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Guides



**Big River  
Crossing**  
*Arkansas,  
Tennessee*



## Big River Crossing

Arkansas, Tennessee

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worker who saved the lives of 32 passengers on a sinking steamboat in 1925; a statue in the park commemorates the hero. On the west bank is the developing Delta Regional River Park, which will include a 6.7-mile biking and pedestrian trail.

Big River Crossing, which officially opened on October 22, 2016, connects downtown Memphis, Tennessee, with West Memphis in Arkansas along the north side of the Harahan Bridge. Spanning 4,973 feet, this pedestrian and bicycle bridge offers breathtaking views of the Mississippi River, wooded bluffs and the city skyline.

The Harahan Bridge, which first opened for train traffic in 1916, also carries two railroad lines (owned Union Pacific Railroad) and two roadways. It's named after James Theodore Harahan, a former president of the Illinois Central Railroad.

The bridge is bookended by parks on either side of the river. The 30-acre Tom Lee Park on the river's east side is named in honor of a local African-American riverboat



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**States:** Arkansas, Tennessee

**Counties:** Crittenden, Shelby

Length: 1miles

**Trail end points:** Virginia Avenue (Memphis, TN) to Dacus Lake Road (West Memphis, AR)

**Trail surfaces:** Concrete, Metal

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

In Memphis, Tom Lee Park offers parking, restrooms, and drinking water; the park is located along Riverside Drive between Beale Street and South Bluff Drive.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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