



# United States Department of the Interior



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Natchez Trace Parkway  
2680 Natchez Trace Parkway  
Tupelo, MS 38804

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Mr. Greg Higginbotham  
c/o Madison County  
125 W. North St.  
Canton, MS 39046  
greg@madison-co.com

RE: SER-NATR-5570-2025-009

Dear Mr. Higginbotham:

Enclosed you will find a Construction Permit authorizing Madison County to remove exactly ninety-seven trees from Gresham Rd. on Parkway property beginning near boundary marker P119 then north-westerly along Gresham Rd., along both the West and East sides of Gresham Rd., ending near boundary monument marker P53A. All felled trees will be removed from Parkway property by Madison County with no existing, live trees being damaged, and all Parkway property being returned to pre-project condition. All work must be completed within the existing 80' right-of-way of Gresham Rd.

Access to the site from the Parkway motor road is not authorized. This permit is valid until March 1, 2026.

As the permittee, please sign, date, and initial each page agreeing to the conditions, and return the document to this office for final approval. Once fully executed, we will send a copy of the permit for your records.

If you have any questions, please contact Lands Resource Manager, Chris Umfress at 662-407-8010 or by email at [chris\\_umfress@nps.gov](mailto:chris_umfress@nps.gov).

Sincerely,

Douglas Neighbor  
Superintendent

Enclosure

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**SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

**NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY**  
2680 Natchez Trace Parkway  
Tupelo, MS 38804  
Chris Umfress, Lands Resource Manager  
662-407-8010 cell OR Chris\_Umfress@nps.org



Name Greg Higginbotham/County Administrator			
Company/Organization Madison County			
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City Canton	State MS	Zip Code 39046	Country US
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Park Alpha Code  
**NATR**  
Type of Use  
**Construction Permit**  
**CP : SER-NATR-5570-2025-009**  
Expires:- **March 1, 2026**

The permit begins at 8:00  am /  pm on March 1, 2025

The permit expires at 11:59  am /  pm on March 1, 2026

**SUMMARY OF PERMITTED ACTIVITY:** The Natchez Trace Parkway (Parkway) authorizes Madison County to remove a total of ninety-seven (97) trees from Natchez Trace Parkway property along Gresham Rd. beginning near boundary monument P119 and then northerly along both the West and East sides of Gresham Rd., ending near boundary marker P53A. All felled trees will be removed from Parkway property by Madison County with no existing, live trees being damaged and all Parkway property being returned to pre-project condition. All work must be completed within the existing 80' right-of-way of Gresham Rd. All work shall comply with the provisions in the submitted project plans.

Authorizing legislation or other authority:

54 U.S.C. §§ 100902(a) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior (or their delegate) to grant rights-of-way through the Park for the purposes expressed therein and subject to the conditions enumerated therein, provided that the Secretary (or their delegate) finds that the rights-of-way are not incompatible with the public interest.

APPLICATION FEE	<input type="checkbox"/> Received	Amount
	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	\$ Waived
PERFORMANCE BOND	<input type="checkbox"/> Required	Amount
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required	\$
LIABILITY INSURANCE	<input type="checkbox"/> Required	Amount
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required	\$
COST RECOVERY	<input type="checkbox"/> Required	Amount
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required	\$
LOCATION FEE	<input type="checkbox"/> Required	Amount
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required	\$

ISSUANCE of this permit is subject to the attached conditions. The undersigned hereby accepts this permit subject to the terms, covenants, obligations, and reservations, expressed or implied herein.

Title: County  
Administrator

Date: 3/7/25

Doug Neighbor, Natchez Trace Parkway

Title: Superintendent

Date:

Permittee Initials

### CONDITIONS OF THIS PERMIT

Failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions of this permit may result in the immediate suspension or revocation of the permit. [36 CFR 1.6(h)]

1. The permittee shall exercise this privilege subject to the supervision of the Superintendent or representative shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the area.
2. Damages - The permittee shall pay the United States for any damage resulting from this use which would not reasonably be inherent in the use which the permittee is authorized to make of the land described in this permit.
3. Benefit - Neither Members of, nor Delegates to Congress, or Resident Commissioners shall be admitted to any share or part of this permit or derive, either directly or indirectly, any pecuniary benefits to arise therefrom: Provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any incorporated company, if the permit be for the benefit of such corporation.
4. Assignment - This permit may not be transferred or assigned without the consent of the Superintendent or representative, in writing.
5. Revocation - This permit may be terminated upon breach of any of the conditions herein or at the discretion of the Superintendent or representative
6. The permittee is prohibited from giving false information; to do so will be considered a breach of conditions and be grounds for revocation [Re: 36 CFR 2.32(a)(4)].
7. The permittee will comply with applicable public health and sanitation standards and codes, all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, and secure all appropriate federal, state and local permits necessary to exercise the privileges granted herein. The permittee shall provide evidence of such permits upon request.
8. The permittee will take adequate measures as directed and approved by the Superintendent, Natchez Trace Parkway (hereinafter Superintendent) to prevent or minimize damage to Parkway resources. This may include restoration, soil conservation and protection measures, weed control, landscaping and repairing roads, trails, fences, etc. The Superintendent or representative may enter and inspect the area and facilities as deemed necessary and without restriction.
9. In consideration for obtaining the privileges granted herein, the permittee agrees to indemnify and save harmless the United States from any loss to it, including not only damage to Government property and injury to Government employees, but also judgements, settlements, or compromises for property damage or injury to all persons for which the United States may be liable, resulting from the exercise of the permittee and its employees of the privileges granted herein.
10. Any alterations to this permit must be in writing and signed by the parties hereto. Renewals will be subject to regulations existing at the time of renewal and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary to protect the public interest.
11. This construction permit may be terminated upon breach of any of the stated conditions or at the discretion of the Superintendent or Superintendent's representative or the Director of the National Park Service.
12. In the event any facilities covered by this permit should interfere with the future parkway or appurtenant facility construction or maintenance, the permittee agrees to relocate them at no cost to the United States within 60 days after notice in writing and at a point designated by the Superintendent in writing.
13. The Lands Resource Specialist or Superintendent shall be notified at least 7 days prior to start of construction on Parkway lands and at the conclusion of the project. All work on Parkway lands shall be completed to the satisfaction of the Superintendent or his representative.
14. This permit shall not be construed as conveying either temporarily or permanently interests or rights to the permittee, except as may already be possessed by the permittee.
15. Violation of the terms or conditions of this permit is considered a misdemeanor offense and may result in court action.
16. Use of pesticides and/or herbicides is strictly prohibited in conjunction with the privileges granted herein unless otherwise approved by the Park representative.
17. The permittee agrees to limit the area affected by the exercise of the privileges granted herein to the minimum area necessary to perform the work required by this project.
18. The permittee agrees that no woody vegetation is to be cut or damaged in connection with the authorized work, except as approved in advance by the Park.
19. During construction, if any archeological material is discovered all construction must stop and Parkway Resource Management staff notified immediately. If archeological monitoring is required for the project the following box will be checked.  Required

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