

# MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST UPDATES

MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

## Calendar of Events

The Mississippi Gulf Coast is returning to normal operations in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Our beautiful Coast suffered immense damage, but momentum is growing as we enter the rebuilding phase of recovery. Starting now, and over the course of the next several years, the Mississippi Gulf Coast will truly be a land of opportunity for the visitor.

We are staying busy on the Mississippi Gulf Coast with exciting events from Mardi Gras to the Cajun Crawfish Festival. Our tradition of annual special events continues with all of the spirit and hospitality that visitors have come to expect.



### MARCH

March 3-5 – **MS Boat, Sport and RV Show** – Mississippi Coast Coliseum Grounds, Biloxi. 228-594-3700

March 11 – **Mustang, Shelby and Ford Products Show** – Henderson Ford – Waveland – 228-388-1880

March 18 – **St. Patrick's Day Parade** – Downtown Biloxi, 2pm 228-875-9995, 875-0267

March 19 – **Shenanigan's St Patrick's Day parade** – Downtown Gulfport, 24th Ave, 14th St, 21st St, 15th St. 2:00pm. 228-864-6211

March 25 – **Annual Barbecue Under the Oaks** – 11:30am to 2pm, Oaklawn, 7344 Menge Ave, Pass Christian. 228-435-9800

March 25-26 – **Herb Fest** – Downtown Ocean Springs. 228-875-4424

### APRIL

April 7 – **WAMA Gala** – Ocean Springs Community Center. 228-875-4424 or 872-3164 [www.walterandersonmuseum.org](http://www.walterandersonmuseum.org)

April 20-23 & 28-30 – **Country Cajun Crawfish Festival** – Mississippi Coast Coliseum, Biloxi. 228-594-3700 [www.mscoastcoliseum.com](http://www.mscoastcoliseum.com)

April 22 – **Earth Day Festival** – Gulf Islands National Seashore/Ocean Springs. 228-875-9057 [www.nps.gov/guis](http://www.nps.gov/guis)

### MAY

May 6-7 – **Renaissance Festival** – Ocean Springs. 228-875-4424

May 25-28 – **4th Annual Catfish Festival** – St. Ann Church, 23529 Highway 53, Lizana, (228) 832-2560 or 860-1533

May 26-29 – **All Harley Memorial Day Blowout** – Gulfport Dragway, Gulfport 228-863-4408

May 27-28 – **Annual Spring "May Show"** – D'Iberville – (228) 832-7710

### JUNE

June 1-4 – **Home & Garden/Arts & Craft Expo** – Mississippi Coast Coliseum, Biloxi 866-294-8977

June 2-3 – **US Classic Gun & Knife Show** – Mississippi Coast Coliseum, Biloxi. 226-665-3054

June 8-18 – **2006 Coast Coliseum Summer Fair** – Mississippi Coast Coliseum, Biloxi 228-594-3700

June 23-25 – **Home and Product Show** – Mississippi Coast Coliseum, Biloxi 228-896-7646

June 24-25 – **Scrapin' The Coast** – Mississippi Coast Coliseum, Biloxi. 228-365-6720 [www.scrapinthe coast.com](http://www.scrapinthe coast.com)

June 30 – July 3 – **Annual Crab Festival** – 10am-10pm – Under the Oaks next to Our Lady of the Gulf, Bay St Louis. 228-467-6509.

### JULY

July 1-4 – **Annual Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo** – Jones Park/Gulfport Small Craft Harbor. (228) 863-2713. [www.fishrodeo.com](http://www.fishrodeo.com)



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GULFCOAST  
GULFPORT ~ BILOXI

## Accommodations Update

The current room inventory on the Mississippi Gulf Coast is approximately 5,000 out of 18,000 rooms that were available pre-Katrina. As the Coast rebuilds, more rooms will come online.

Already, we have available meeting space, golf courses, charter fishing, regional attractions, shopping venues, and exceptional restaurants cooking up our famous fresh seafood.



### BILOXI HOTELS

**Best Western Oak Manor**  
225-435-4331

**Econo Lodge of Biloxi**  
228-374-7644, 800-553-2666

**Edgewater Inn**  
228-388-1100, 800-323-9676

**Hampton Inn – Biloxi**  
228-435-9010

**Hampton Inn – Biloxi/Ocean Springs**  
228-872-6370

**Holiday Inn Hotel**  
228-436-0201, 800-387-7723

**Howard Johnson Express**  
228-432-2000

**IP Hotel & Casino (formerly Imperial Palace)**  
228-436-3000, 888-946-2847

**Isle of Capri Casino Resort**  
228-436-4753, 800-THE-ISLE

**Palace Casino Resort**  
228-432-8888, 800-725-2259

### BILOXI CONDOS

**Beaujolais Villas Condominiums**  
228-396-1004, 800-559-1004

### BILOXI CAMPGROUNDS

**Fox's RV Park & Complex**  
228-388-2149, 800-736-7275

**Lakeview RV Resort (formerly Leisure Lake Resort)**  
228-396-2211

**Martin Lake Resort**  
228-875-9157

**Mazalea Travel Park**  
228-392-8575, 800-877-8575

**Parkers Landing RV Park**  
228-392-7717, 800-732-1372

**Royal Gulf, An Apartment Residence**  
228-385-7800

**Southern Comfort Camping Resort**  
228-432-1700, 877-302-1700

### BILOXI BED & BREAKFAST

**Lofty Oaks Inn Bed & Breakfast**  
228-392-6722

### D'IBERVILLE HOTELS

**Econo Lodge Inn & Suites**  
228-396-0100, 800-228-5151

**Howard Johnson Express Inn**  
228-396-2110

**Suburban Lodge**  
228-396-5780, 800-951-7829

**Travelodge**  
228-396-4488, 800-578-7878

**Wingate Inn**  
228-396-0036

### GULFPORT HOTELS

**Best Value Inn**  
228-868-8500

**Best Western Seaway Inn**  
228-861-0050, 800-822-4141

**Crystal Inn**  
228-822-9600, 888-822-9600

**Econo Lodge & Suites**  
228-863-9910, 800-553-2666

**Fairfield Inn by Marriott**  
228-822-9000, 800-489-8158

**French Garden Apartment Homes**  
228-832-2325, 877-299-8382

**Hampton Inn**  
228-868-3300, 800-984-7489

**Holiday Inn Airport**  
228-868-8200, 800-441-0892

**Holiday Inn Express/Sports Complex**  
228-864-7222

**Gulfport Beachfront Hotel**  
228-864-4310, 800-441-0887

**Magnolia Plantation Hotel**  
228-832-8400, 800-700-7858

**Ramada Limited**  
228-868-8500

**Sun Suites**  
228-214-0320, 866-SUN-SUITES

### GULFPORT CAMPGROUNDS

**Bayberry RV Park**  
228-328-4422

**Baywood Campground Inc**  
228-896-4840

**Campgrounds of the South**  
228-559-2922

**Mabry's Red Barn RV Park**  
228-328-4475

**Shields RV Park**  
228-871-5435  
Active duty military only.

### GULFPORT BED & BREAKFAST

**Camille Bed & Breakfast**  
228-863-1940, 800-260-9905

### LONG BEACH

**McCarter Lane Guest House**  
228-863-9942

**Red Creek Inn Bed & Breakfast**  
228-452-3080

### LONG BEACH CAMPGROUNDS

**Magic River Resort**  
228-452-4405

### SAUCIER

**Rouse Retreat Cabin**  
228-832-7607

**Countryside RV Park**  
228-559-0807

# Mississippi Gulf Coast Golf Courses

## HARRISON COUNTY

### BILOXI

**Dogwood Hills Golf Course**  
18 hole course.  
228-392-9805

**Sunkist Country Club**  
18 hole course.  
228-388-3961

### GULFPORT

**Great Southern Golf Club**  
18 hole course. Opening March 1, 2006.  
228-896-3536.

**Gulfport Par 3 Golf Course**  
9 hole course.  
228-868-3809

**Pine Bayou Golf Course**  
18 hole course. Open to the public from the 28<sup>th</sup> Street gate.  
228-871-2494

**Windance Country Club**  
18 hole course.  
228-852-4871

## PASS CHRISTIAN

**The Oaks Golf Club**  
Scheduled to reopen May/June 2006. 18 hole course.  
228-452-0909.

**Pass Christian Isles Golf Club**  
18 hole course.  
228-452-4851

## SAUCIER

**Grand Bear Golf Course**  
18 hole course.  
228-607-7100

## HANCOCK COUNTY

### BAY ST LOUIS

**Bridges Golf club at Casino Magic**  
18 hole course. Closing March 6 - September for repairs.  
228-463-4047

## DIAMONDHEAD

**Diamondhead Cardinal & Pine Courses**  
Two 18 hole courses  
228-255-3910

## JACKSON COUNTY

### GAUTIER

**Mississippi National Golf Club**  
18 hole course.  
228-497-2372

**Shell Landing Golf Course**  
18 hole course.  
228-497-5683

## OCEAN SPRINGS

**Gulf Hills Golf Club**  
18 hole course.  
228-872-9663

**St. Andrews Golf Course**  
18 hole course.  
228-875-7730

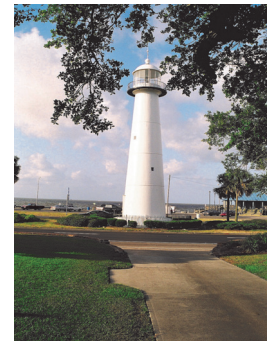
## PASCAGOULA

**Pascagoula Country Club**  
18 hole course; clubhouse located in temporary trailer  
228-762-1466

**Whispering Pine Golf Course**  
18 hole course.  
228-588-6111



This \$100 million industry may be the leader of the tourism industry's recovery. Although several courses suffered major damage, 90% of the courses on the Coast are operational as of January 2006.



Our coast is still home to the world's longest man-made beach, which is currently being sifted and cleaned in order to begin a beach replenishment project. Remarkably, several attractions on the Mississippi Gulf Coast have opened their doors and are welcoming guests, including: Stennis Space Center, Gulf Islands Waterpark (seasonal), the Biloxi Schooners, Ship Island (seasonal), the Walter Anderson Museum of Art, and many shopping outlets and restaurants.

## Attractions

**Beauvoir** - scheduled to reopen June 3, 2008 [www.beauvoir.org](http://www.beauvoir.org)

**Biloxi Bay Charter & Nature Tours** - 228-209-9977, Point Cadet March, 2006.

**Biloxi Little Theatre** - 228-432-8543 - Regular show schedule.

**Biloxi Natatorium** - 228-435-6108 Biloxi. Hours vary.

**Biloxi Schooners** - 228-435-6320. Point Cadet. [www.maritimemuseum.org](http://www.maritimemuseum.org)

**Biloxi Shrimping Trip** - 228-385-1182. Biloxi Small Craft Harbor, possible March 2006 [www.biloxishrimpingtrip.com](http://www.biloxishrimpingtrip.com)

**Biloxi Tour Train** - 228-374-8687 - Tour includes East Biloxi. [www.biloxitourtrain.com](http://www.biloxitourtrain.com)

**Boykin Enterprises** - 228-990-0599, Gautier. Provides eco-tours of the Pascagoula River Basin.

**Center Stage** - 228-388-6258, Biloxi. Regular show schedule

**The Friendship Oak** - Long Beach, survived the storm with minor damage

**Gulf Islands Water Park** - 228-328-1266. Reopening April 2006. [www.gulfislandswaterpark.com](http://www.gulfislandswaterpark.com)

**Gulfport Dragway** - 228-863-4408. Gulfport. Open for racing March 1, 2006. [www.gulfportdragway.com](http://www.gulfportdragway.com)

**Gulf Islands National Seashore** - 228-875-9057, Ocean Springs. Davis Bayou area. [www.nps.gov/guis](http://www.nps.gov/guis)

## ATTRACTIONS

Gulfport Little Theatre – 228-864-7983,  
Regular show schedule.

J.L. Scott Marine Education Center &  
Aquarium – 228-374-5550, Ocean  
Springs. [www.usm.edu/aquarium](http://www.usm.edu/aquarium)

Lynn Meadows Discovery Center – 228-  
897-6039, Gulfport. Reopening May 2006  
[www.lmdc.org](http://www.lmdc.org)

Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum –  
228-435-6320, Biloxi. Booking Schooner  
tours. [www.maritimemuseum.org](http://www.maritimemuseum.org)

Mary C O'Keefe Cultural Center – 228-  
818-2878. Currently in use by Shearwater  
Pottery potters.

McCoy's River and Marsh Tours – 228-  
588-0656, Moss Point. Provides eco-tours  
of the Pasca goula River Basin.

Mississippi Sandhill Crane National  
Wildlife Refuge – 228-497-6322.  
<http://mississippiandhillcrane.fws.gov>

The Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art/  
Pleasant Reed House – 228-374-5547,  
Reopening spring of 2007.  
[www.georggeohr.org](http://www.georggeohr.org)

Saenger Theatre for the Performing Arts  
– 228-435-6291, 170 Reynoir St, Biloxi,  
regular schedule and special events.  
[www.biloxi.ms.us](http://www.biloxi.ms.us)

Ship Island Excursions – 228-864-1014,  
1-866-466-7386, Limited schedule  
Spring 2006. Gulfport Small Craft Har-  
bor. [www.mshipisland.com](http://www.mshipisland.com)

StenniSphere, NASA Space Center –  
228-688-3341. [www.nasa.gov/  
centers/stennis/home/index.html](http://www.nasa.gov/centers/stennis/home/index.html)

Walter Anderson Museum of Art – 228-  
872-3164, Ocean Springs.  
[www.walterandersonmuseum.org](http://www.walterandersonmuseum.org)

Wolf River Canoe/Natural Adventures  
Touring Kayaks 228-452-7666, 21640  
Tucker Rd, Long Beach, Spring 2006.

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## Casino Updates

These casinos opened December of 2005. Others plan to open during 2006 and early 2007.

**IP Hotel & Casino**  
1-888-WIN-ATIP

[www.ipbiloxi.com](http://www.ipbiloxi.com) – Over 1,900 ticket in and ticket out slots and 52 table games; plus a brand new luxurious poker room with 16 tables

**Isle of Capri Casino Resort**  
1-800-THE-ISLE

[www.isleofcapricasino.com](http://www.isleofcapricasino.com) – 930 slot machines, 25 table games, and 9 poker tables.

**Palace Casino**  
1-800-PALACE-9

[www.palacecasinoresort.com](http://www.palacecasinoresort.com) – 827 slots and video poker machines and 14 table games.



Mississippi Charter Boat services are available. Check [www.gulfcoast.org](http://www.gulfcoast.org) for a list of charter boats to call for your reservation or call 1-888-565-1122.

Mississippi Gulf Coast room reservations:  
1-888-388-1006

Mississippi Gulf Coast Golf reservations:  
1-866-383-4653 or 1-888-388-1006

A listing of all restaurants on the Mississippi Gulf Coast currently open or opening soon can be found on our web site, [www.gulfcoast.org](http://www.gulfcoast.org).

