



# United States Department of the Interior

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Natchez Trace Parkway  
2680 Natchez Trace Parkway  
Tupelo, Mississippi 38804



IN REPLY REFER TO:  
W46; L330(NATR)

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### Memorandum

To: Superintendent, Natchez Trace Parkway

From: Chief Ranger Sarah Davis *Sarah Davis*

Subject: Amendment to the Natchez Trace Parkway Compendium  
Closure of Owens Creek Waterfall Trail

The Owens Creek Waterfall Trail, located at mile marker 52.4, has been severely damaged due to the waterfall undercutting the trail. Though the trail appears safe to walk on, it is actually only an unstable thin slab of rock which is in danger of falling. The current condition creates a hazard to visitors and the trail can no longer be safely traveled. Therefore, under the authority of Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.5 Closure and Public Use Limits, I recommend the immediate closure of the trail from the Owens Creek Parking Lot to the trail crossing located near mile marker 52.9 along Whitaker Road.

The Park Compendium allows for the Superintendent to close areas to the public that are considered hazardous. Signs will be posted indicating that the area is closed.

These designations will remain in effect within the Superintendent Compendium until changed by a superseding regulation.

I concur                       I do not concur

*Mary Risser*  
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Mary Risser, Superintendent

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Date