The Atchafalaya Heritage Area

How do you say it? It’s like a sneeze: ah-CHAF-al-ah

Upper Atchafalaya

Concordia, Avoyelles, and Pointe Coupee Parishes

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. Vehicular offers one of the best accesses 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 country side 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 Tunik Biloxi tribe and the home of the famed musicians Jerrry Lee Lewis and Mickey Gilley!

For visitor information:

MARKSVILLE - MANSURA - BUNKIE AREA
http://www.marksvillenews.com | 318-377-6421 or 318-638-3998

VIDALIA - FERRIDAY AREA
http://www.travelavoyelles.com | 318-377-6421 or 318-833-4195

MARKSVILLE - MANSURA - BUNKIE AREA
http://www.travelavoyelles.com | 318-253-0585

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

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
Levees*

*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.