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THE CITY OF RIDGELAND WILL HOST THE 26th ANNUAL NATCHEZ TRACE CENTURY RIDE ON MAY 3RD

RIDGELAND— For over 25 years, the Natchez Trace Century Ride has become the largest spring cycling event in Mississippi. Wheels will roll again this year on May 3, 2025 in Ridgeland, Mississippi. With close to 800 riders, the bike ride starts and ends in Ridgeland.

The Natchez Trace Century Ride provides riders the unique opportunity to ride a portion of the Natchez Trace Parkway. A few of the beautiful scenery opportunities on the ride include riding around the Barnett Reservoir, under a canopy of pine trees, and along-side cypress trees and lily pads.

With a choice of distances from 8, 25, 50, 62 and 100 miles with mild to moderate elevation, this is a nice ride for all ages and abilities. There will be plenty of support with rest stops providing food, restrooms, and refreshments every 10 – 18 miles. SAG vehicles are located on the course throughout the day to assist or provide service to riders.

Celebrate with friends and fellow riders as you cross the finish line. Receive a medal, enjoy a post ride meal, listen to live music, and relax under the tent with a view of the Barnett Reservoir.

**For more information, please visit our website at
<https://runsignup.com/Race/MS/Ridgeland/NatchezTraceCenturyRide>.**

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