Downtown Walking Tour:

SIP & SEE STROLL IN GO-CUP DISTRICT

The GAZEBO or BANDSTAND on Broadway Street is a 20th century replica of a 19th century structure and sets the mood for a walk along our famous “open container” area of historic downtown. Looking from the bluff toward town, the visitor sees streets that form a grid. These are the same streets that were laid out by the Spanish when they ruled Natchez in the 18th century. Directly in front of the gazebo in the side garden of BONTURA, c. 1851, is the largest crepe Myrtle in Mississippi. As you continue along Broadway, you can view the more than 200 white Natchez Crepe Myrtles that were planted when the walking trails were established in the early part of this century. There are opportunities for libations as you stroll along Broadway.

1. 100 MAIN SPIRITS & EATERY
2. SMOOTS BLUES CLUB
3. NATCHEZ BREWING COMPANY
   Turn right onto High Street. Pass CHEROKEE, c. 1836, on the left and CHOCTAW HALL, c. 1836, on the right. At the corner see WHITE WINGS c. 1833, which was the former home of Sallie Ballard who spearheaded the movement to plant 2000 Crepe Myrtles to welcome in the year 2000. The corner Of Pearl Street and High offers a fabulous view of STANTON HALL c. 1857, the most palatial residence in Natchez. Turn right onto Pearl Street and admire the bower of pink blossoms overhead in front of MYRTLE TERRACE, c. 1844. Enjoy the blooms and the dappled shade as you walk along.

4. THE GUEST HOUSE INN & MEDITERRANEAN RESTAURANT
   Turn left onto Franklin Street and stroll under some of the 150 pink, purple, and white Crepe Myrtles planted by the Adams County Master Gardeners in a 2011 project that helped to beautify Franklin and Main Streets.

5. NATCHEZ COFFEE COMPANY
   Continue on Franklin enjoying ANTIQUES ROW. Turn right on Rankin then right on Main Street. You might detour through MEMORIAL PARK to rest under the magnificent oak trees. Continue down Main Street with shops along the way. At Pearl Street you will see blooms to the left and then to the right.

6. PEARL STREET PASTA
7. SLICK RICK’S CAFE
   You will find more opportunities for refreshments in the 300 block of Main Street at:

8. ANDREW’S BAR
9. BISCUITS AND BLUES
10. REGINA’S KITCHEN
   Among the various shades of pink blooms in the next block, you will find:

11. COTTON ALLEY
    As you approach the river, your stroll is almost over, or you could turn left to visit

12. FAT MAMA’S TAMALEs
    To see more trees in bloom, walk up Washington Street to marvel at the abundance of trees planted by ladies of the Garden Club in the 1940s. You will also find trees that are over 100 years old.
Look for the Natchez International Crepe Myrtle Festival to Return Next Summer!

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