The Atchafalaya Heritage Area
How do you say it? It’s like a sneeze: ah-CHA-fah-leh

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 45 species of fish, 200 species of birds, alligators and black bears. 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 sugarcane fields and bayous. Then visit the 3 other regions of the Heritage Area!

For visitor information:
BATON ROUGE AREA
Capital Park Welcome Center: 225-374-5200
State Capitol Welcome Center: 225-342-7317
Regional Music: WWLE 95.3 FM - Cajun and R&B
DONALDSONVILLE - SORRENTO - GONZALEZ AREA
http://www.ascensiontourism.com | 888-775-7990
PORT ALLEN AREA
http://www.westbatonrouge.net/index.php | 800-656-9701 | 225-544-2920
PLAQUEMINE - WHITE CASTLE - GROUSE TETE - BAYOU SORRELL AREA
http://www.ibervilleparish.com/tourism/wo/tourism.html | 225-687-2642

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