THE ATCHAFALAYA HERITAGE AREA

HOW DO YOU SAY IT? IT’S LIKE A SNEEZE: ah·CHA+fie·ah

BETWEEN TWO RIVERS

East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Ascension and Iberville Parishes

An American-Indian word, “Atchafalaya” means long river. The Atchafalaya National Heritage Area, widely referred to as “the South’s last wilderness,” stretches across 14 parishes in south-central Louisiana. Home to a diverse population of European, African, Caribbean and Native-American descent, it is among the most culturally rich and ecologically varied regions in the United States.

Nature and wildlife lovers explore a unique river swamp eco-system with over 85 species of fish, 200 species of birds, alligators and black bear. The entire Basin is approximately 160 miles in length with its width varying along the course of the Atchafalaya River. Comprised of bottomland hardwood forests, swamps, bayous and blackwater lakes and marshes, the wetlands of the region reflect the dramatic natural resources: hunting, fishing, craftsman farming and trapping are but a few examples.

In addition to its dynamic wildlife and scenery, the region is also recognized for its rich cultural heritage. It’s well known Cajun culture and other cultures are expressed through memorable cuisine, music, arts and folk traditions.

To visit the 3 other regions of the Heritage Area:

For visitor information:

BATON ROUGE AREA
Capital Park Welcome Center: 225-219-3200
State Capitol Welcome Center: 225-342-7517
Regional Music: WBRH 90.3 FM - Jazz and R&B

DONALDSONVILLE - SORRENTO - GONZALEZ AREA
http://www.atchafalaya.org | 800-773-7099

PORT ALLEN AREA

PLAQUEMINES - WHITE CASTLE - GROUSSE TTE - BAYOU SORREL AREA
http://www.iberiaparish.com/tourism_whitecastle.html | 225-687-2642

GENERAL HEDITAGE AREA INFORMATION
http://www.atchafalaya.org | 225-342-3413

*The levees generally form public pathways running along the tops of them. Corridors of the levees parks are considered to be levee parks and are not suitable for general public use.

LEGAEND

Main Street Town
Tourist Information
Airport
Lodging
Dining
Public Boat Launch
Birding Opportunity