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Natchez Trace Parkway to Host Volunteer Recruitment Event

RIDGELAND, MS – The Natchez Trace Parkway is excited to host “VolunteerFest!” on July 18 and 19 at the Mississippi Crafts Center in Ridgeland, located at 950 Rice Road. This two-day event will highlight the Parkway volunteer opportunities that are available in the Ridgeland area. Potential volunteers are invited to drop in between 10:00 a.m. and noon, on either Friday or Saturday, to talk to park rangers and learn about volunteer opportunities including Visitor Information Center Hosts, Bike Patrol, and Trail Ambassadors.

“We are seeking members of the local community to assist us in supporting the National Park Service mission and sharing the history and beauty of the Natchez Trace Parkway with visitors,” said Terry Wildy, Chief of Interpretation.

The Parkway is very popular with area residents and visitors to the Jackson and Ridgeland area. Thousands of people visit and utilize the Parkway Information Cabin, the Multi-Use Trail and the Yockanookany section of the Natchez Trace National Scenic Trail every year. With over six million recreational visitors to the Parkway each year, the Natchez Trace Parkway supports over 1,550 local jobs, with visitors spending over \$125 million in communities along the Parkway.

For more information about the event, please contact the Natchez Trace Parkway at 662-680-4027. For more information about the Natchez Trace Parkway, please visit www.nps.gov/natr.

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