



# Camp Journey's End

## RV PARK & CAMPGROUND

### *Ocean Springs History*

*As Witnessed by a "Resident" of Camp Journey's End*

**Camp Journey's End** is nestled in a grove of beautiful oak and pine trees. Behind the clubhouse there is a massive live oak tree that is approximately 370 years old. We call her "Liberty" and her presence bears witness to the heritage of the land here in Ocean Springs, Mississippi:

- As a seedling, she first appeared among the gentle and peace loving Choctaw tribe that called this land home.
- As she grew, pirates began seeking refuge along the coast to repair their ships with the tall timber found here.
- She was there on May 1, 1699 when Pierre Le Moyne D'Iberville sailed into Ocean Springs to claim the Louisiana Territory, that vast central area of North America, for France and establish its first permanent settlement.
- She heard the rumblings of war as federal troops occupied Ship Island during the Civil War.
- She stood gracefully casting her shade as the great steamboat era came to an end bowing to the advent of the railroad.
- Today, she stands as a symbol of the **STRENGTH** and **UNITY** of our nation in the face of adversity.

**Camp Journey's End** invites you to come by and spend a little time with "Liberty". Give thought to the hurricanes, droughts and floods she has endured and know all things are possible.