

Recreational Opportunities

Meridian has a moderate climate, with four distinct seasons. Average temperatures in January range from a pleasant 57° to a mild 34°. Look for early spring-like temperatures in February from 61° to 37°. July may sizzle at 93° but by evening, cool to 70°. Enjoy the fall colors under sunny skies at 78° with a low of 50°.

Take advantage of the area's parks, lakes, streams, and rivers for fishing, hunting, boating, bird watching, hiking, or picnicking. Work out at one of the many fitness centers around town, join an exercise class at the Meridian Activity Center, join *Walk Mississippi*, and get in shape. Tennis, swimming, golf, it's all out there, just waiting!

Meridian Activity Center, 3302 32nd Avenue, 601.485.1812. Adult activity center, conference and classrooms, dining area, fully equipped kitchen, billiard room, snooker room, exercise room, lending library, ceramic studio, arts and crafts, instructional programs and social activities.

Bonita Lakes, Highway 19 South, just past I-20/59. City of Meridian public park, includes Long Creek Reservoir. Nature trails, jogging paths, walking track, horseback riding, picnic facilities, playgrounds, boat ramps, fishing.

Briarwood Country Club, Highway 39 North, 601.681.6183. 18 holes - private. Guests of members or members of other country clubs are welcome.

Lakeview Golf Course, Located just past Long Creek Reservoir on Causeyville Road, 601.693.3301. Par 70, 18 holes. Driving range, three putting greens, snack bar and carts available. Open seven days a week 7 A.M.-dusk. Open to public.

Northwood Country Club, 4300 Country Club Drive, 601.485.4491. 18 holes - private. Cards from other clubs honored after arrangements have been made with the Pro. Traditional 4th of July Tournament by invitation.

Okatibbee Creek Golf Center, 2223 Highway 19 North, 601.483.4653. Open to public. 9 holes plus a driving range.

Ponta Creek Golf Course, Highway 39 North, Naval Air Station Meridian, 601.679.2526. 18-holes private. Green fees \$5.50. Open to Navy League members.

Highland Park, 19th Street and 41st Ave., Jimmie Rodgers Museum, Dentzel Carousel, community swimming pool, Frank Cochran Center, Craft Center, two tennis/basketball courts, baseball/softball field, state-of-the-art playground, and duck pond. 601.485.1802

Velma Young Center, 17th Avenue and 26th Street. Playground, baseball fields, basketball courts, swimming pool, wading pool, bath house, community center, three picnic shelters, multi-purpose practice field. 601.485.1811.

Northeast Park, Hwy. 39 North, 601.483.3526. Asphalt walking and running track, softball and soccer fields, multi-purpose building, restrooms. **Planet Playground**, 10,000 sq. ft. playground. Ten lighted tennis courts, club house with showers, on-duty tennis pro. Daily fee. **Additional tennis courts: Sammie Davidson Complex**, access from Junior College Drive and 20th Street Extension.

Meridian Community College, Damon Fitness Center, 1910 Hwy. 19 North, 601.484.8763. Indoor pool, fitness programs, tennis courts, open to the public. Call for times, fees, policies for use, and course information.

Okatibbee Lake located eight (8) miles northwest of Meridian via State Highway 19. 601.626.8431. 4,100-acre lake and seven parks: camping, marina, motel, swimming beaches, water slide, fishing. Managed hunting. Fee. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Dunn's Falls, take I-59 South to Savoy exit, Enterprise, 601.655.8550. Features 65-foot waterfall and reproduction of historical gristmill, natural wildlife refuge, picnic areas, hiking trails, fishing and swimming areas. Fee.

Lake Tom Bailey state fishing lake, eight miles east of Meridian off Hwy 11/80, near Toomsaba, MS, 601.632.4679. Boat ramp, camping, picnic areas. Fee.

United Artists Theatres, Bonita Lakes Mall, 601.485.5009. 9-screen movie complex.

Temple Theater, 2320 8th Street, Meridian MS 39301 601.693.1361. Box office: 601.693.5353

Dixie Bowl, 3510 North Hills, 601.483.2283.

The Park at North Hills, 2413 North Hills, 601.482.3921. Mini-golf, Go Karts, arcade/game room, Lazer Tag.

Skate Odyssey, 3435 North Hills, 601.483.9654.

Pearl River Resort, Dancing Rabbit Golf Club, 30 miles NW of Meridian near Philadelphia, MS. Gambling, dancing, dining, shows, golf. 866.447.3275

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