



CANTON, MS AREA INFORMATION

[Canton](#), Mississippi is surrounded by American history. In fact, a large portion of the city is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Madison County Historic Courthouse located in Canton was built in 1855 prior to the civil war and has remained in unaltered condition. Also the historic downtown area is very Southern and picturesque with its classic, antebellum style. While Canton is a smaller city with a population of approximately 13,500, the city has plenty of entertainment to offer, including events such as a nationally anticipated flea market and a three day long [hot air balloon festival](#). The advantage of Canton's small size is that it is incredibly quaint. It's a city where you can truly get to know the local vendors, restaurant owners and community.

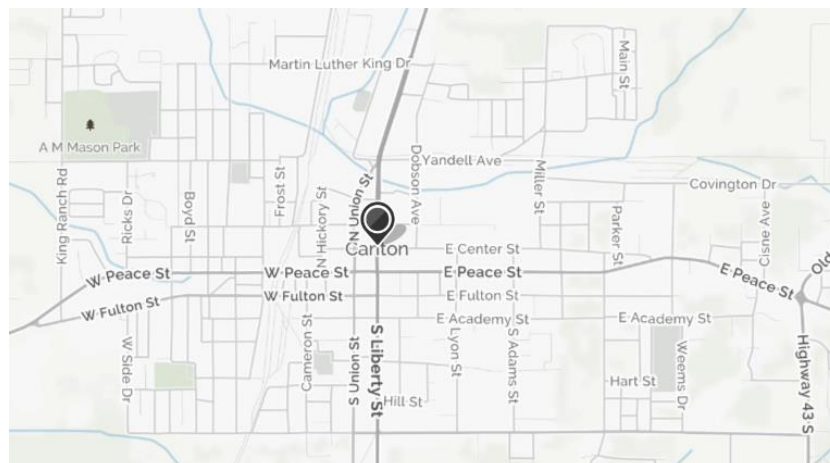


[Downtown Canton](#)

Transportation

By Car

It is easy to drive and park around Canton. Whether you drive yourself or let someone else take the wheel via [Uber](#), all of Canton's attractions are accessible by car.



By Bike

While there are no bike lanes provided in the city, Canton offers a vast amount of biking trails to utilize for recreation and athletic training. Canton lies on the [famous Natchez Trace Parkway](#). The parkway is 444 miles long, spanning across three states and is a historic corridor used by American Indians, European Settlers, slave traders, soldiers and presidents.

By Bus

There are no formal commuter buses in the city of Canton. Canton does have a greyhound station for longer travel by bus.

By Air

The nearest international airport to Canton is the [Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport](#), which is located about 40 minutes away from Canton. Taxi services are available to and from the airport.

Schools

Generally, to register your child for school you will need to have a passport and/or birth certificate, proof of immunizations, any applicable past school records and proof of residency. Most public schools have boundary areas, and you must show proof (i.e. copy of lease or home purchase agreement) to be allowed to register in that particular school. Please always confirm requirements with the school you are interested in before assuming that your child will be able to attend that school.

Grade level in the public school system is determined by the age of the child. Typically, the child must be 5 years old by September 1st to enter kindergarten. School districts may be very strict about the age requirement, but inquire with the school district you are interested in to determine if there are any exemptions for foreign students who are ahead in grade level. You may also want to ask about any gifted or advanced programs as well as their English as a Second Language (ESL) Programs. Some elementary schools also offer a pre-Kindergarten program for children who miss the September 1st requirement. You may inquire at the school districts for availability.

Contact your IOR Destination Services Consultant for more assistance with schooling questions.

Public, Private, and Preschools

- A complete listing of public schools in Canton can be viewed [here](#).
- For a listing of private schools please click [here](#), for a listing of private schools in Canton proper please click [here](#).
- [Daycares](#) and [preschools](#) in Canton.

Additional Resources

- www.greatschools.org
- www.eschoolprofile.com
- www.schooltree.org

Colleges/Universities

- [Colleges and Universities near Jackson/Canton](#)
- [University of Mississippi](#)



Recreation

Listed below are a few of the attractions offered in Canton. A more complete listing of attractions in Canton can be found [here](#).

- [Museums and Tours in Canton](#)
- [Parks in Canton](#)
- [Festivals in Canton](#)
- [Nightlife in Canton](#)
- [Dining in Canton](#)



Registration

Obtaining a Driver's License

In the US, a driver's license or ID card is issued by each individual state and not by the federal government. Since there is no national identity card in the USA, and many Americans don't have a passport or carry around a birth certificate, a driver's license issued by your state is often the only official piece of identification for many citizens. Since 9/11, you will need to show a valid driver's license or State ID card to enter many big office buildings.

If you have an out-of-state or out-of-country license, you may use it for as long as you maintain your residency in the state where it was issued. International licenses are not recognized in Mississippi. If you are moving permanently to Mississippi, you may use your out-of-state license for only your first 30 days. To change to a Mississippi license, bring your Social Security card, another form of ID, and two utility or phone bills verifying that you are a Mississippi resident to a motor vehicle facility. You'll have to pass written and eye exams, and usually a road test.

For general information and instructions on how to obtain an official state ID card or driver's license, visit the [Mississippi Department of Public Safety](#)

Your Destination Services Consultant will also assist you with the proper procedure.