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October

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Experience Atchafalaya Days Overview

Experience Atchafalaya Days takes place throughout the month of October, with over 40 opportunities to explore and enjoy the nature, culture and history of this dynamic region.

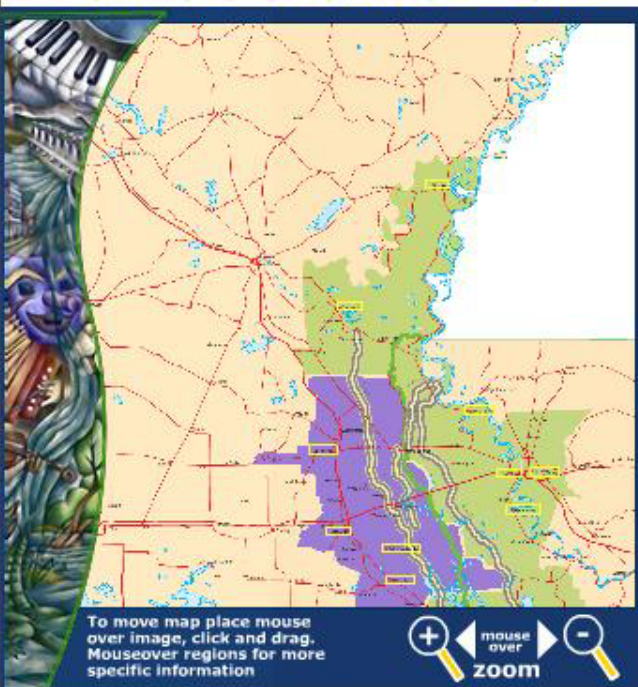
Everyone is invited to enjoy excursions into the Basin with local individuals who know and love the swamp, learn more about the history (and prehistory!) of the Atchafalaya, and immerse themselves in the music, lifeways and festivals of the region's diverse cultures.

The first step to joining in the fun of Experience Atchafalaya Days is to explore this website. Check back often, as we'll be adding more events and updating information frequently. The volunteers and professionals involved are eager to share their knowledge of our beloved Atchafalaya, so don't hesitate to contact us with any questions!

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Directions!

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Starts at 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

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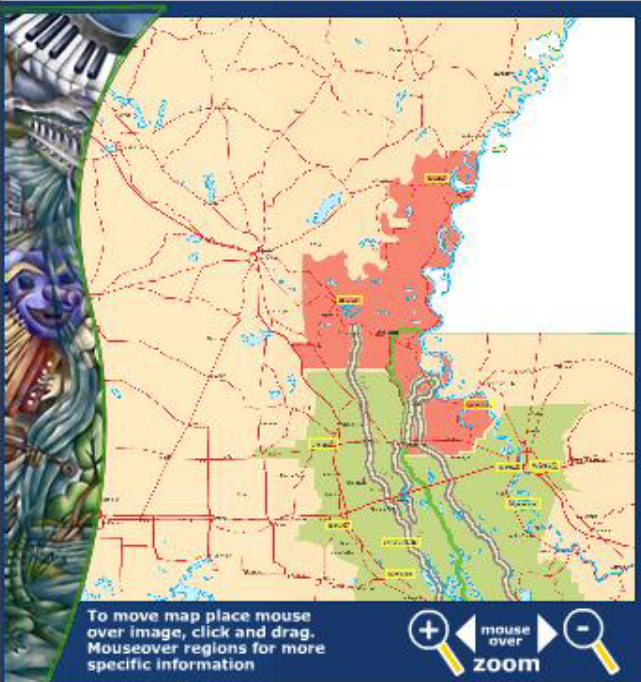
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Events For Upper Atchafalaya

New Deal Archaeology of the 1930's

Visitors will observe a tent display and take part in a demonstration of archaeological tools of the 1930's. There will also be guided tours of the Marksville site.

Directions!
October - 4th 5th 11th 12th
Starts at 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

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Cost : \$2.00 for adults
For more information please contact:
 Titus Belgard or Susan Sebastian
 837 Martin Luther King Dr
 Marksville, LA
 888-253-8954

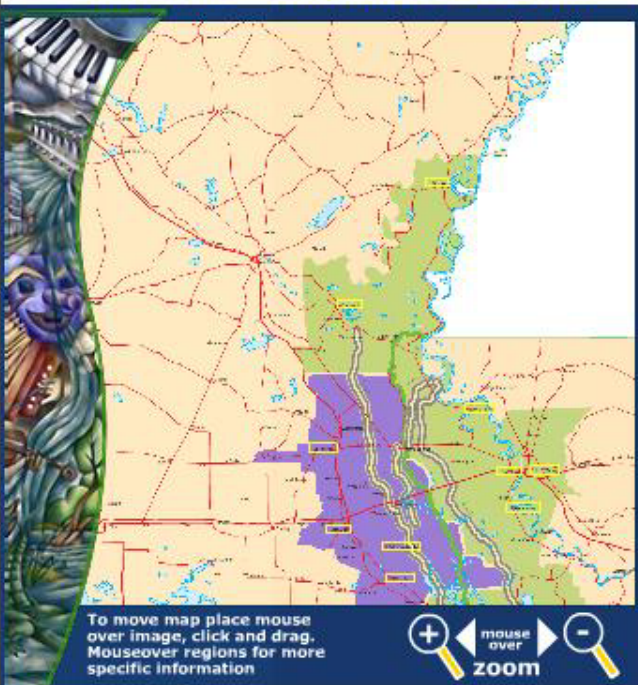
History & Archaeology of the Pointe Coupee Coast

Guests will enjoy a lecture and slide show on recent

Concordia, Avoyelles and Pointe Coupee Parishes

The word in the Upper Atchafalaya for Experience Atchafalaya Days is "archaeology", as this area boasts a number of Native American mound sites. With special programming for Louisiana's Archaeology Week, you'll be able to learn about our prehistory through exhibits, tours, and lectures. Those interested in the art and science of archaeology will love the demonstrations and the chance to get out in the field with the professionals.

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East and West Baton Rouge & Iberville Parishes

Participants in events in the region between the Atchafalaya and Mississippi Rivers can explore the Basin itself by taking tours in Iberville Parish or discover more about the area's rich history at two State Historic Sites. The special events planned at the Port Hudson State Historic Site offer detailed interpretations and exciting demonstrations based on the Civil War era. Programs at the Plaquemine Lock State Historic Site will focus on the development and uses of Louisiana's traditional boats, crucial in an area where

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Events For Between Two Rivers



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Directions!

October - 4th 5th 24th 25th
Starts at 8:30 a.m. until

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Cost : \$20/person; Sierra Club members free

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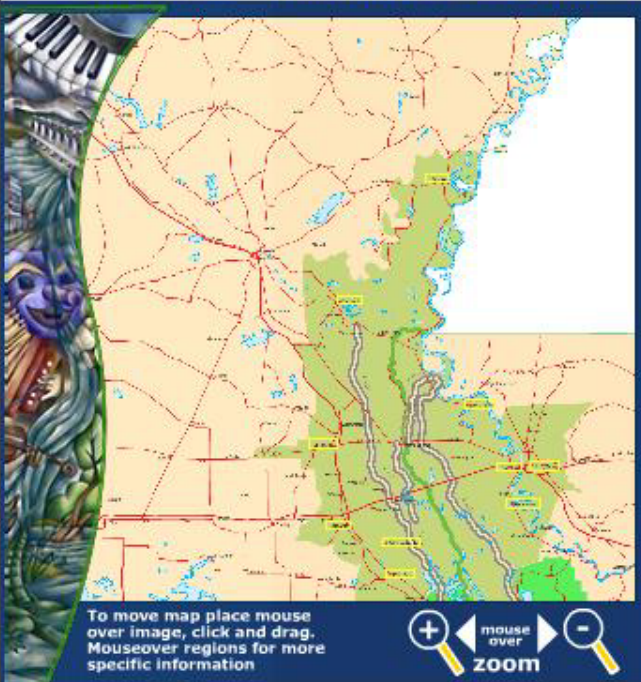
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St. Mary, Assumption and Terrebonne Parishes

Morgan City, Houma, and Charenton are the places to be in the Coastal Zone during Experience Atchafalaya Days. Events here celebrate our Cajun, French, and Native American cultures and offer many hands-on educational opportunities. Craft demonstrations and storytelling will engage the whole family. And of course, expect an abundance of good food and terrific music.

Events For Coastal Zone

Charenton & Native American Heritage

The museum will host a full day of activities, local Native American history and culture, pottery and basketweaving demonstration, oral history, videos, displays and performance of a play featuring music and dancing.

Directions!
October - 18th
Starts at 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

For more information please contact:

3041 Chitimacha Trail
337-923-4281



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Pepper Festival

This family event will feature music, food, games and a pepper-eating contest!

Music of the Atchafalaya Heritage Area

The historic Liberty Theater hosts musicians from around the Atchafalaya Heritage Area for a celebration of the sounds that make this region sing. The box office opens at 4:00 p.m. on the day of the event.

The Old School House Antique Fair & Yard Sale

Owners Rob and Jennie Rainwater welcome antique dealers from around the world to join over 100 permanent merchants at the famous School Mall in Historic Washington for its 11th Annual Outdoor Sale. Disc jockey and demonstrations included.

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Voices from our Past: Cemetery Tours

Travel back in time while performers from the Opelousas Little Theatre bring to life ancestors of 1803 and reveal how they helped shaped our history. Please call for availability.

Last Wilderness Tour

A personalized tour deep in the swamp. The tour lasts approximately 2 hours. This event is co-sponsored by the Sierra Club. Participants will be asked to sign a waiver.

Adventure Race: 24 Hour Race

24-Hour endurance race, 30 miles canoeing, 60 miles off road mountain biking, 20 miles hiking/running plus mystery events.

Paddle the Atchafalaya Basin

Canoeing expert James Proctor will lead two overnight canoe trips. Starting at the top of the Basin on Bayou Courtableau, and ending at Morgan City. Paddlers will have the option of attending each day's paddle as a half-day paddle, a day paddle, or paddling both days with an overnight stop. This event is co-sponsored by the Sierra Club. Participants will be asked to sign a waiver.

Julien Poydras Day

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Swamp Gardens

Swamp Gardens is an interpretive heritage park that highlights the basin and the unique people who live there.

Atchafalaya Days Canoe Trails

A self-guided 8-mile canoe trail through Lake Verret, 4-Mile Bayou and the Grassy Lake Area. Begins at the Atchafalaya Wilderness Canoe Base in Stephenville. Maps will be provided. No one under 7 is allowed. Anyone under 13 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. This event is co-sponsored by the Sierra Club. Participants will be asked to sign a waiver.

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Lake Fausse Pointe State Park Canoe the Swamp

Canoe with the park naturalist and see the wildlife. We will stop and have lunch at one of the campsites along the canoe trail. Dress for poison ivy in the event that we may do a short hike on a part of awesome Trail C. At least one person in each canoe must have canoeing experience. Adults must accompany children. Call the park to get on the program list. First come basis. Canoes, paddles, and life jackets provided. Bring your own paddle and life jacket if you wish.

Adventure Race: Sprint

10-miles canoeing, 20-miles off road mountain biking, 6-miles of hiking/running and mystery events.

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- [10/10/03 Opelousas Daily World "Events Carry Basin Theme"](#)
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BUTTE LAROSE — A traditional six-hour trail ride in the Indian Bayou area near Butte La Rose will be held Oct. 26 as part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' 2003 Experience Atchafalaya Days.

The guided trail ride includes woods, bayous and open fields of the Indian Bayou area, part of nearly 50,000 acres acquired for public access. Horses are not provided and reservations are required. Participants should meet at 9 a.m. at the main check station at Indian Bayou, located along the levee road about 5.6 miles north of the Interstate 10 Butte La Rose exit.

Call Todd Moreau at (337) 585-0853.

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