

Mississippi officials are confident that areas like Biloxi will recover quickly

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Mississippi's hurricane-lashed coast will take time to rise again, but meanwhile there are many golf courses in the rest of the state ready to give visitors a real Dixie treat

Birthplace of the Blues and Elvis Presley, Mississippi has been hitting all the right notes for its burgeoning golf industry. That was until the arrival of an unwelcome and unruly visitor in late August of 2005. Hurricane Katrina pounded the Mississippi coast with a force so destructive it laid waste to the thriving Gulf Coast towns of Biloxi and Gulfport and many smaller communities. Apart from the tragic human toll, the storm smashed the lifeblood tourism industry along the coast, including its numerous casino resorts and golf courses.