

STATE HISTORIC SITES

Audubon Oakley Plantation* in St. Francisville

See the journals and paintings of John James Audubon who lived at Oakley Plantation home as the tutor of the owner's young daughter in 1821. With the help of local enslaved guides, he completed or began 32 bird paintings here. It's a splendid example of early colonial architecture and features exhibits on how the early settlers of Louisiana lived. 225-635-3739

Centenary* in Jackson

Opened originally as the College of Louisiana in 1826, the grounds housed a Confederate convalescent hospital in 1862. In 1908, searching for a wider student population base, Centenary College moved to Shreveport, where it remains today. The Main Academic Building was demolished in the 1930s, but the West Wing dormitory and a professor's house still stand. 225-634-7925

Fort Jesup* in Many

Established in 1822, Fort Jesup was an important US Army border outpost for nearly 25 years. The fort was once a large complex of 82 structures, but the kitchen/mess hall is all that remains. The reconstructed officers' quarters house visitor information and interpretive exhibits. Facilities also include a museum and picnic area. 318-256-4117

Fort Pike* in New Orleans

Built shortly after the War of 1812 to defend navigational channels leading into the city of New Orleans, the brick and masonry fort was designed to withstand attack from land or sea. 504-255-9171

Forts Randolph and Buhlow* in Pineville

Constructed in 1864-65, visitors to the forts can walk a beautiful elevated boardwalk near the banks of the Red River, to the overlook near Bailey's Dam. Several Confederate attacks were made on the Union forces constructing the dam. A Visitor Center offers a Civil Way Red River Campaign exhibit and guided tours. 318-484-2390

Fort St. Jean Baptiste in Natchitoches

The original fort was built in 1716 to prevent Spanish forces in the province of Texas from advancing across the border of French Louisiana. The fort served as a military outpost and commercial trade center until 1762 when England defeated France in the French and Indian War. Today, you can tour an exact replica of the fort, the long barracks building, and chapel. 318-357-3101

Locust Grove Cemetery in St. Francisville

Several generations who lived at Locust Grove Plantation and other notable figures like Major General Eleazer Ripley are buried in this one-acre cemetery. It represents the courage and determination of the early settlers of Louisiana. 225-635-3739

Longfellow-Evangeline* in St. Martinville

This 157-acre site centers around a Creole plantation and features an Acadian farmstead depicting the lifestyle of Acadian settlers and a Visitor Center with exhibits and artifacts from the early settlement. 337-394-3754

Los Adaes in Robeline

Los Adaes is a fort, or presidio, built on the edge of the Spanish Empire that dates back to the early 1700s as an outpost to protect Spanish settlements from the French. The presidio at Los Adaes was surrounded by a hexagonal stockade with three bulwarks, but today the buildings are gone. Visitors can experience guided tours and demonstrations that bring it all back to life. 318-472-9449

Mansfield Battlefield* in Mansfield

The Battle of Mansfield or Sabine Crossroads took place in 1864. It was one of the largest Civil War battles west of the Mississippi, involving almost 30,000 troops. The site features an interpretive center and museum along with an outdoor picnic area and one-mile battlefield walking trail with interpretive stops. 318-872-1474

Plaquemine Lock* in Plaquemine

The Plaquemine Lock is a feat of engineering constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1895. Exhibits explain the purpose and operations of the lock. When boats enter the lock from the higher Mississippi River, the lock closes so water levels can be drained to the lower Bayou Plaquemine level before reopening and sailing out. 225-687-7158

Port Hudson* in Jackson

At this historic Confederate garrison, exhibits celebrate the efforts of two African-American Union regiments called the Native Guards who fought against the well-fortified Confederates. Living history events are held throughout the year including the annual Port Hudson reenactment. 225-654-3775

Poverty Point World Heritage Site* in Pioneer

Some 3700 years ago, American Indians began creating the largest, most complex earthworks site of its age in North America. Poverty Point, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, represents an exceptional hunter-gatherer culture that occupied this place for 600 years. See remarkable artifacts displayed in the museum and climb the massive Mound A for a magnificent view of the amazing earthworks. Call for ranger-guided tours and demonstrations. 318-926-5492

Rebel - LA Country Music Museum in Marthaville

The museum contains exhibits that tell the story of how various folk music traditions developed in this region—from early gospel and string band music to the country music of today. One popular exhibit discusses the historic impact of the Louisiana Hayride program on country music. 318-472-6255

Rosedown Plantation* in St. Francisville

Once the home of Daniel Turnbull, Rosedown Plantation now consists of the main house, historic gardens and 13 historic buildings. Originally 3,455 acres, 371 acres of Rosedown Plantation remain. Rosedown conducts daily tours and hosts programs that illustrate plantation life in the 1800s. 225-635-3332

Winter Quarters* in Newellton

This large Antebellum home is the only one of its kind along the banks of scenic Lake St. Joseph. Union soldiers destroyed 15 plantation homes in 1863 under orders from General Grant and General Sherman. Winter Quarters was the only plantation left standing. 318-467-9750

*On National Register of Historic Places

Black Bear Golf Club in Delhi

Ranked *GolfWeek*'s Best Public Golf Course in Louisiana from 2010 through 2016, Black Bear Golf Club is a 'must play' course on Louisiana's Audubon Golf Trail. It plays host to the Adams Pro Tour but also attracts golfers of all levels with affordable rates, a restaurant and golf shop with pro line rental clubs. 318-878-2162

LOUISIANA STATE PARKS	CABINS	CAMPSITES FOR RV OR TENTS	GROUP CAMP	TENTRR SITE	LODGE	BOATLAUNCH	CANOELAUNCH	GROUP PAVILION	MEETING ROOM	OUTDOOR	VISITOR CENTER	KAYAK OR CANOE RENTAL	FISHING PIER	PLAYGROUND	SPORTS AREA	SPLASHPAD POOL	TRAILS	ВЕАСН
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Poverty Point Reservoir State Park, Delhi***					•	•	٠	٠					٠		GOLF*** MARINA BIKING	SP	٠	٠
Sam Houston State Park, Lake Charles								٠						٠	BIKING		٠	
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- * Bogue Chitto State Park has seasonal kayak rentals during summer months. Lake Bruin State Park does not have canoe rental but does rent fishing boats.
- ** The Louisiana State Arboretum is located within Chicot State Park.

 *** Black Bear Golf Club is adjacent to Poverty Point Reservoir State Park. Also, the Poverty Point UNESCO World Heritage site is nearby.

Springfield



LOUISIANA STATE PARKS

Louisiana is a place like no other in the world. A place of natural beauty with our own unique blend of cultures and experiences. To preserve this, we've set aside 21 Louisiana State Parks that stretch from the shores of Lake Pontchartrain and the swamps of Acadiana to the pine forests and hills of the Sportsman's Paradise.

There is a park for everyone to enjoy nearby. So let's hit the trails or catch a big one because the best travel experiences make you feel more alive and bring us closer together.

Sincerely,

Billy Nungesser

Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser

Bayou Segnette in Westwego

504-736-7140

It's a short thirty-minute drive from New Orleans, but it's a world apart. From boating and fishing to camping and hiking, there's something for everyone. It's a unique ecosystem that offers you both swamps and marshland. You can fish for bass, catfish, bream, perch, redfish and trout.

Bring the kids to the playground, splash the day away in our wave pool, or skip across the waterways by boat. Stay the night by tent, RV, or rent a floating cabin.



Bayou Segnette

Bogue Chitto in Franklinton

985-839-5707

This park boasts a scenic river system, cypress tupelo swamps, a hardwood forest and a rolling landscape. The true outdoors adventurer will love the 4-mile mountain bike trail, the pedestrian trails that weave throughout the park and the 14 miles of equestrian trails that you can explore by renting a horse at the park. Tube, canoe or kayak down the Bogue Chitto River, or freshwater fish in one of our 11 lakes.

Little campers will love the water playground and numerous picnic pavilions for the family. Overnight visitors can see the stars while tent camping, or glamp at a RV campsite or in a cabin that overlooking the bluffs.

Chemin-A-Haut in Bastrop

318-283-0812

This natural beauty is situated on a high bluff overlooking Bayou Bartholomew. Rent a kayak and paddle an hour to an ancient cypress grove and the Castle tree. Overnight guests can pitch a tent, park at an RV campsite or take in the scenery from a cabin on the bayou.

The whole family can enjoy the trails that weave you along the high, scenic banks. Smaller campers are sure to enjoy the playground in the day-use area and the wading pool.



Chemin-A-Haut

Chicot in Ville Platte

337-363-2403

Lake Chicot has yielded record freshwater catches of largemouth bass, crappie and bluegill. Fishermen can enjoy the convenient boathouse, three boat launches, a 400 ft. fishing pier or the ability to dock at your own cabin pier. An extensive hiking trail encircles Lake Chicot and includes several primitive campsites along the way.

For visitors who enjoy a quicker pace, much of the trail is geared toward mountain bikers, and all cyclists are welcome to ride the roadways throughout the park. Stay overnight in a cabin on the lake, or choose a campsite for an RV or for tents. If you don't want to pack your own tent, reserve a turnkey Tentrr campsite. Bring the family and enjoy our group camp, picnic areas, playground and water playground.



Louisiana Stato Arborotum

LA State Arboretum in Ville Platte

337-363-6289

Blooming within Chicot State Park, the Arboretum is 600 acres of natural beauty with 5.5 miles of trails and a Nature Center with interactive exhibits about the forests of Louisiana. The hiking trails will take you through many habitat types including Cypress-Tupelo Swamp, Bottomland Hardwood Forest and a beautiful Beech-Magnolia Forest. Full color signage along the trails tell the story of the wide variety of plants that grow in the Arboretum.

Cypremort Point in Cypremort

337-867-4240

The most stunning sunsets in Louisiana can be seen from the beach at Cypremort Point State Park, facing Vermillion Bay. There's over 100-feet of shoreline and a half-mile stretch of man-made beach for fishing, crabbing, windsurfing and sailing. A boat launch just outside the park's entrance provides access to Vermilion Bay and the Gulf of Mexico.

Overnight visitors at our campsites or cabins also have access to boat docks and a fish cleaning station for your daily catch of flounder and redfish.



Cypremort Point

Fairview-Riverside in Madisonville

985-845-3318

This little gem is a great launching point for a Tchefuncte River cruise or a picnic under the huge oak trees along the boardwalk. The waters yield bass, bluegill and bream near the park area, and channel catfish, speckled trout and redfish where the river meets Lake Pontchartrain.

There's a playground for the kids and a trail that meanders by the river where you can take in a glorious sunset before staying overnight in the park's campground.



Fontainebleau

Fontainebleau in Mandeville

985-624-4443

Located on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain, the park is over 2,809 acres and includes the ruins of a plantation brickyard, sugar mill and an alley of live oaks lining the entrance. The park's extensive trail system includes the alligator boardwalk which takes you from woods, to marsh where birds and wildlife abound.

You'll want to stay in one of our remote Tentrr sites, over-the-water cabins, or at a quiet campsite because there's so much more to do. A picturesque pier and beach offer lots of choices for fishing and picnicking. Little campers will love the splash pad and playground.

Grand Isle in Grand Isle

985-787-2559

Grand Isle is a barrier island between the Gulf of Mexico and the bayou tributaries of the Mississippi River. The warm Gulf waters are great for swimming and fishing from one of the longest piers in the area. Birding enthusiasts will delight in the numerous species of birds and other wildlife.

Camping on the beach offers visitors the rare opportunity to fall asleep to the sounds of waves. Don't have a tent? Don't worry because Tentrr sites are available now. RV campers are within walking distance of the seemingly endless beach.

Jimmie Davis in Chatham

Located on a peninsula on Caney Lake, this park offers two boat launches and a fishing pier that cater to the outdoors enthusiast looking for a prime freshwater fishing spot.

There's an outdoor activity for everyone. Cyclists will enjoy the park for biking treks through the hills of North Louisiana, hikers will be challenged by the trails and kids will love the playground. Overnight options run the gamut from cabins, campsites, Tentrr sites, a group camp and a lodge.



Iimmie Davis

Lake Bistineau in Doyline

318-745-3503

318-249-2595

Memorable for its forest, lake waters filled with enchanting stands of cypress and tupelo trees, this park offers two boat launches and excellent fishing. Hikers and bikers alike can explore nearly 10 miles of woodland trails. Rent a canoe to explore 11 miles of canoe trails, too.

Picnicking along the lake is popular at numerous sites equipped with tables, grills and pavilions for larger groups. Overnight options are sure to please everyone with cabins, campsites, a group camp and a lodge.

Lake Bruin in St. Joseph 318-766-3530

If you forget to bring your boat, you can rent one of ours for incomparable freshwater fishing and water skiing. The park boasts three large fishing piers, a year-round boat launch and a water playground for the little campers.

Day-use at the park offers picnic tables and barbeque grills near the lake. You can rent a covered pavilion for a large family gathering or stay longer at a rented cabin or campsite, or one of the Tentrr campsites on location.

Lake Claiborne in Homer

318-927-2976

Outdoor activities range from swimming, fishing, birding, boating, camping, hiking or just plain relaxing in unsurpassed natural beauty. For fishermen, the freshwater lake is lavishly stocked with bass, bluegill, catfish, crappie and bream. The whole family will love swimming at the park's sandy beach where they are protected from boats and water skiers.

Did we mention we have the #1 and #2 rated disc golf courses in the state? Wear yourself out then stay the night in a lakeside cabin or shaded campsite.

Lake D'Arbonne in Farmerville

318-368-2086

Piney forests, rolling hills, five fishing piers, and a beautiful lake draw visitors to quiet, majestic Lake D'Arbonne. Record freshwater catches of bass, crappie, catfish and bream make this a favorite spot for fishing tournaments and casual anglers alike.

Bring your camera to capture the wonders of the natural world from our nature trails. Cyclists will enjoy the challenge of the rolling hills of the park as a starting point for biking excursions into the steep inclines and scenic beauty of North Louisiana. Tentrr sites are just one of the many options available for staying overnight.

Lake Fausse Point in St. Martinville

337-229-4764

Fishing, boating, biking, hiking and canoeing opportunities abound. A boat launch and a canoe launch give visitors easy access to the labyrinth of waterways that wind through the Atchafalaya Basin.

Overnight visitors can choose from lake-front cabins or campsites, and even Tentrr sites for the busiest campers. Day visitors can rent a pavilion for a family picnic and enjoy the playground. Or you can rent a canoe for an adventure to see wildlife and the diverse natural beauty of the area.



North Toledo Bend

North Toledo Bend in Zwolle

318-645-4715

Numerous freshwater fishing competitions are held at Toledo Bend Reservoir. A boat launch, boat rentals and a fish cleaning station solidify this park as a favorite for families and professionals alike.

More than 900 acres for hiking and biking include a 1.5-mile loop trail. Some come for the day, but many choose to stay a while in a tent, an RV campsite or in a rustic log cabin.

Palmetto Island in Abbeville

Located on the Vermilion River, this park has a boat launch to encourage boating and fishing. You can rent a canoe or bring your kayak to explore the interior lagoons for an up-close look at the native plants, like the rare Louisiana red iris, and animal life.

337-893-3930

Day-use visitors can bike the park and have access to a playground and the kids' splashpad. Overnight guests can stay in a cabin nestled among the trees or in one of the campsites for those who like to get a little closer to nature.

Poverty Point Reservoir in Delhi 318-878-7536

A man-made lake is the park's scenic centerpiece and outlet for all nature lovers. Anglers can fish for bass, crappie and catfish. Birdwatchers will enjoy the cormorants, ducks, geese and pelicans making their way along the Mississippi Flyway. You can launch your fishing boat at the North Marina Complex where there's also a swimming beach.

Choose from 2-bedroom waterfront cabins, spacious lodges for larger groups, or numerous campsites for tents and RVs. Did we mention the trails and water playground?



Poverty Po

Sam Houston Jones in Lake Charles 337-855-2665

Tree-filled lagoons and a mixed pine and hardwood forest combine to create a unique natural environment. Wildlife abounds, and you're sure to enjoy birdwatching or hiking trails that wind through the park. Enjoy the picnic pavilions and playground by day then stay in one of our cabins or campsites by night.

This park was closed after hurricane damage in 2020, but we are building. Visit www.lastateparks.com and see "ALERTS" to hear the latest on our reopening plans.



South Toledo Bend is one of eight parks you can rent a Tentrr site

South Toledo Bend in Anacoco

33**7-286-9075**

Located on bluffs that extend over the Toledo Bend Reservoir, this park offers a waterfront view from many vantage points. Nationally recognized as a destination for bass fishing tournaments, visitors can also enjoy hiking, biking, birding, and camping. No tent? No problem. Toledo Bend now has Tentrr sites for overnight camping.

There's a boat launch, fishing pier and fish cleaning station, so you can catch them, clean them and eat them right at your campsite or cabin. The area is a common nesting ground for the bald eagle, which feeds from the plentiful supply of freshwater fish.

St. Bernard in Brathwaite

This is the ideal spot for visitors who are seeking a natural experience without straying too far from civilization. Located right along the Mississippi River, the park contains a network of man-made lagoons, which provide a peaceful setting for relaxation. The whole family can enjoy a bike ride to get out and see nature from a different perspective.

Many campers combine a camping vacation with a touring vacation of the New Orleans area. The Chalmette National Historic Park, Jackson Barracks and other historic sites are nearby.

Tickfaw in Springfield

225-294-5020

504-682-2101

Stroll through four ecosystems on over a mile of elevated boardwalks through a cypress/tupelo swamp, a bottomland hardwood forest and a mixed pine/hardwood forest. The Nature Center has regularly schedule programs, a gift shop and an 800-gallon aquarium stocked with fish found in the Tickfaw River.

Bring your bikes, fish from our piers or rent a canoe to explore the swamps. You'll have so much fun that you'll want to stay in a cabin, group camp or campsite overnight.