



Atchafalaya

AMERICA'S
FOREIGN
COUNTRY

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 know 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

