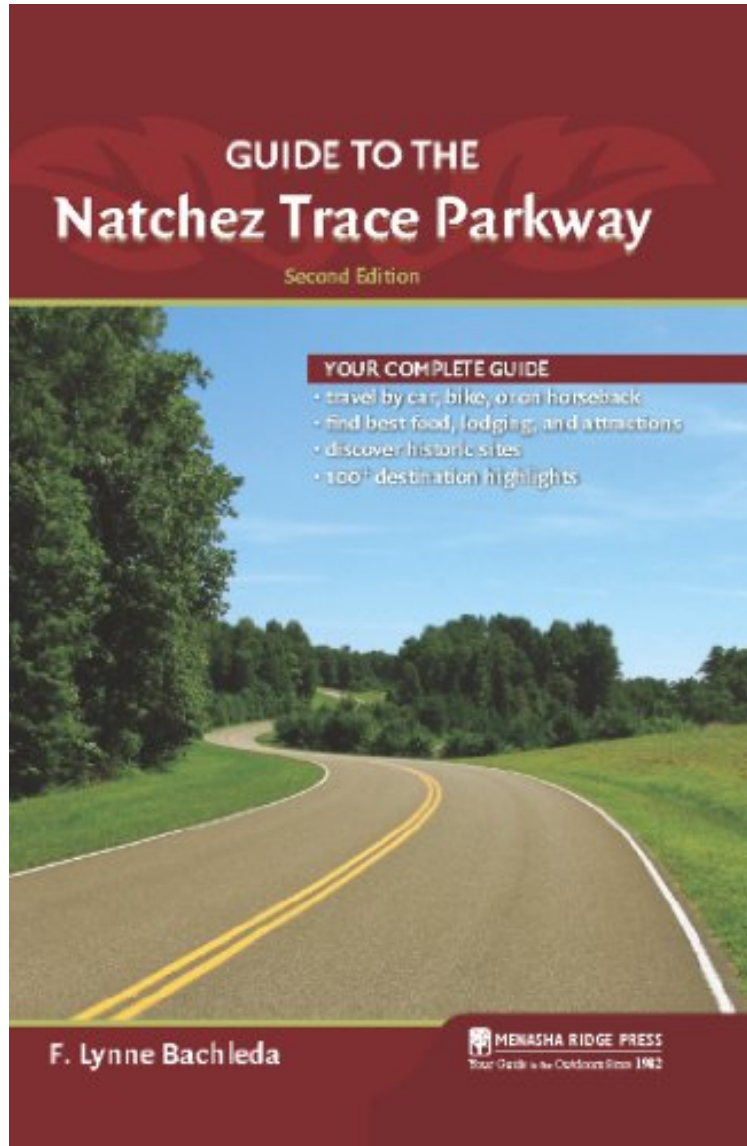


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Well Organized Guide Packed with Excellent Features!By slproctorHaving hiked a few sections of the Natchez Trace, and driven the Natchez Trace Parkway, during different visits (from Seattle) to the South, now that I live here, I want to hike it all the way through, but in segments. After reading this book, I am more convinced I need to do this!The author put a lot of thought into the organization of this

book. Informative maps and photographs highlight the various sections. It covers The Trace Top Twenty, but goes into detail about the lesser known places to see on and along the Trace. It includes a great introduction to the Trace, How to travel the Trace all the sights and wonders to see, and the Nuts and Bolts of travelling the Trace how to use the mileposts, park rules, timing your trip, weather and what to wear, safety, natural dangers, and gas, food and lodging; The many ways to travel the trace motorized, hiking, bicycling, horseback, kayak/canoe and accessibility for wheelchairs, etc.; Sightseeing by Mileposts, and the Chronology of the Trace. Additional resources are available, including an appendix with even more resources. The size of this book is just the right size to use on the trail. The pages are big enough to be able to see map features without being too big to carry in a cargo pant pocket or backpack. It is fitted with a cool water-resistant cover! Genius! I highly recommend this book if you are simply interested in the history of the Natchez Trace, or you are serious about hiking parts or all of it. Its one of the best guide books in my library.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Valuable resource book for the Parkway

By ssssss This is a valuable resource book that I would highly recommend to anyone, especially if you never were on the Parkway before and want to spend a day or two and see the highlights, what ever interests you the most. There are so many places (over 100) you could stop and look at that it could easily take four days to see all of them. With this book you can narrow it down, during your drive or have it figured out in advance. There are maps of the parkway with mile post (MP) numbers that correspond with the MP numbers throughout the text in the book. There is a list of what they consider the top twenty places to stop at, hiking trails, horseback trails (you supply your own horses), description of a bike trail, Table of Contents, Index, categorized lists, historical facts, some interesting historical stories, lists of best food places, lodging options including camping, etc.

21 of 22 people found the following review helpful. A great book - With one significant drawback

By Bradford If you are a fan of the Natchez Trace, you are probably gratified (as I am) when a new book becomes available. Based on the favorable reviews I ordered it and was not disappointed. The first physical property you notice about the book is that, though it is a soft-cover, the cover is stiffer than most paperback books and looks to be coated with a material that is water-resistant. This makes it an excellent book to take along with you as you travel, as opposed to a book that may be damaged easily by the elements. The author quotes other works extensively throughout, which I consider a strength for the simple reason that it allows you to sample the works of other authors, therefore appraising what other books you may wish to read. Additionally, the pictures are among the best of those that I have found of any book on the Trace. Finally, I found the organization of the book to be very user-friendly, and it accommodates the reader whether your purpose is to use it on-site as a guide or as a tool to learn more about the Trace.

The one flaw that this book has (and it is significant) IMHO, is in the choice of fonts and printing backgrounds. In some areas (Such as the chapter that outlines the chronology of the Trace) you almost have to get out a magnifying glass to read the text. In still other passages (encompassing a significant portion of the book), the text is printed in black on a maroon background; these matching shades are unfortunate as they can cause an unnecessarily difficult time in reading these otherwise interesting sections of the book. All-told, I would buy this book again, but if it is reprinted I hope the above is corrected so that future readers will find this book even more enjoyable than it currently is.

A unique journey through the heart of the Deep South, The Natchez Trace Parkway traverses 444 miles from Natchez, Mississippi, across the mighty Tennessee River in northwestern Alabama, to its northern terminus just shy of Nashville, Tennessee. For travelers planning a visit or already on the way, Guide to the Natchez Trace Parkway will help them discover all that the historic byway has to offer. From milepost to milepost, discover an ancient trail blazed hundreds of years ago by Native Americans that, in the early nineteenth century, became a trekking road for river boaters, who had sold their goods and vessels and were now headed back to central Tennessee and beyond. Visitors can drive the entire length, sampling the hundreds of scenic areas, restaurants, inns, exhibits, recreation areas, and other sites along the way. Motorcyclists will want to cruise the entire length as well, but will especially savor the hundreds of miles of meandering road between Natchez and Tupelo. For an even more intimate experience, Guide to the Natchez Trace Parkway shows where to hike on over 60 miles of National Scenic Trail, where to camp, and gives tips on bicycling the parkway's scenic length.

"A singular book that has captured the Natchez Trace with beauty and clarity. Bachleda masterfully guides readers through the many twists and turns of this glorious old road." -- Southern Living

"Lynne Bachleda's fabulous Guide to the Natchez Trace Parkway is an indispensable companion for contemporary travelers on the Trace, from hikers and bikers to history buffs and practically any driver between Nashville and Natchez." -- John Egerton, award-winning Southern author