



**MISSISSIPPI**

**Hurricane  
Evacuation  
Guide**



# Contact Information

**MDOT** . . . . . 1-866-521-MDOT (1-866-521-6368)  
. . . . . [www.GoMDOT.com](http://www.GoMDOT.com) & [www.MSTraffic.com](http://www.MSTraffic.com)

**American Red Cross** . 1-866-GET-INFO (1-866-438-4636)  
. . . . . [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

**MEMA** . . . . . 1-800-222-MEMA (1-800-222-6362)  
. . . . . [www.msema.org](http://www.msema.org)

**FEMA** . . . . . 1-866-877-6075  
. . . . . [www.fema.org](http://www.fema.org)

**MS Hwy. Safety Patrol** . . 601-987-1212 (\*hp from any cell)  
. . . . . [www.dps.state.ms.us](http://www.dps.state.ms.us)

**Lodging** (Mississippi Tourism) . . . . . 1-866-SEE-MISS  
. . . . . (1-866-733-6477) [www.visitmississippi.org](http://www.visitmississippi.org)

**Campsites** (MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks) . . 1-800-GO-PARKS  
. . . . . (1-800-467-2757) [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com)

**Animal Shelters** (MS Board of Animal Health). . 1-888-722-3106  
. . . . . [www.mbah.state.ms.us](http://www.mbah.state.ms.us)

**Louisiana DOTD** . . 1-877-4LA-DOTD (1-877-452-3683)  
. . . . . [www.dotd.state.la.us](http://www.dotd.state.la.us)

**Louisiana State Police** . . . . . 1-800-469-4828  
. . . . . [www.lsp.org](http://www.lsp.org)

**Alabama DOT**. . . . . 1-334-242-6358  
. . . . . [www.dot.state.al.us](http://www.dot.state.al.us)

- Alabama Highway Patrol** . . . . . 1-334-242-4371  
. . . . . [www.dps.state.al.us](http://www.dps.state.al.us)
- Arkansas DOT**. . . . . 1-800-245-1672  
. . . . . [www.arkansashighways.com](http://www.arkansashighways.com)
- Arkansas State Police** . . . . . 1-501-618-8000  
. . . . . [www.asp.state.ar.us](http://www.asp.state.ar.us)
- Tennessee DOT** . . . . . 1-615-741-2848  
. . . . . [www.tdot.state.tn.us/tdotsmartway/](http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/tdotsmartway/)
- Tennessee Highway Patrol**. . . . . 1-800-342-3258  
. . . . . [www.state.tn.us/safety/index.htm](http://www.state.tn.us/safety/index.htm)
- Georgia DOT** . . . . . 1-888-635-8287 or 1-404-635-6800  
. . . . . [www.georgia-navigator.com](http://www.georgia-navigator.com)
- Georgia State Patrol** . . . . . 1-404-624-7000  
. . . . . [www.georgiastatepatrol.com](http://www.georgiastatepatrol.com)
- Florida DOT** . . . . . 1-866-374-FDOT (1-866-374-3368)  
. . . . . [www.dot.state.fl.us](http://www.dot.state.fl.us)
- MS Division of Medicaid** . . . . . 1-800-421-2408  
. . . . . [www.dom.state.ms.us](http://www.dom.state.ms.us)
- MS Insurance Department** . . . . . 1-800-562-2957  
. . . . . [www.doi.state.ms.us](http://www.doi.state.ms.us)
- Project Recovery Mississippi**. . . . . 1-866-856-3227  
. . . . . [www.projectrecovery.ms.gov](http://www.projectrecovery.ms.gov)

# *Alternate In-state Hurricane Evacuation Routes*

In order to relieve traffic congestion on Hwy 49 during Mississippi Gulf Coast hurricane evacuations, please take the following routes to arrive at your final destination. The routes are posted to a map on the last page of this guide and will provide you with further details.

## **From Jackson County:**

- Hwy 57 to Hwy 45N @ state line **to I-20 @ Meridian**
- Hwy 57 to Hwy 98W @ McLain to Hwy 15N **to I-20 @ Newton**
- Hwy 63 to Hwy 45N @ Waynesboro **to I-20 @ Meridian**

## **From Harrison County:**

- Hwy 53 to Hwy 26W @ Poplarville to Hwy 43N to Hwy 13N \*
- Hwy 15 to Hwy 26E to Hwy 57N to Hwy 45N @ State Line **to I-20 @ Meridian**
- Hwy 15 to Hwy 26W to Hwy 11N or Hwy 43N then to Hwy 13N \*

## **From Hancock County:**

- Hwy 43 to Hwy 13N \*
- Hwy 43 to Hwy 603N to Hwy 53N to Hwy 11N to Hwy 13N \*
- I-10W to I-59N **to I-20 @ Meridian**

## **From Hwy 49 Below Hattiesburg:**

### **Traveling East**

At Wiggins, take Hwy 29N to I-59 @ Ellisville **to I-20 @ Meridian**

### **Traveling West**

At Wiggins, take Hwy 26W to Hwy 43N to Hwy 13N \*

## From Hwy 49 Above Hattiesburg:

### Collins

Hwy 84W to I-55 @ Brookhaven to **I-20 @ Jackson**

### Mount Olive

Hwy 35N to **I-20 @ Forest**

### Magee

Hwy 28W to Hwy 27N to I-55 or on to **I-20 @ Vicksburg**

### Mendenhall

Hwy 13N to **I-20 @ Morton**

### Florence

Hwy 469 to **I-20 @ Brandon**

## From Hwy 98 Between AL State Line & Hattiesburg:

- Hwy 63 to Hwy 45N to **I-20 @ Meridian**
- Hwy 57 to Hwy 45N @ State Line to **I-20 @ Meridian**
- Hwy 15 to **I-20 @ Newton** or **I-59 to Meridian**
- Hwy 29 to **I-59 @ Ellisville** or onto Hwy 28W to Hwy 27N to **I-55** or on to **I-20 @ Vicksburg**

### \*Options at Highway 13

*Hwy 13N to **I-20 @ Morton**, or*

*Hwy 13N to Hwy 28W to Hwy 27N to **I-55** or on to **I-20 @ Vicksburg***

# Contraflow Plans

## Interstates 59 and 55 Contraflow Plans

In an effort to assist the state of Louisiana, MDOT will implement contraflow (lane reversal) for both I-59 and I-55 when requested by Louisiana and approved by the Governor of Mississippi. Category III, IV or V hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico are situations that might cause a mandatory evacuation of the greater New Orleans area. (Contraflow operations *cannot* be considered on Highway 49.)

- The decision to contraflow is NOT automatic and will only be used when absolutely necessary. Citizens should not delay their evacuation plans in anticipation of contraflow.
- The I-59 contraflow operations would begin in Louisiana, extend into Mississippi, and end just south of Poplarville.
- The I-55 contraflow operations would begin in Louisiana, extend into Mississippi, and end just south of Brookhaven.
- All exits within the contraflowed sections of the interstate highways will remain open as traffic conditions allow. Law enforcement officers will be present to assist with traffic control.
- The shoulders of both Interstates 59 and 55 should be kept clear for emergency vehicles. Motorists needing to stop should use the next available exit.
- Hancock County residents traveling West into Louisiana on I-10 will be routed North onto I-59 at the I-10/I-12 split.
- Tune-in to Mississippi Public Broadcasting radio stations for emergency information and updated road conditions (see station listing printed in this guide).

# *Traffic Control around Hattiesburg*

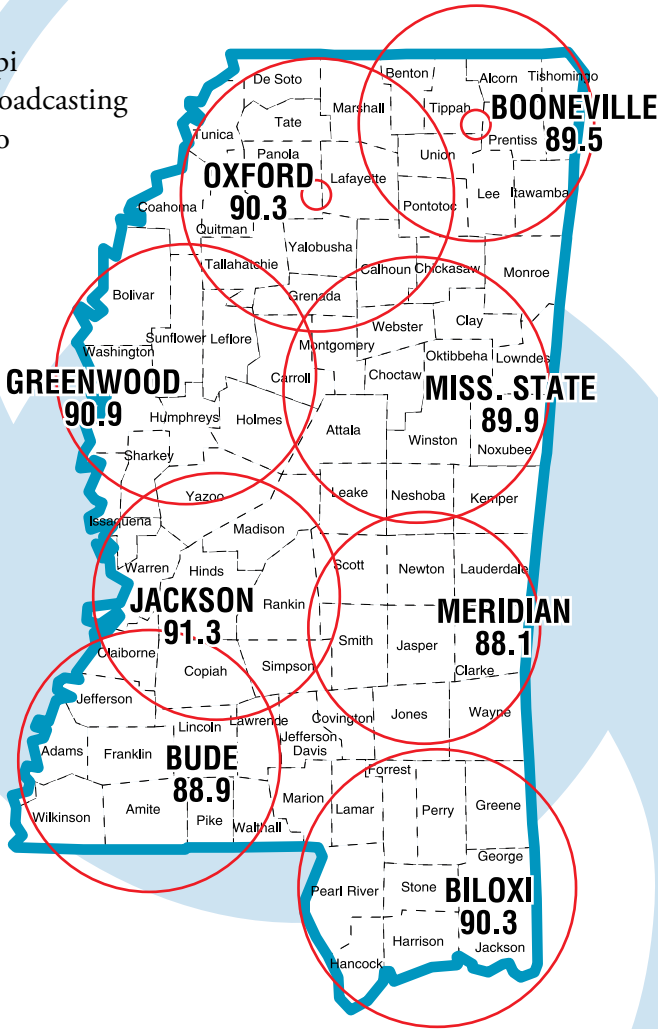
MDOT will be enforcing the following procedures in the Hattiesburg area to avoid severe congestion at the intersections of three major routes.

- **Northbound traffic on Hwy 49** may NOT be allowed to exit at either Hwy 98 or I-59.
- **Northbound traffic on I-59** can ONLY exit at Hwy 11 (Exit 60) or West on Hardy Street/Hwy 98 (Exit 65).
- **Westbound traffic on Hwy 98** will NOT be allowed to exit onto Hwy 49, but directed to merge onto I-59 instead.



# Radio Coverage Areas

Mississippi  
Public Broadcasting  
FM Radio



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HURRICANE AWARENESS

# MISSISSIPPI HURRICANE EVACUATION MAP

**PRIMARY EVACUATION ROUTES**  
**ALTERNATE EVACUATION ROUTES**  
**OTHER STATE HIGHWAYS**  
**HOSPITALS WITH 24 HOUR EMERGENCY ROOM FACILITIES**  
**REST AREA WITH COMPLETE FACILITIES**  
**WELCOME CENTER**

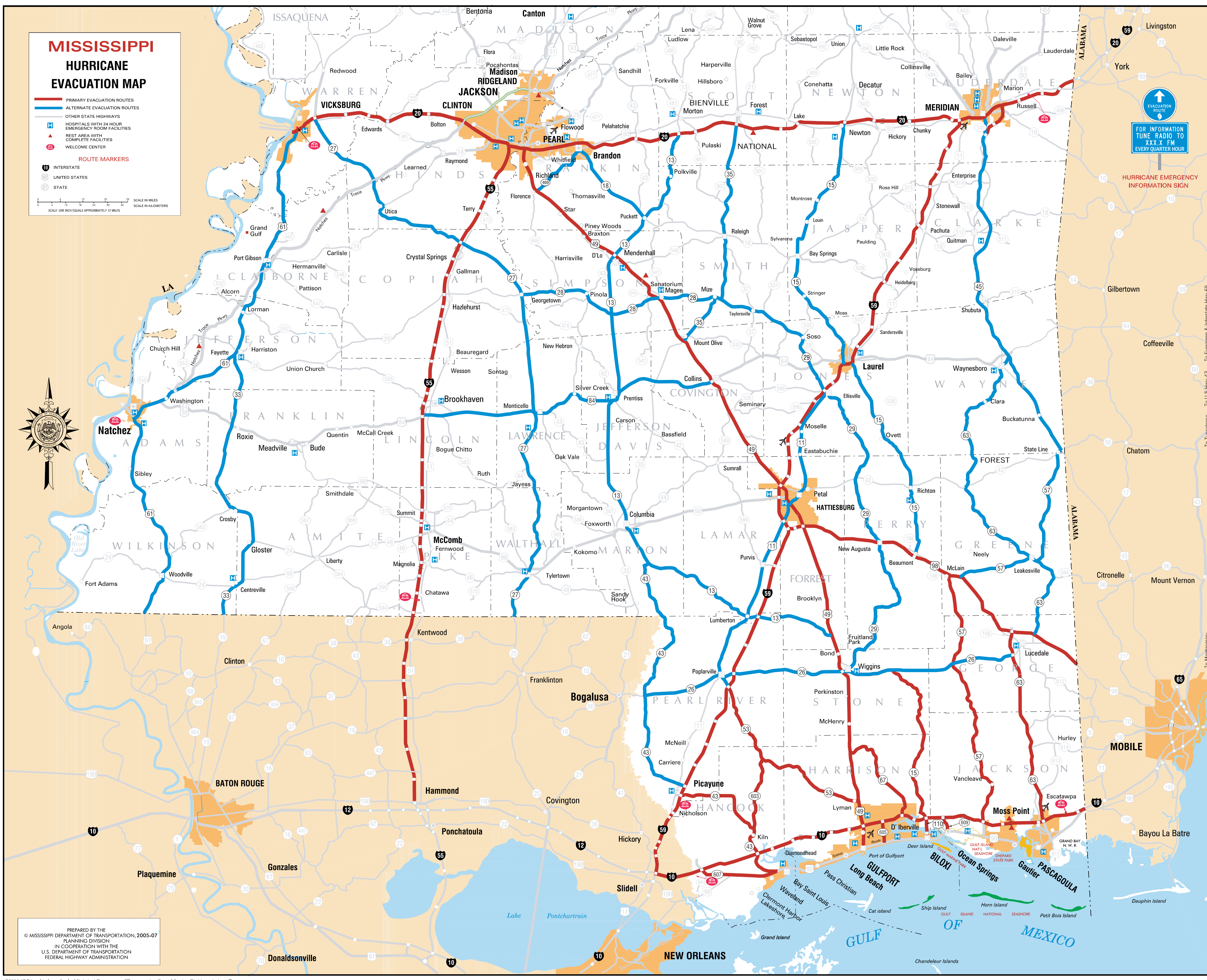
**ROUTE MARKERS**  
**INTERSTATE**  
**UNITED STATES**  
**STATE**

SCALE IN MILES  
 SCALE IN KILOMETERS  
 SCALE: ONE INCH EQUALS APPROXIMATELY 12 MILES

**EVACUATION ROUTE**

**FOR INFORMATION TUNE RADIO TO XXX.X FM EVERY QUARTER HOUR**

**HURRICANE EMERGENCY INFORMATION SIGN**



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**GoMDOT.com**  
 MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Mississippi Public Broadcasting Stations

- Biloxi WMAH**  
90.3 FM RADIO  
TV Ch. 19 (Ch. 16 DT)
- Booneville WMAE**  
89.5 FM RADIO  
TV Ch. 12 (Ch. 55 DT)
- Bude WMAU**  
88.9 FM RADIO  
TV Ch. 17 (Ch. 18 DT)
- Columbia Translator**  
W45AA TV Ch. 45
- Greenwood WMAO**  
90.9 FM RADIO  
TV Ch. 23 (Ch. 25 DT)
- Hattiesburg Translator**  
W47BP TV Ch. 47
- Jackson WMPN**  
91.3 FM RADIO  
TV Ch. 29 (Ch. 20 DT)
- Meridian WMAW**  
88.1 FM RADIO  
TV Ch. 14 (Ch. 44 DT)
- Miss. State WMAE**  
89.9 FM RADIO  
TV Ch. 02 (Ch. 10 DT)
- Oxford WMAV**  
90.3 FM RADIO  
TV Ch. 18 (Ch. 36 DT)

American Red Cross  
**1-866-GET-INFO**  
 (1-866-438-4636)

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency  
**1-800-222-MEMA**  
 (1-800-222-6362)

Federal Emergency Management Agency  
**1-866-877-6075**



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