

## = Mississippi Highway 5 =

Mississippi Highway 5 ( MS 5 ) is a state highway in Benton County , Mississippi . It runs 26 @. @ 929 mi ( 43 @. @ 338 km ) from MS 178 in Hickory Flat north to U.S. Route 72 ( US 72 ) to the south of Michigan City . The route runs through the Holly Springs National Forest for much of its length and passes through Ashland . To the south of Ashland , MS 5 has a concurrency with MS 4 . The MS 5 designation was first used by 1932 for an unpaved road between Hickory Flat and the Tennessee border in Michigan City . In 1943 , the northern terminus was cut back to US 72 . MS 5 was completely paved by 1951 and has retained its current alignment since then .

## = = Route description = =

MS 5 begins at an intersection with MS 178 in the community of Hickory Flat , which is within the Holly Springs National Forest . The route heads north from this point on a two @-@ lane undivided road through dense forests with some fields and homes . After a junction with the western terminus of MS 2 , the highway continues through rural land and passes a few lakes . After crossing the Tippah River , MS 5 reaches the MS 4 intersection and forms a concurrency with that route .

The two routes leave the boundaries of the Holly Springs National Forest , passing through a mix of farmland and woodland with some homes and coming to the community of Ashland . Here , MS 4 splits from MS 5 by turning to the west , and MS 5 becomes Boundary Drive , which runs by businesses and homes . The road intersects the western terminus of MS 370 before it leaves Ashland . The route heads into agricultural areas with some woodland and homes , making a turn to the northwest before resuming north . MS 5 comes to its northern terminus at an intersection with US 72 located to the south of Michigan City . MS 5 is legally defined in Mississippi Code § 65 @-@ 3 @-@ 3 . The entire length of MS 5 is designated a scenic route by Chapter 316 , Senate Bill 2547 , Laws 1989 .

## = = History = =

What is now MS 5 originally existed as an unnumbered unpaved road by 1928 . The MS 5 designation was assigned by 1932 for the road running from US 78 in Hickory Flat to the Tennessee border in Michigan City , where it connected to SR 18 . This road was a gravel road south of Ashland and an earth road north of Ashland . Two years later , the portion north of Ashland became a gravel road . In 1943 , the northern terminus of MS 5 was cut back to its current location at US 72 , with MS 7 connecting to SR 18 at the Tennessee border . By 1948 , the portion of route south of Ashland was paved . The remainder of the route was paved three years later . Since then , the route has not undergone any alignment changes .

## = = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Benton County .