

# LSU RURAL LIFE MUSEUM & WINDRUSH GARDENS

Through the forethought and generosity of the Burden Family, the LSU Rural Life Museum remains intact for future generations to learn and to enjoy the life-ways of the rural people of Louisiana. The purpose of the LSU Rural Life Museum is to increase the appreciation of our heritage and the way of life of our ancestors, their hardships, toils, visions, inspiration, and determination by preserving something of the architecture and artifacts from our rural past.

The LSU Rural Life Museum holds the largest collection of Louisiana vernacular architecture and the most extensive collection of material culture artifacts from the 18th and 19th centuries. The museum includes 32 buildings, which spread over 25 acres that are divided into four areas:

**The Working Plantation** consists of a complex of buildings: post office, commissary, overseer's house, kitchen, slave cabins, sick house, smoke houses, blacksmith shop, sugar house, pigeon cote, and chicken house. These are authentically furnished to reconstruct most of the major activities of life on a typical 19th century working plantation.

**The Folk Architecture** (Upland South) section consists of buildings with divergent forms of construction, illustrating the various cultures of Louisiana: a split cypress barn, country church, pioneer's cabin with corn crib and potato house, cemetery, dogtrot house, log house, 19th century jail, and syrup house.

**The Gulf Coast Region** section adheres to Creole (or South Louisiana) structures and demonstrates their culture that consists of two Acadian houses, barn, and shotgun house.

**The Exhibit Barn** contains a vast collection of artifacts and treasures dealing with everyday rural life up to the early 20th century.

## MAP LEGEND:

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| 1. Bergeron House     | 17. Sick House           | 34. Visitor Center      |
| 2. Outdoor Oven       | 18. Well                 | 35. Dogtrot House       |
| 3. Acadian House      | 19. Sugarcane Grinder    | 36. Syrup House         |
| 4. Shotgun House      | 20. Statue of Uncle Jack | 37. Sugarcane Grinder   |
| 5. Split Cypress Barn | 21. Garden House         | 38. Columns             |
| 6. Grist Mill         | 22. Pigeon Cote          | 39. Entrance            |
| 7. Chicken Coop       | 23. 4-Hole Outhouse      | 40. Stoker Barn         |
| 8. Kitchen            | 24. School House         | 41. Stoner-Athens House |
| 9. Kitchen Garden     | 25. Blacksmith's House   | 42. Cattle Pen          |
| 10. Outhouses         | 26. Cemetery             |                         |
| 11. Slave Cabins      | 27. Commissary           |                         |
| 12. Sugar House       | 28. Jail                 |                         |
| 13. Church            | 29. Pioneer's Cabin      |                         |
| 14. Pigeon Cote       | 30. Post Office          |                         |
| 15. Smokehouse        | 31. The Barn             |                         |
| 16. Overseer's House  | 32. Potato House         |                         |
|                       | 33. Corncrib             |                         |

