

Hattiesburg, Mississippi Attractions

Hattiesburg, Mississippi has a lot to offer, starting with a classic Stuckey's store with one of the original sloped teal roofs. Stop by for some pecan log rolls and - while you're at it - visit these fun roadside attractions all within an hour's drive of the Stuckey's.



Stuckey's Store in Hattiesburg

♦ **Freedom Summer Trail**

In 1964, Hattiesburg was the largest area participating in a statewide voter registration drive. Take an audio driving tour to visit historical markers and sites.

♦ **Last Bare-Knuckle Prize Fight** Brick-and-bronze monument marks where the last bare-knuckle prize fight took place in 1889. It was illegal. The winner had to pay a \$500 fine; the loser was given a two-month jail sentence.

♦ **Big Melon, Seminary** A large watermelon statue advertises a now-closed watermelon patch.

♦ **Smitty's Super Service Station, Sandy Hook** One of the few existing, fully functional Showbiz Pizza animatronic shows still in operation.



Big Melon

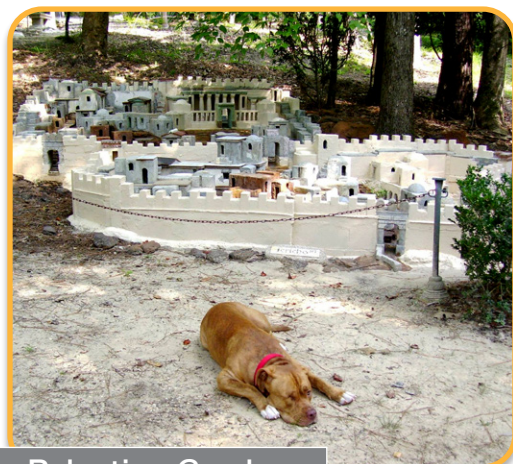


Smitty's Super Service Station

♦ **Palestine Gardens, Lucedale** This roadside attraction in the woods of Mississippi is a scalable replica of the Holy Lands during biblical times.

♦ **World's Largest Rocking Chair, Gulfport** Located outside Dedeaux Clan Furniture shop.

♦ **Mitchell Farms, Collins** In business since 1960, includes over 1,500 acres of pick-your-own tomatoes and peaches, plus offers fresh fruits and vegetables, peanuts, and tours of the farm and historic cabin.



Palestine Gardens

♦ **Town Named "Hot Coffee"** Calling all Caffeine Addicts! Cruise through Hot Coffee and get your picture taken with the town sign.

♦ **Friendship Oak, Long Beach** Over 500 years old, the oak tree is said to convey friendship to all who stand in its shade. The tree sits on the Gulf Park campus of the University of Southern Mississippi and measures 59 feet high.



Hot Coffee

Vintage Roadside recommends the following steps:



- ✦ If you're a fan of Art Deco and Streamline Moderne architecture don't miss the old [Hercules Powder Company Building](#) which was once used as an employee cafeteria and store. You'll find it on W 7th Street.
- ✦ The former [Forrest Hotel](#) at 302 Forrest Street was for more than forty years the city's tallest building and still maintains most of its Art Deco ornamentation.
- ✦ If you grew up shopping at the Five & Dime there's a great old [Kress Department Store Building](#) at the corner of Front & Main to remind you of those days shopping with mom and dad.
- ✦ If you're in the mood for donuts with a bit of history behind them you can treat yourself at [Shipley Do-Nuts](#) at 20th & Hardy Street. Shipley began selling donuts in 1936.



Forrest Hotel



Coca-Cola Bottling Plant

- ✦ Love old gas stations from the heyday of the road trip? You can spot a classic surviving [Pure Oil station](#) at the intersection of Hardy & Pine.
- ✦ More great architecture as well as a few ghost wall signs can be found on the old [Coca-Cola Bottling Plant](#) on Mobile Street. The building was built in 1915 and now is used as a music venue.
- ✦ If old theaters are on your radar the [Saenger Theater](#) at 201 Forrest Street has a fantastic neon sign as well as a classic 1920s façade. The theater also (amazingly!) still has its original 778-pipe Robert Morgan pipe organ.
- ✦ Ready for lunch with a real side of roadside history? [The Coney Island Café](#) at 400 N. Main Street has been serving classic hot dogs, hamburgers and more since 1923. Still owned and operated by the founding family.
- ✦ Two [Old Neon Signs](#) worth photographing are the [Gus Café](#) at 144 E. Front Street and the [Albritton Chain Saw](#) at 1601 Broadway.
- ✦ [Bonus Hattiesburg Trivia](#) – birthplace of Fred Armisen, Jimmy Buffett, and Brett Favre among others. City nickname is the Hub City which was chosen from a 1912 newspaper contest.



Saenger Theater



Coney Island Café

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