THE ATCHAFALAYA HERITAGE AREA

HOW DO YOU SAY IT? IT'S LIKE A SNEEZE: ah•CHA•fa•lie•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 150 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 lifeways of the people reflect the dramatic natural resources: hunting, fishing, crawfish 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.

Roll past scenic cotton and sugar cane fields and bayous. Then visit the 3 other regions of the Heritage Area!

For visitor information:

Baton Rouge Area
http://www.visitbatonrouge.com | 800-527-6843 | 225-383-1825
Capitol Park Welcome Center: 225-219-1200
State Capitol Welcome Center: 225-342-7317
Regional Music: WBRH 90.3 FM - Jazz and R&B

Donaldsonville - Sorrento - Gonzales Area
http://www.ascensiontourism.com | 888-775-7990

Port Allen Area
http://www.westbatonrouge.net/index.php | 800-654-9701 | 225-344-2920

Plaquemine - White Castle - Grosse Tete - Bayou Sorrell Area
http://www.ibervilleparish.com/tourism_wol/tourism.html | 225-687-2642

General Heritage Area Information
http://www.atchafalaya.org | 225-342-3413

COTTON, CANE, AND THE STUFF OF POLITICAL LEGENDS

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
- Levee*

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

Zachary
Baker
Maringouin
Port Allen
Baton Rouge
Rosedale
Grosse Tete
Brusly
Addis
Plaquemine
Bayou Goula
Carville
White Castle
Bayou Sorrel
Pigeon
Donaldsonville
Sherburne WMA
Atchafalaya NWR
Jarreau
Oscar
Livonia
False River
Bayou Maringouin
Bayou Grosse Tete
Cow Island Lake
Upper Flat Lake
Bayou Plaquemine
Upper Grand River
Lower Grand River
Mississippi River
Ferry Crossing
Bayou Sorrel
Little Bayou Pigeon
Grand Bayou
Dauterive Lake
Loreauville
Lake Fausse Point State Park
Paincourtville