The Atchafalaya National Heritage Area
How do you say it? It's like a sneeze... an ache in the neck... an Atchafalaya National Heritage Area.

Bayou Teche Corridor
St. Landry, Lafayette, St. Martin and Iberia Parishes

The heart of Acadian Louisiana, the Bayou Teche Corridor is a region of the heritage area is a living testament of the rich, multilayered culture of the state. In the nineteen National Parks Service, cultural centers and community, authentic Louisiana, this is the region to trace the history and journey of our heritage. Bayou traditional Cajun music, one-of-a-kind shopping on Main Street, and some great, creative, or bold in one of the many restored outfits.

Nestled in a unique river swamp ecosystem, covered with over 80 species of birds, butterflies and black bear. The Atchafalaya Basin is bordered by levees and is approximately 150 miles in length, with a width varying along the course of the Atchafalaya River. Composed of hardwood and herbaceous forest, swamps, bayous and blackwater lakes and marshes, the landscape of the people reflects the unique natural resources. Hunting, fishing, wildlife watching and trapping are but a few examples.

For visitor information:

OPLEOUS - WASHINGTON-JUNICE AREA
http://www.nps.gov/atla/index.htm
855-718-0443

LAKE CHARLES
1000 E. PEARSON STE 150 L1
833-539-5888

BREAUX BRIDGE HENDRICKS-JOHN MARTINVILLE AREA
http://www.atla.org/381-318-8073

NEW IBERIA-AVERY ISLAND-JEANERETTE AREA
http://www.atla.org/337-642-3741

LAFFAYETTE-SCOTT DUSON AREA
http://www.nps.gov/atla/index.htm

LA ROCHELLE
100 E. PEARSON
855-718-0443

NEW IBERIA-AVERY ISLAND-JEANERETTE AREA
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ATCHAFALAYA WELCOME CENTER
1000 E. PEARSON
833-539-5888

LEGEND

HERITAGE RESOURCES and VISITOR SERVICES

Main Street Town
Tourist Information
Airport
State Park
NPS Interpretive Center
Dining
Public Boat Launch
Birding Opportunity

Atchafalaya Welcome Center

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 and Streams
Canals and Waterways
Levees

*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.