



Mississippi River Parkway Commission (MRPC)

- Established in 1938 by Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes and the ten Mississippi River state Governors.
- Ten individual state commissions – Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, Wisconsin
- The MRPC was established in 1938 to work with transportation officials to create a parkway on both sides of the Mississippi River from Lake Itasca to the Gulf of Mexico.
- Mission: To lead in preserving, promoting and enhancing the Great River Road (GRR) National Scenic Byway along the Mississippi River benefiting communities and travelers.
- National Office: Pilch & Barnet, Madison, WI
- Board of Directors: Chair of each state commission
- Executive Leadership: Pilot (Chair); Pilot Pro Tem (Vice Chair); Treasurer; Past Pilot – candidates from the ten states recommended by the Nominations Committee and voted on by MRPC members
- Four technical committees plan and carry out work – Culture & Heritage; Environment, Recreation & Agriculture; Marketing; and Transportation
- The MRPC holds an in-person Annual Meeting each fall in a river community. Other meetings and work sessions are held virtually.
- Great River Road Interpretive Centers, a network of more than 90 museums, parks and historic sites showcase iconic places and tell stories of the Mississippi River.
- Initiatives, tools and promotions benefit all ten states – examples include ten state map, Drive the Great River Road Month, special promotions such as Summer Fun on the Great River Road and Flavors of the Great River Road, and the National Great River Road website - www.experiencemississippiriver.com

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