Mississippi State Emblems & Symbols

State Coat-of-Arms
Mississippi’s Coat-of-Arms was adopted in 1894. Inscribed on the scroll is the state motto - Virtute et Armis - “By Valor and Arms.”

The Great Seal
The State Seal has been in use since Mississippi became a state in 1817. In 2014, the legislature passed a law adding “In God We Trust” to the seal.

State Flag
Designated in 1894, the State Flag incorporates the national colors - red, white, and blue - and 13 stars for the original states of the Union. The flag was adopted by popular vote on April 17, 2001.

State Song - “Go Mississippi”
State Insect - Honeybee
State Shell - Oyster Shell
State Fossil - Prehistoric Whale
State Beverage - Milk
State Stone - Petrified Wood
State Butterfly - Spice Swallowtail

State Dance - Square-Dancing
State Toy - Teddy Bear
State Soil - Natchez Silt Loam
State Reptile - American Alligator
State Language - English
State Wildflower - Coreopsis
State Grand Opera House - Grand

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