

Annual Crepe Myrtle Season

# Natchez Celebrates the BLOOMS

## JUNE *and* JULY

*No other city can boast the extraordinary display of thousands of crepe myrtles in full bloom like Natchez!*

These 3 FREE self-guided tours are the best bloomin' way to see Natchez!

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**THE BLOOMS DRIVE TOUR**

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**CITY CEMETERY TOUR**

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**SIP-n-SEE STROLLING TOUR**

*(Downtown Entertainment and To-Go-Cup District)*

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# 1 THE BLOOMS DRIVE

Begin your bloom drive near Main and Broadway Streets at Stop 1 • **THE BANDSTAND**, a 20th-century replica of a 19th-century structure. To set the mood, take a moment to stroll the bluffside panoramic views of the Mighty Mississippi River.

## 1 • THE BANDSTAND

Enjoy the blooms of over 200 Natchez White Crepe Myrtles planted along walking trails in the early part of the century. These same Natchez streets that were laid out by the Spanish rule in the 18th century. After your stroll, follow your map to Franklin Street and enjoy over 150 pink, purple, and white Crepe Myrtles that were planted by the Adams County Master Gardeners in a 2011 project to help beautify Franklin and Main Streets.

Turn left onto Pearl Street and experience the bowers of branches reaching over the sidewalks covered in showers of pink petals. **MYRTLE TERRACE**, c. 1844, is on the left. Turn right onto High Street and enjoy the view of ...

## 2 • STANTON HALL c. 1857

Stanton Hall is the most palatial residence in Natchez. You may walk around the grounds to enjoy the magnificent Live Oak Trees or purchase a ticket for a tour of this historic property in the gift shop. Tours are available by navigating to [www.natchezpilgrimage.com](http://www.natchezpilgrimage.com).

As we continue, follow your map to Monmouth via State Street (which will become John A. Quitman Boulevard.)

## 3 • MONMOUTH HISTORIC INN c. 1818

If you would like, you may park in the designated area and stroll through the extensive garden. You may also purchase house tour tickets in the gift shop located off the courtyard.

Exit the drive and turn right, at the light onto Melrose Avenue. In about one-half mile, turn left into Melrose.

## 4 • MELROSE c. 1849

Melrose is part of the Natchez National Historical Park, so you may stroll the grounds at your leisure, or purchase a house tour ticket at the gift shop.

Exit the drive and turn right and then an immediate left onto Ratcliff Place. Continue and turn left onto Auburn Avenue.

Now you have two options: the first would be to drive straight into ...

## 5 • DUNCAN PARK

Enjoy this city park featuring a beautifully landscaped golf course with dozens of Crepe Myrtles and picnic tables under the Oak trees.

Or your second option is to turn right off Duncan Avenue, where you can visit ...

## 6 • AUBURN c. 1812

This fascinating property is famous for its architecture and is owned by the City of Natchez. You can walk the grounds, admire the beautiful Live Oak Trees, and find more Crepe Myrtles behind the estate. Tours can be arranged in advance. Visit Natchez at 601-446-6345.

Following your map to Homochitto Street, you will find blocks of glorious blooms on the left as you arrive at ...

## 7 • DUNLEITH HISTORIC INN c. 1855

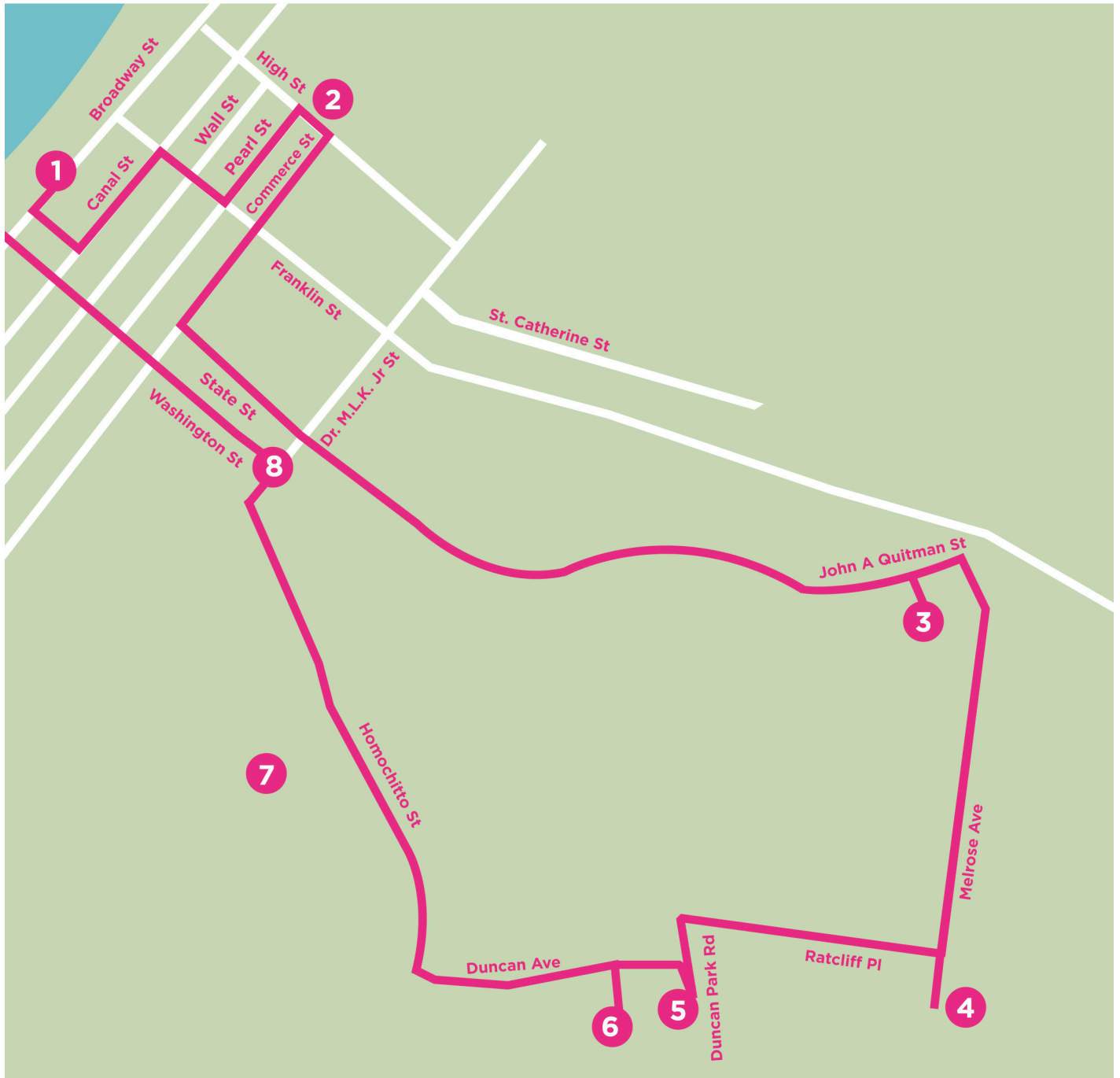
This beautiful home is fully encircled by a colonnade of 26 Greek Revival columns. Continue driving down Homochitto Street, then turn right onto Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street, and take the first left onto ...

## 8 • WASHINGTON STREET

Finish your scenic drive through a beautiful allée of Crepe Myrtles in bloom. Many of these trees were planted in the 1940s by the local garden club. Notice the gnarled tree on the corner by Trinity Episcopal Church. This tree is more than 100 years old! There will be blooms in all directions as you once again approach the river.

As you enjoy your Washington Street finale, don't let the view distract you from a safe drive with stop signs and cross streets. Be safe & enjoy the best bloomin' city tour you can imagine!

# 1 THE BLOOMS DRIVE



## AREA MAP KEY

1. *The Bandstand at Natchez Bluff Park*
2. *Stanton Hall*
3. *Monmouth Historic Inn*
4. *Melrose*
5. *Duncan Park*
6. *Auburn*
7. *Dunleith Historic Inn*
8. *Washington Street*

## Why not plan a picnic outing to enjoy time on the Bluff or at Duncan Park?

Duncan Park has a wide array of features that include a Historic Train Display, Golf Course, Tennis and Pickle-ball Courts, Disc Golf Course, Walking Trail, Open Air Pavilions, and 3 Playgrounds.



## 2 CITY CEMETERY TOUR

Established in 1822 on the bluffs high above the Mississippi River, the beautiful cemetery grounds provide breathtaking views and an alleé of blooms each summer. Located at 2 Cemetery Road, you will find over 490 Crepe Myrtles! An online audio driving tour of the cemetery is also available by scanning the QR code below!

In preparation for a 2012 MAster Gardner conference that was to be held in Natchez, the Adams County Master Gardeners began an extensive project in 2005 for crepe myrtle maintenance inside the Natchez City Cemetery with the objective of indentifying the locations of all the crepe myrtles and list them by color of the blooms.

Their goal was accomplished in 2011 by two of the Adams County Master Gardeners. They tediously travelled through each section of our historic cemetery during the summer blooming season, notating whether they found white, pink, red, or lavender blooms.

Referring to the chart on the following page, you can find the Brown's Final Addition, which has recently been spruced up and beautified for our enjoyment!

**Learn more about the City Cemetery at <https://thenatchezcitycemetery.com>.**

### Online Audio Driving Tour:

Over 20 stops at the most storied sites in the Cemetery.

### Angels on The Bluff Tour:

Return in November for the annual *Angels on the Bluff*, an informative and entertaining tour of selected grave sites as local citizens and/or descendants reveal the history, romance, tragedy, and mystery surrounding the people buried there.

The Cemetery opens daily at 7:00am. Please note that the gates are locked at dusk. Watch your time or you may be locked in.







## 3 THE SIP 'n SEE STROLL

Worthy of 2 or 3 visits! Slow down and savor the crepe myrtles. Our Downtown features an Entertainment & Go-Cup District, making it perfect to Sip, See, Shop, Stop, and Stroll at your own pace through beautiful Downtown. Enjoy beautiful churches, art galleries, park, shops, restaurants, and more. And be sure you don't miss the river sunset!

### 1. BOWIE'S RABBIT HOLE

Grab a drink-to go or a quick bite.

### 2. THE NATCHEZ GRAND HOTEL,

reminiscent of the Natchez Cotton Mill, stands on its original site. The Mill was built in 1878 at the beginning of the "Industrial Revolution of the South."

You can also find Hop-On Hop-Off bus tours here.

### 3. VISIT NATCHEZ AT THE DEPOT

Here you will find tour and event info, personal guide resources, an overview film, and rest rooms.

### 4. WARDO'S POBOYS

Grab a real New Orleans style poboys at this family favorite.

### 5. SMOOT'S GROCERY BLUES LOUNGE

Turn right on High Street.

### 6. THE LITTLE EASY

is a great stop for brunch if you are starting your stroll early.

### 7. NATCHEZ BREWING CO.

We recommend one of their own brews and grab a pizza!

Pass **CHEROKEE**, c. 1836, on the left and **CHOCTAW HALL**, c. 1836, on the right. At the corner, see **WHITE WINGS**, c. 1833, the former home of Sallie Junkin Ballard, who spearheaded the movement to plant 2000 Crepe Myrtles to welcome the year 2000.

The corner of Pearl and High Streets offers a view of **STANTON HALL**, c. 1857, the most palatial residence in Natchez. Turn right onto Pearl Street and admire the bower of pink blooms overhead in front of **MYRTLE TERRACE**, c. 1844. Enjoy the blooms and dappled shade.

### 8. THE GUEST HOUSE INN AND MEDITERRANEAN RESTAURANT

Turn left onto Franklin Street and stroll under some of the 150 pink, purple, and white Crepe Myrtles planted by the Adams County Master Gardeners in a 2011 project that helped beautify Franklin and Main Streets.

Continue on Franklin enjoying the shops along **ANTIQUES ROW**.

### 9. NATCHEZ COFFEE COMPANY

**10. THE NATCHEESIAN**  
NY style pizza and NOLA style Daiquiris (Opens June 2026)

### 11. PAPI y PAPI AND STEAMPUNK COFFEE ROASTERS

Turn right on Dr. MLK Street other great stops for those looking to brunch!

### 12. MIDTOWN GRILL

### 13. 1720 GALLERY & GIFTS

Next, turn right on Main Street.

You might detour through **MEMORIAL PARK** to rest under the magnificent oak trees.

Continue down **Main Street** with shops, eateries, and stops along the way. At Pearl Street look left and then to the right for more blooms!

- 14. FRANKIE'S ON MAIN
- 15. PLANET THAILAND
- 16. SLICK RICK'S CAFE
- 17. BUTTER CAKERY
- 18. PEARL STREET PASTA
- 19. LITTLE GREEN FORK
- 20. ANDREW'S TAVERN
- 21. BISCUITS AND BLUES

Various shades of pink blooms fill the next block as you approach the river.

### 22. THE PIG OUT INN BARBEQUE

### 23. THE CORNER BAR

Your stroll is almost over, or you could turn left to visit

### 24. FAT MAMA'S TAMALES.

Grab a famous "Knock-You-Naked" Margarita in a go-cup!

### 25. NATCHEZ UNDER THE HILL

Head down Silver Street for Drinks, Food, and Shopping on the river bank. Return at night Live Music at the famous Saloon and the Sunset!

- THE CAMP RESTAURANT
- MAGNOLIA GRILL
- UNDER-THE-HILL SALOON

To see more crepe myrtles in bloom, walk up Washington Street towards Rankin and marvel at the abundance of trees planted in the 1940s as well as many over 100 years old.

