

# MAJOR EVENTS OF 1988

**JANUARY**  
**JACKSON** NATIONAL TRACTOR PULL, Coliseum  
**JACKSON** ARTS & CRAFTS DEMONSTRATIONS, Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum  
**MERIDIAN** MISSISSIPPI JUNIOR MISS PAGEANT, Temple Theatre  
**NATCHEZ** MARDI GRAS, Downtown and Convention Center

**FEBRUARY**  
**JACKSON** DIXIE NATIONAL LIVESTOCK SHOW, Largest livestock show east of the Mississippi, Fairgrounds  
**JACKSON** DIXIE NATIONAL RODEO, Coliseum  
**JACKSON** DIXIE NATIONAL WESTERN FESTIVAL, Featuring blue grass music, clogging, barbecue, crafts and games in conjunction with the Rodeo, Mississippi Trademart  
**TUPELO** ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR, Tupelo Mall  
**JACKSON** MISSISSIPPI GEM & MINERAL SHOW, A&I Building, Fairgrounds

**BLOXI** MARDI GRAS, Floats and marching bands travel through downtown Bloxi, beach area and Highway 90, in morning and afternoon

**MARCH**  
**NATCHEZ** SPRING PILGRIMAGE, Tours of 30 antebellum homes  
**VICKSBURG** SPRING PILGRIMAGE, Tours of 12 antebellum homes  
**GULF COAST** GULF COAST SPRING PILGRIMAGE, Diamondhead in Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Pass Christian, Gulfport, Biloxi, Ocean Springs, Gulf Hills, Long Beach  
**COLUMBUS** SPRING PILGRIMAGE, Tours of 15 antebellum homes

**BLOXI** IRISH HERITAGE WEEK and ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

**APRIL**  
**MERIDIAN** LIVELY ARTS FESTIVAL, Featuring big name entertainers, Temple Theatre  
**BELZONI** CATFISH FESTIVAL, Arts and crafts, 10K race, tours of catfish ponds, coronation of Catfish Queen, entertainment, catfish eating contest and catfish dinner, Around Courthouse  
**GREENWOOD** ARTS FESTIVAL, Featuring professional entertainment, arts and crafts, food and jazz in the Park, Civic Center and Forewood River Plantation State Park  
**AMORY** RAILROAD FESTIVAL, A celebration of town's railroad heritage includes train rides, arts and crafts, live entertainment, Frisco Park  
**PORT GIBSON** SPRING PILGRIMAGE, Tours of antebellum homes and churches  
**HATTESBURG** DGB GOLF CLASSIC, Draws top names in golf, Hattiesburg Country Club  
**ABERDEEN** SPRING PILGRIMAGE, Tour of antebellum and Victorian homes  
**KOSCIUSKO** SPRING PILGRIMAGE, Tours of Victorian homes and Kosciusko Museum  
**CLINTON** BRICK STREET FESTIVAL, Featuring arts, crafts, entertainment, Jefferson Street, Oldie Towne  
**OCEAN SPRINGS** LANDING OF D'IBERVILLE, Reenactment of the 1699 landing of d'Iberville, parade, street fair, historical ball and pageant, live entertainment, flea market and handicraft exhibit, Downtown  
**KOSCIUSKO** NATCHEZ TRACE FESTIVAL, Arts, crafts, food, entertainment, 10K run, bake off and fiddler's contest, Court Square  
**HOLLY SPRINGS** SPRING PILGRIMAGE, Tours of antebellum homes

**MAY**  
**CANTON** FLEA MARKET AND ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW, Courthouse Square, Old Jail Museum and on the ground of Grace Episcopal Church  
**EDWARDS** COMMEMORATIVE BATTLE OF CHAMPION HILL, Follow signs off I-20, Edwards Exit  
**MONTICELLO** ATWOOD MUSIC FESTIVAL, Featuring regional bands and Nashville artists, arts and crafts, Atwood Water Park  
**CLEVELAND** CROSSTIE ARTS FESTIVAL, Courthouse grounds  
**MERIDIAN** JIMMIE RODGERS MEMORIAL FESTIVAL, Honoring the late Jimmie Rodgers, known as the "Father of Country Music," Temple Theatre and City Park  
**JUNE**  
**BLOXI** BLESSING OF THE FLEET SHRIMP FESTIVAL AND FAIS DO DO, Gaily decorated boats are blessed by a priest, fresh seafood, street dance  
**DENNIS** BEAR CREEK FESTIVAL  
**BATESVILLE** ART MART, Juried art show and arts and crafts sale, food, entertainment, Pecan Grove  
**RALEIGH** NATIONAL TOBACCO SPITTING CONTEST, Crumpton Farm West of Raleigh  
**JULY**  
**GULFPORT** DEEP SEA FISHING RODEO, Robert L. Rice Pavilion  
**PHILADELPHIA** CHOCTAW INDIAN FAIR, The Choctaw Indians present cultural programs, demonstrating native arts, crafts, foods and games  
**MIZE** WATERMELON FESTIVAL, Featuring watermelon eating contest, selection of queen, arts and crafts, Sullivan's Hollow

**PHILADELPHIA** NESHOSBA COUNTY FAIR, Only remaining permanent campground fair in U.S., crafts, harness racing, music and political speaking

**AUGUST**  
**BROOKHAVEN** CUE BROOK FESTIVAL, Whitworth College  
**GREENWOOD** CROP DAY, Arts and crafts, tour of cotton row and barbecue, Cotton Row  
**SMITHFIELD** ROD BRASSFIELD FESTIVAL, Festival honors the Grand Ole Opry Star each year on his birthday, with music, entertainment, arts and crafts  
**SEPTEMBER**  
**WEST POINT** PRAIRIE ARTS FESTIVAL, Arts and crafts, Sallie Kate Winter Park  
**PASCAGOULA** FLAGSHIP FESTIVAL, Featuring "anything that floats but a boat race," Riverfront Park  
**INDIANOLA** INDIAN BAYOU ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL, Downtown  
**GREENVILLE** DELTA BLUES FESTIVAL, Featuring blues artist  
**WASHINGTON** COPPER MAGNOLIA FESTIVAL, Features native craft demonstrations, square dancing, carriage rides, food and entertainment, Jefferson College grounds

**OCTOBER**  
**JACKSON** MISSISSIPPI STATE FAIR, Featuring nightly entertainment, livestock show, domestic art exhibits and midway, Fairgrounds  
**NATCHEZ** FALL PILGRIMAGE, Tour of antebellum homes  
**CANTON** FLEA MARKET, Courthouse Square  
**JACKSON** MISTLETOE MARKET, Featuring Christmas bazaar novelties from many shops in surrounding area, tearoom with gourmet food, Trademart

**NOVEMBER**  
**STARKVILLE** OCTOC, Featuring country store, an old-fashioned bazaar with handcrafted items, homebaked goods and Brunswick Stew  
**NATCHEZ** ANTIQUE FORUM, Features antique experts who hold seminars on decorative art  
**BLOXI** SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES FESTIVAL, Featuring authentic Scottish games, food and entertainment, Hiller Park

**DECEMBER**  
**NATCHEZ** CHRISTMAS IN NATCHEZ, Throughout the month the city is decorated and will be celebrating the Christmas season in the old southern tradition. Antebellum mansions will be decorated and tours to these homes available every day except Dec. 25. Carolers perform each day at noon downtown.  
**JACKSON** CHIMNEVILLE CRAFTS FESTIVAL, Visual and performing arts are displayed at the Trademart.  
**MERIDIAN** TREES OF CHRISTMAS, Merrehowe and the Williams home are decorated for Christmas. In each room are trees decorated in different themes of other countries.  
**GREENWOOD** DELTA BAND FESTIVAL, Bands from Delta area compete, event is highlighted with a winter carnival parade  
**JACKSON** SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE, Belhaven College Bowl  
**JACKSON** CHRISTMAS AT THE OLD CAPITOL, Concerts, puppet shows, films, display of antique toys, period Christmas trees, huge decorated tree in the rotunda  
**LELAND** CHRISTMAS ON DEER CREEK, Decorated floats and trees travel along the creek bringing Santa to officially open the Christmas Season, Deer Creek  
**INVERNESS** LUMINARIA ON THE BAYOU, Spectacular display of over 2000 candles placed along Lake Bradley Memorial Park

