was unfortunately short-lived. A 1935 hurricane destroyed more than 30 miles of track. Restoration took years. In the process, workers converted the rails to highways. The Knight's Key Bridge -- now called the Seven Mile Bridge for the nearly 7 miles (11.2 kilometers) of water it spans -- is breathtaking to traverse.

As you drive from Key Largo down to Key West, you can still see remnants of the old railroad bridges. Some of them abruptly end in the middle of the channel, a ghostly reminder of Flagler's railway dreams.

<u>http://adventure.howstuffworks.com/10-beautiful-drives.htm#page=0</u> <u>http://travel.nationalgeographic.com.au/travel/road-trips/florida-keys-road-trip/</u> <u>http://www.lonelyplanet.com/usa/travel-tips-and-articles/788#ixzz2ptcUTo50</u>

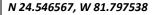


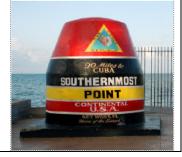




Don't miss the buoy at the Southernmost Point of Florida

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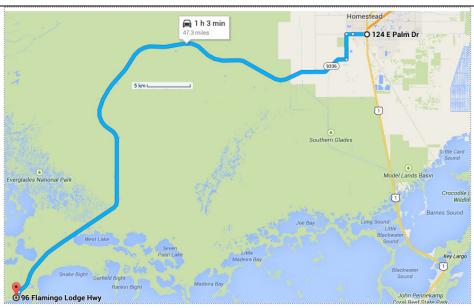




### Florida Everglades. Turn into rd 9336 at Homestead *N 25.447980°, W 80.475013°*. *47 mi, 76 km, 1:03 hrs - return*

Everglades National Park. A large white bird with black wingtips and a long slightly curved beak is perched on a branch above grassland. The vast wetlands and coastal/marine habitats of the park have made it a sanctuary for many animals including 20 rare, endangered and threatened species such as the Florida panther and the manatee. The site has been endangered from 1993–2007 following damage due to Hurricane Andrew and since 2010 due to continued degradation and a loss of marine habitat.

http://www.evergladessafaripark.com/ec o-tours-and-boat-tours-in-everglades.htm is just one of the tour operators in the area. Hover craft ride through the everglades would be a main attraction.



http://www.msn.com/en-us/travel/adventuretravel/15-must-see-sights-in-national-parks/ss-BBbsxi5?fullscreen=true#image=11



The Sunshine Skyway Bridge on Interstate 275 across Tampa Bay.

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3. Sunshine Skyway Bridge, St. Petersburg, Florida

Completed in 1897, the Sunshine Skyway Bridge is as long as Mount Everest is high, stretching for 4 miles. It's the 5th-largest cable-stayed bridge in the world and features sunny yellow steel cables. Incorporated into the structure are 36

The Sunshine Skyway Bridge

"dolphins," which were put in place to protect the support columns of the bridge from impacts from boats. In fact, the bridge can withstand a big impact by a boat weighing in at 87,000 tons. That's twice the size of the Titanic!

http://interstate275florida.com/ssb.htm http://www.travelchannel.com/interests/road-trips/articles/worlds-top-10-bridges





