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Leaf River, Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Current Projects

1. Hancock County Trails and Greenways

Location: Hancock County, MS

Congressional District: 4

Project Partner: Hancock County Chamber of Commerce,
Greenways Commission

NPS Contact: Liz Smith-Incer

Project Goal

Develop over 25 miles of trails, more than 200 acres of parkland and improved public access to water points along blueways based on the County's greenways plan.

RTCA Role

RTCA will assist the Hancock County Greenways Committee in implementing key trail segments outlined in the plan, including over 40 miles of both land-based and water-based trails that will connect into the Gulf Coast Heritage Trails network.

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2010

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3. Pascagoula River Basin Recreation Corridor
Pascagoula River Basin Alliance
4. Mississippi River Trail
Mississippi River Trail, Inc

ABOUT US

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. RTCA 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.



Kayak lessons on the Hancock County Coastal Trail

We're Here For You.

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

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2009 Nationwide Partnership Success

- 3,441 Miles of Trail Developed
- 2,664 Miles of River Conserved
- 87,385 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected
- 97% Percentage of Community Partners Satisfied

Find more information online at www.nps.gov/rtca



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Current Projects cont.

2. Forrest County Multi-Use Trail Project

Location: Urban county seat with a large hospital and a university. The other area of the project is located in the rural section of the county, along the Black Creek which covers 20.5 miles of the County.

Congressional District: 4
Project Partner: Forrest County
NPS Contact: Bill Lane

Project Goal

Provide walking and biking connections between the University of Southern Mississippi, communities, local businesses and the Longleaf Trace Trail to promote outdoor recreation. The project will also consist of a linear park that will utilize existing natural features, including Gordon's Creek while promoting sustainability

RTCA Role

Help develop a conceptual master plan for the trail and conduct community outreach, including facilitating public meetings.

3. Pascagoula River Basin Corridor

Location: Beginning at the confluence of the Leaf River and Chicksawhay River, south to the Gulf of Mexico.

Congressional District: 4
Project Partner: Pascagoula River Basin Alliance
NPS Contact: Liz Smith-Incer

Project Goal:

Develop 81 miles of water trail along the Pascagoula River and over 100 miles of multi-use land based trails from the headwaters of the Pascagoula River, south, to its entrance into the Mississippi Sound.

4. Mississippi River Trail

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

Congressional Districts: AR-1,4; IO-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

Project Partner: Mississippi River Trail, Inc.

NPS Contact: Liz Smith-Incer

Project Goal

Locally: Develop 71 miles of trail from Vicksburg, MS to Natchez, MS. Nationally: Create a network of 3,000 miles of trail from Minnesota to Louisiana.

