The upper access point of the heritage area, this region is home to the Old River Control Structure. In times of high water, flood control starts here with water diversion to the Atchafalaya River. At almost every turn, one is greeted by a waterway: rivers, bayous, streams, lakes and canals abound. Vidalia offers one of the best access to the mighty Mississippi River in the state, and New Roads beckons boaters to beautiful False River.

Plantations, historic buildings, miles of cotton fields and lush countryside make the drive a memorable one. An abundance of state and national wildlife refuges and management areas provide many opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors. One of the most diverse regions, there are communities with strong French Creole ties, the home of the Tunica Biloxi tribe and the home of the famed musician Jerry Lee Lewis and Mickey Gilley.

For visitor information:

**Vidalia - Ferriday Area**
http://www.cityofvidalia.com | 866-558-9222
US 84 Welcome Center in Vidalia 318-336-7008

**Marksville - Many - Bunkie Area**
http://www.travelavoyelles.com | 318-253-6965 or 800-833-4195

**New Roads - Morganza - Jarreau Area**
http://www.ptourism.org | 225-638-3998

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**LEGEND**

- **HERITAGE RESOURCES and VISITOR SERVICES**
  - Main Street Town
  - Tourist Information
  - Airport
  - Lodging
  - Dining
  - Public Boat Launch
  - Birding Opportunity

**Urbanized Areas**

**Interstate Highway**

**U.S. Highway**

**State Road**

**Parish Road**

**Recommended Driving Routes**

**State Wildlife Management Area**

**State Wildlife Refuge**

**National Wildlife Refuge**

**Atchafalaya Swamp, other Wetlands and Marsh**

**Bayous & Streams**

**Canals & Waterways**

*The Levees generally have public roadways running along the top of them. Conditions of the levee roads vary considerably, and some are not suitable for general traffic.*