

## **Bicycling Rules on the Natchez Trace Parkway**

Bicycle riding along the Natchez Trace Parkway is governed by Title 36, *Code of Federal Regulations*, which states:

### Section 4.3. Bicycles

- (a) *Bicycle riders must comply with all applicable traffic regulations. Bicycle riders shall keep well to the side of the road and shall keep the cycle under complete control at all times. Bicycles shall not be ridden abreast of one another except on roads designed for cycle use only.*
  
- (b) *Each bicycle must exhibit a white light on the front and a red light or red reflector on the rear during periods of low visibility or during the period between sundown and sunup.*

Although bicycling is permitted with the flow of traffic on the parkway, extreme caution is advised on sections of the parkway with heavy vehicular traffic, such as in Tupelo, MS. Portions of the parkway in Alabama and Tennessee, plus the section south of Jackson, MS, usually have less traffic, although caution is still essential.

At the incomplete section around Jackson, MS, it is necessary to utilize local, state or federal highways to travel from one of the sections of the Parkway to the other.

The width of the Parkway varies from 400 feet to 1,000 feet, with a wider right-of-way at areas of historical, scientific, and recreational value. All lands outside of this boundary, with the exception of Tishomingo State Park and Tombigbee National Forest in northeast Mississippi, are privately owned and require owner permission to use for any purpose.

### **Rules for safely bicycling on the Natchez Trace Parkway**

- Observe all traffic regulations.
- Keep to the right and ride SINGLE FILE.
- Never hitch onto other vehicles or race in traffic.
- Never carry other riders or items that obstruct vision or prevent control of bicycle.
- Be sure bicycle is in perfect condition, and brakes operate efficiently.
- Wear a helmet and reflective clothing.
- Always carry drinking water.
- Use proper hand signals for turning and stopping.
- Plan to be off the parkway by sundown.

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In case of emergency, call: **1-800-300-PARK (7275)**