

# PASCAGOULA RIVER JACKSON COUNTY

**THE PASCAGOULA RIVER** is the longest free-flowing waterway in the lower 48 states, and the last unimpeded major river system in the continental U.S.

The Pascagoula River serves as the heart for all who claim this area as home. As a natural estuary, the river hosts abundant animal life including over 22 threatened and endangered species, in addition to over 300 plant species. Two-thirds of the Eastern breeding migratory birds use the Pascagoula River and its marshes as a resting point. It is a haven for abundant life, and its banks hold many notable historic locations and economic treasures.

Travel the ten mile Pascagoula River Blueway to discover everything from boat launches and piers to historical landmarks and natural wonders. The trail can be reversed or start or end at any one of the launches. If not round trip, plan for transportation at the end.

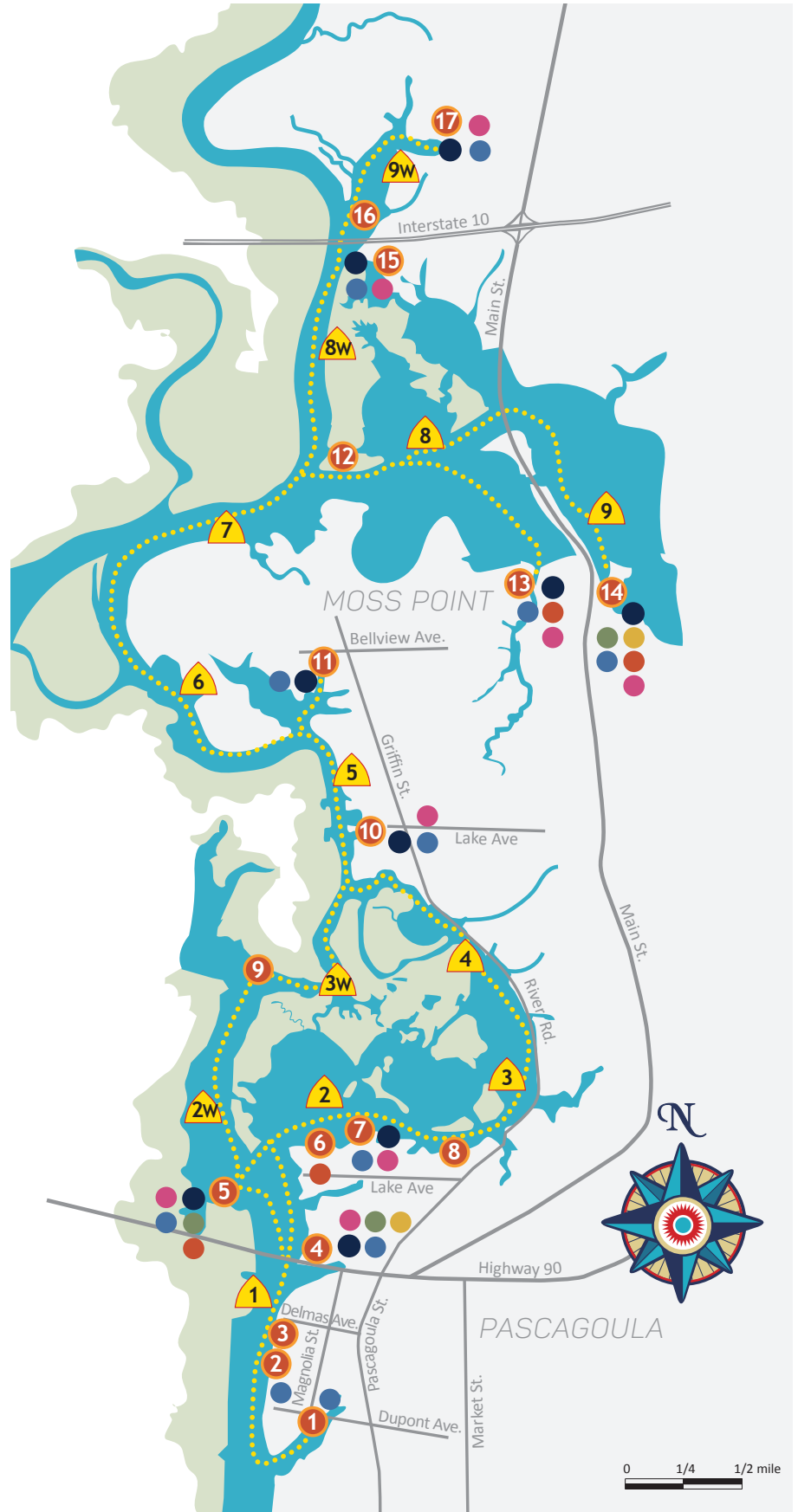
## Points of Interest

**1. The Magnolia Birding Pier** is accessible from Magnolia Street and Dupont Avenue and is home to many native birds including brown pelicans, blue herons and white egrets.

N30° 21' 42.96" W88° 33' 36.22"

**2. The Pascagoula Riverfront** is a mixed-use economic hub with retail, restaurant, and residential space.

N30° 21' 53.68" W88° 33' 49.51"



## MAP LEGEND

- Mile Marker
- Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Blueway Trail
- Point of Interest
- Parking
- Facilities
- Piers
- Picnicking
- Food & Drink

- LEVEL** Intermediate to Experienced
- START/END** Dupont Avenue/Bennett Bayou
- TRAIL MILES** 10 miles (12 miles if east loop is included)
- PADDLING TIME** 6 hours one way for a complete trip including east loop at Moss Point
- DESCRIPTION** River currents and deep water
- SCENERY** Salt/brackish marshes
- ACCESS** Several Public Boat Launches

## Points of Interest (cont.)

**3. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Gulf Marine Support Facility and Mississippi Laboratory** is the home port of the NOAA ships Gordon Gunter and Pisces. [N30° 21' 58.69" W88° 33' 47.81"](#)

**4. The Lighthouse Park** is home to the 1859 Round Island Lighthouse, the Pascagoula Environmental Education Trail, an outdoor classroom, playground, pavilion, fishing pier, and a fish cleaning station. The Park also serves as the trailhead for the Pascagoula River Jackson County Blueway Trail, Historic Pascagoula Bike Trail, and the Pascagoula Historic Pathway. [N30° 22' 17.15" W88° 33' 39.93"](#)

**5. River Park** is home to the Scranton Museum, a 70' Shrimp Boat, fishing piers, a boat launch, an ADA accessible floating kayak launch, restrooms, a pavilion, and a dog park. Future plans for the site include boat storage, a fuel dock, and a restaurant. [N30° 22' 26.75" W88° 33' 50.74"](#)

**6.** As the oldest structure in the Mississippi Valley, the **LaPointe-Krebs House** is an example of French Colonial architecture dating to 1757 and is the earliest settlement in Pascagoula. While the house is under restoration efforts, the interpretive museum is open for tours. [N30° 22' 49.80" W88° 33' 29.27"](#)

**7. Krebs Cemetery** lies next to the La Pointe-Krebs House, where many of the first settlers of the area are buried. [N30° 22' 50.60" W88° 33' 27.10"](#)

**8. Mariners Cove** offers boat slips and is accessible from Lake Avenue near the Lake Avenue Fire Station. [N30° 22' 45.27" W88° 32' 56.67"](#)

**9. The Mouth of McInnis Bayou** provides access to the lower end of McInnis Bayou for fishing and exploring marshes. [N30° 23' 24.45" W88° 33' 51.82"](#)

**10. McInnis Boat Launch** is located on Hemlock Avenue near Griffin Street and accesses McInnis Bayou. [N30° 23' 59.08" W88° 33' 20.34"](#)

**11. Bellview Street** is a small neighborhood boat launch with paved parking. [N30° 24' 38.02" W88° 33' 35.14"](#)

**12. The Gateway to the Escatawpa River** provides access to the Escatawpa River for fishing and exploring marshes. [N30°25'23.73" W88°33'33.19"](#)

**13. The Pascagoula River Audubon Center** is one of several gateways to exploring the rich natural history of the River. From interpretive boat tours, kayak adventures, on-site trails and exhibits, and programs designed to provide hands-on experiences in nature, the Center promotes Audubon's mission of promoting birds, wildlife and the habitats that support them. [N30° 24' 55.34" W88° 32' 36.28"](#)

**14. Downtown Moss Point** is home to a river walk, shopping, dining, and the **Riverfront Welcome Center** which provides kayak rentals, an EZ-Dock Kayak Launch, concessions, and space for rentals, meetings, and special events. [N30° 24' 57" W88° 32' 17"](#)

**15. I-10 Launch** offers easy access and a boat launch. [N30° 26' 14.60" W88° 33' 27.26"](#)

**16. The Mouth of Bennett Bayou** covers five acres and is a direct tributary to the Pascagoula River. [N30° 26' 21.93" W88° 33' 25.71"](#)

**17. Bennett Bayou, Land Trust Conservation Preserve** is an excellent location to experience the rich river environment. Natural area suitable for launching a kayak. [N30° 26' 37.78" W88° 33' 3.31"](#)



AVOID PADDLING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL. ALWAYS WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET AND CARRY A WHISTLE OR OTHER SOUND PRODUCING DEVICE, PREFERABLY ATTACHED TO YOUR LIFE JACKET. PADDLERS SHOULD CHECK WATER LEVEL AND TIDES, WEATHER, AND WATERWAY CONDITIONS PRIOR TO EVERY TRIP. REMOVE WHAT YOU BRING, CLEAN UP MORE IF YOU CAN. AVOID TRESPASSING ON PRIVATE LANDS. PLEASE BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS AND ALWAYS RESPECT THE WILDLIFE. REPORT ANY PROBLEMS YOU ENCOUNTER TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES IF APPROPRIATE.

