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Thank you for the warm welcome to Mississippi. We traveled to Mississippi in the spring and had an enjoyable trip. We loved the Natchez Trace parkway, Ship Island, and the Long Leaf Trace railtrail. We visited Vicksburg, and the Gulf Coast, stayed in motels and camped at some state parks. It was also interesting to find out that so many of our favorite authors were from Mississippi!!

Here are some suggestions, however.

1- I was a little disappointed that we couldn't make reservations to camp for one night at your state parks. I was not wanting to reserve a specific site, but just to know

w that a site would be there when I got there. We tend to want to sightsee as much as possible and roll into camp in the late afternoon. Instead, we cut short some of the sightseeing in order to get a campsite. We camped at Trace State park and Natchez State park and found both to have lovely campsites, and neither to be a problem getting a site in the middle of the week. But you never know, and since we traveled so far, it would have been nice to be sure of getting a site and not have to cut short the sightseeing.

2- I really wanted to find a state park to camp at on the Gulf Coast. We ended up at a private place in order to be near the Ship Island ferry, and it just was not set up for tent camping. Also, we drove down to a State park east of Biloxi and were hoping for a beach but there was not one.

3- We visited the Windsor ruins and were wondering why this site is not developed in order to preserve it. We ran across some teenagers "parked" there and while they were just interested in each other, we hate to think what vandals could do to this interesting site.

4- We did not understand what a state water park was. We stopped for lunch at one and we believe this is something that could be a draw for many people out of state. Most people where we live think of a water park as an amusement park- something we avoid. Had we known a Mississippi water park was a park with natural recreational water activities, we might have stayed there.

Lastly, my 13 year old daughter remarked upon how friendly all the Mississippians we met were. I think this is something significant for a teenager to notice, and something Mississippi should be proud of.

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Governor Ronnie Musgrove wrote:

> Mississippi is one of America's fastest growing tourist destinations. So far you've only seen a small part of what we have to offer. Whether you're looking for soulful music and the lifestyle of the Blues, the excitement of a world-class resort, outdoor sports or a night in a historic bed and breakfast, we've got it all. Our state's rich culture will make your visit here unique and memorable.

>  
> If you're planning your first trip to Mississippi, we're looking forward to your arrival. If you've been here before, we'll welcome you like you're coming back home.

>  
> In the meantime, we're going to be adding new and exciting ideas and destinations to this site, so why not add our home page to your favorites?

>  
> We're looking forward to seeing you and, if you come through Jackson, I hope you'll stop by the Governor's Mansion to say hello.

>  
> Sincerely,

>  
> Ronnie Musgrove  
> GOVERNOR

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