



VICKSBURG

The Key to the South

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Vicksburg AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE

A GUIDE TO HISTORICAL SITES



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Vicksburg has an abundantly rich history that cannot be fully understood and appreciated without the passionate narrative of African Americans. From Vicksburg's earliest periods, African Americans have played an important role in the historical development of the city through art, education, civil rights and more.

ABOUT VICKSBURG

Located on a high bluff on the east bank of the Mississippi River, Vicksburg is a Mississippi city known for its beautiful historical homes, parks and monuments. Vicksburg is proudly home to six historical Mississippi Blues Trail Markers (msbluestrail.org) and ten Mississippi State Historical Markers (mdah.ms.gov/historicpreservation/state-historical-markers).

Vicksburg is indeed a city of history, hospitality and much more. The city perfectly blends Southern culture and heritage with exciting modern-day attractions. From the most fascinating historic sites, architecture and museums in the nation to four world-class casinos and upscale shopping, dining and spas, Vicksburg offers an authentic Southern experience you shouldn't miss.

Whether you are in Vicksburg for a few hours or for an extended stay, you can make your own history that will endure long after you leave.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE TOUR

This tour exhibits some of the accomplishments of a people whose challenges and struggles helped to build this nation. The tour salutes and features the impact of important citizens and events and showcases specific African American historic sites.

This complimentary brochure provides a map listing of various sites that have shaped Vicksburg's history. By adding the African American Heritage Tour to your Vicksburg itinerary, you can experience another dimension of history that is not included anywhere else.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

We encourage you to explore Vicksburg through numerous significantly historical places and learn about organizations that continue to celebrate and strengthen African American traditions.

PLACES OF INTEREST

- Alcorn State University
- Blues Trail Markers: The Blue Room, The Red Tops, Marcus Bottom, Willie Dixon, Highway 61, Bill Ferris
- Catfish Row
- Kuhn Memorial Civil Rights Park
- Margaret's Grocery
- Old Baptist Association
- Vicksburg National Military Park—African American Monument
- Vicksburg National Military Park National Cemetery—USCT Section
- Vicksburg City Hall
- Vicksburg Civil War Museum

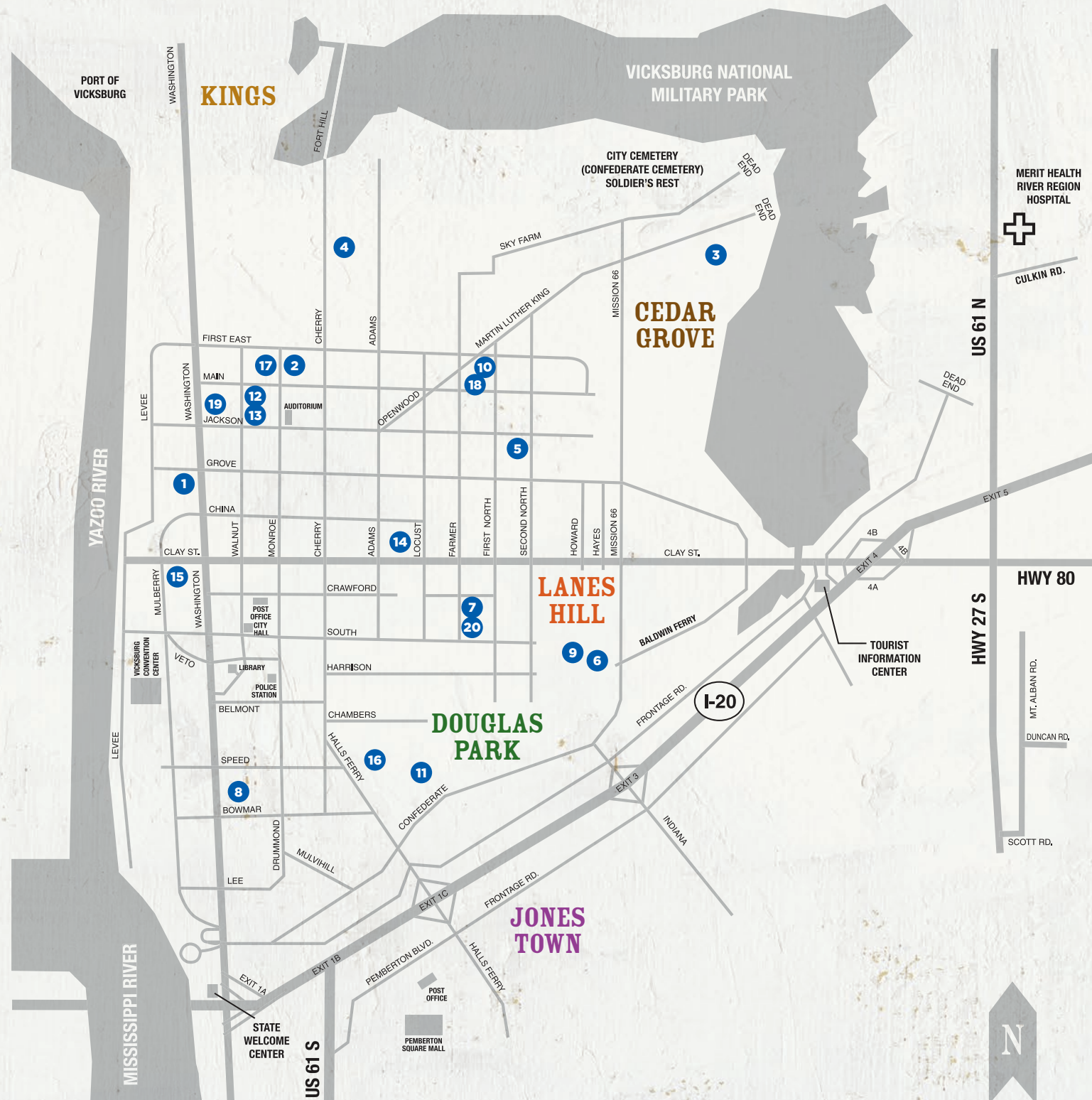
IMPORTANT HISTORICAL EVENTS

- **1863**—Battle of Milliken's Bend
- **1874**—Vicksburg Massacre
- **1906**—Booker T. Washington Visit
- **1964**—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. visit to Pleasant Green Baptist Church

MONTHLY OBSERVANCES

- **JANUARY**—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **FEBRUARY**—Black History Month
- **MAY**—Memorial Day Parade
- **JUNE**—Juneteenth Celebration
- **JULY**—Vicksburg Homecoming Activities
- **NOVEMBER**—Veterans Day Observation
- **DECEMBER**—NAACP Freedom Fund Celebration

To learn more about Vicksburg's African American heritage and its historical sites, contact Visit Vicksburg.



AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE TOUR SITES

- 1 Freedman's Savings Bank (1870-1874)**
1100 Washington Street
- 2 Bethel AME Church (1875)**
805 Monroe Street
- 3 Beulah Cemetery (1884)**
2228 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
- 4 H.V. McIntyre School (1939)**
629 Cherry Street
- 5 Jackson Street Missionary Baptist Church (1905)**
1416 Jackson Street
- 6 Lucy C. Jefferson Jr. High School**
1630 Rosa A. Temple Drive
- 7 King Solomon Baptist Church (1880)**
1401 Farmer Street
- 8 Pleasant Green M.B. Church (1898)**
817 Bowmar Avenue
- 9 Rosa A. Temple High School (1959-1971)**
1533 Rosa A. Temple Drive
- 10 Wesley United Methodist Church (1950)**
1318 First East Street
- 11 Red Dot Store**
1720 Military Avenue
- 12 Etta O'Neal Library**
909 Walnut Street
- 13 Jackson Street YMCA (1924)**
923 Walnut Street
- 14 Mt. Heroden Baptist Church (1869)**
1117 Clay Street
- 15 The Blue Room (1937-1972)**
602 Clay Street
- 16 Marcus Bottom**
Halls Ferry Rd. between Bowmar Ave. and Lane St.
- 17 Jefferson Funeral Home (1894)**
800 Monroe Street
- 18 Jacqueline House African American Museum (1995)**
1325 Main Street
- 19 Catfish Row Museum**
913 Washington Street
- 20 Myrlie Louise Beasley Evers-Williams' Birth Home**
1411 Farmer Street