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TOP 10 THINGS TO DO

- Shop & Dine in the National Historic Landmark District
- Snack on a famous meat pie
- Enjoy tours of Creole Plantations along State Scenic Byway
- Enjoy an Interpretive tour of Fort St. Jean Baptiste State Historic Site, one of three State historic sites in the area
- Complimentary Downtown Walking Tour
- Stroll along Cane River Lake and Beau Jardin
- See alligators up close and personal at the Alligator Park
- Experience the charm of a bed and breakfast stay
- Visit Kaffie-Frederick General Mercantile, Louisiana's oldest general store
- Visit Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame & Northwest Louisiana History Museum

- Visitors to historic Natchitoches are frequently heard stumbling over the city's name (pronounced Nack-a-tish). It is a Caddo Indian word meaning "Chinquapin eaters."
- Natchitoches, the original French Colony in Louisiana, was founded by Louis Juchereau de St. Denis in 1714.
- Natchitoches is located in Central Louisiana off Interstate 49.
- It's the oldest city in Louisiana and home to the Cane River National Heritage Area, one of only two in the state of Louisiana.
- Natchitoches commemorated its 300th anniversary in 2014, making it the oldest permanent settlement in the entire Louisiana Purchase.



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Natchitoches Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

780 Front St., Suite 100, Natchitoches, LA 71457
Mon. - Sat. 9am - 5pm, Closed Sundays
(800) 259-1714 • Natchitoches.com

Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce

(318) 352-6894 • NatchitochesChamber.com

City of Natchitoches

(318) 352-2772 • Natchitochesla.gov

Natchitoches Main Street

(318) 352-2746

Northwestern State University

(800) 327-1903 • Nsula.edu



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Our History



Three Centuries of Culture & Architecture

Three hundred years ago, Louisiana was an exotic and somewhat unforgiving wilderness that adventurer and entrepreneur Louis Juchereau de St. Denis saw as an alluring opportunity. In 1714, he established a trading post on the banks Red River, now known as Cane River Lake, making Natchitoches the first European settlement in the entire Louisiana Purchase.

As Louisiana's original French colony and the oldest city in the Louisiana Purchase, Natchitoches is a unique blend of French, Spanish, African, American Indian and Creole which is reflected in the culture and architecture.

Natchitoches is a favorite destination for visitors from around the world. Located in Northwest Louisiana, Natchitoches is a one-of-a-kind community full of culture, history, recreation, shopping and more!

At the heart of Natchitoches lies the National Historic Landmark District that serves as a shopping and dining paradise and a bed & breakfast lover's dream.

Stretched along the banks of the beautiful Cane River, Natchitoches is home to three state historic sites and two National Historical Park sites, Creole plantations, and museums all within the boundaries of the Cane River National Heritage Area.

Come discover the little city with a big history! Visit www.Natchitoches.com to plan your trip today!



Cane River



National Heritage Area

A Unique Creole Heritage



Cane River National Heritage Area located in Natchitoches is a largely rural, agricultural landscape known for its historic plantations, Creole architecture and multicultural legacy. Historically, this 116,000 acre region lies at the intersection of French and Spanish colonial realms.



Today, it is home to a unique blend of cultures, including French, Spanish, African, American Indian and Creole.

Experience the stories of this region as you travel the Cane River National Heritage Trail, a Louisiana Scenic Byway. Stretching from the Spanish presidio of Los Adaes to the southern tip of Natchitoches Parish, the highways and byways of the Cane River Region will engage you whether your interest is in historic plantations, military history, Creole culture and cuisine, or the scenic beauty of the area's lakes, rivers and forest.



For more information contact
(318) 356-5555 or visit www.canerivernha.org.

Historical Homes

Cane River Creole National Historical Park

Cane River Creole National Historical Park is one of 400+ parks around the nation managed by the National Park Service. The park consists of Oakland Plantation and the outbuildings of Magnolia Plantation. Oakland and Magnolia represent everyday life on a Creole plantation from the 1700s to the 1960s. Featuring



historic landscapes and buildings, they are two

of the most intact Creole cotton plantations in the United States. Generations of the same families of owners and workers, enslaved and tenant, lived on these lands for over 200 years.

Oakland Plantation

Cane River Creole National Historical Park

4386 Highway 494, Natchez, LA 71456

Plantations resembled small towns with numerous buildings. Oakland has 17 original outbuildings still standing including two pigeoniers, an overseer's house, log corn crib, carriage house, cook's cabin, mule barn (originally a smokehouse), carpenter shop and cabins. The historic property is a National Bicentennial Farm,



only one of two such Farms west of the Mississippi River, both of which are located in Natchitoches Parish. The National Park Service acquired Oakland in the late 1990s as part of Cane River Creole National Historical Park. Call for current hours and tour times, closed all federal holidays. Admission is free.

(318) 352-0383, ext. 316. www.nps.gov/cari #ExploreCaneRiver

Magnolia Plantation Complex

Cane River Creole National Historical Park

5549 Hwy. 119, Derry, LA 71416



Prior to the Civil War Magnolia was one of the largest plantations in Natchitoches Parish. The National Park Service acquired 18 acres of outbuildings in the 1990s as part of Cane River Creole National Historical Park. Original outbuildings include a blacksmith shop, plantation store, slave hospital that at various times housed the owners and overseer, eight brick cabins, and gin barn. The gin barn

houses a woodscrew cotton press; the last such press remaining in its original site in the United States. Call for current hours and tour times, closed all federal holidays. Admission is free. The main house is privately owned and is not open to the public. **(318) 352-0383, ext. 316. www.nps.gov/cari #ExploreCaneRiver.**

Association for Preservation Historic Natchitoches

Melrose Plantation

3533 Hwy. 119, Melrose, LA 71452

Discover the two-hundred year history of beautiful Melrose Plantation founded in 1796 by Louis Metoyer, one of the ten Franco-African children of slave, Marie Therese CoinCoin, and Claude Thomas Pierre Metoyer, a merchant at Ft St. Jean Baptiste. Their descendants began the unique Isle Brevelle community whose rich culture continues today.

Explore the wonders of the early 20th century artists retreat founded by Carmelite “Cammie” Garrett Henry, and follow the discovery of Clementine Hunter, one-time Melrose cook, as she emerged to become a celebrated Louisiana folk artist. See her acclaimed murals in their home, African House, designated a “National Treasure” in 2015 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Photo Courtesy of Thomas Whitehead



Every spring, Melrose Plantation hosts the Melrose Arts & Crafts Festival, Louisiana’s longest-running arts and crafts festival.

Call for operating business hours. **For more information call (318) 379-0055, visit www.melroseplantation.org, or email info@melroseplantation.org.**

Natchitoches Christmas

Named as the third best holiday light show in America by Yahoo.com, Natchitoches has been called the “City of Lights” since 1926, when the city’s chief electrician, Max Burgdorf, decided to string Christmas lights along the brick Front Street. To complement the lights, Burgdorf and Charlie Solomon built the first set piece, an 8-foot-tall Christmas star. His gesture has evolved into six weeks of Christmas called the “Festival of Lights” in Natchitoches.



Photo Courtesy of Brad Ferguson



Photo Courtesy of Karen L. Hoyt



In November, Natchitoches is transformed into a holiday wonderland with over 300,000 brightly-colored Christmas lights, more than 100 Christmas set pieces made by the City’s utility department and fireworks that light up the skies along the riverbank every Saturday for six weeks beginning the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Join us on the first Saturday in December for the annual Natchitoches Christmas Festival.

For more information visit NatchitochesChristmas.com



Scan Me!

Film Trail

Natchitoches Film Trail



In 1989, Natchitoches achieved national spotlight with the premiere of the classic southern movie **Steel Magnolias**. This movie was based on a true story about the citizens of Natchitoches.

Robert Harling, a native of Natchitoches, wrote

about the bond among a group of women surrounding the family experience with the death of Harling's sister, Susan Harling Robinson in 1985. The title suggests the main female characters can be both as delicate as the magnolia and as tough as steel. In 1988, filming began in Natchitoches with A-list actors such as Sally Field, Julia Roberts, Shirley MacLaine, Dolly Parton, Olympia Dukakis and Daryl Hannah.



Natchitoches has been the site for other movies such as the 1959 war film **The Horse Soldiers** starring John Wayne, Constance Towers and William Holden.

The movie was filmed on location at Oakland Plantation now a National Park along the historic Cane River region

In the early 90's, Academy Award winning actress Reese Witherspoon made her acting debut in **The Man In The Moon**.

For more information call (800) 259-1714 or visit www.Natchitoches.com. Pick up your film trail brochure at the CVB.



February

Mardi Gras

March

Bloomin' on the Bricks
& Art Along the Bricks
Ashland Spring Festival
St. Patrick's Pub Crawl
Cane River Film Fest

April

Natchitoches Farmer's Market
Dragon Boat Races
Find Your Park Festival
Melrose Arts & Crafts Festival

May

Natchitoches Farmer's Market
Jazz / R&B Festival
Sale on the Trail

June

LA Sports Hall of Fame
Induction Ceremony
Natchitoches Farmer's Market
Cane River Brew & Que
Natchez Heritage Festival

July

Celebration on The Cane
Natchitoches Farmer's Market
Natchitoches/NSU Folk Festival

September

Cane River Zydeco Festival
Goldonna Saline Creek Festival
Meat Pie Festival
Marthaville Good Ole Days



October

Natchitoches Classic Car Show
Robeline Heritage Festival
Witch Way to Main Street
St. Augustine Creole Festival
Cane River Fall Festival
Tapped-Tober
American Cemetery Tour
Dark Woods Haunt
Melrose Folk Art Festival

November

Turn on the Holidays
Festival of Lights Christmas Season
Fleur de Lis Arts & Crafts Show
Provencal Fall Festival
Christmas in the Park

December

Natchitoches Christmas
Festival of Lights
Holiday Tour of Homes
Fireworks every Saturday in December
Visit Santa Claus (Select nights)
Christmas on the Cane Celebration FSJB
Christmas in the Park
Christmas Down River at Melrose

**For specific festival information please
visit www.Natchitoches.com or call
(800) 259-1714.**



**Proud Partners in
Holiday Trail of Lights**
www.holidaytrailoflights.com

Attractions

National Historic Landmark District

At the heart of Natchitoches lies the “National Historic Landmark District” that serves as a shopping and dining paradise and a bed & breakfast lover’s dream. This enchanting 33-block downtown historic district is a classic show-and-tell of nearly 300 years of Louisiana French colonial history. It encompasses more than 50 historic homes, churches and buildings, as well as unique spots like the American Cemetery.



Fort St. Jean Baptiste State Historic Site

The site, obtained for the replication of Fort St. Jean Baptiste, is located on Cane River Lake (Formerly the Red River), a few hundred yards from the original fort site, set up by Louis Antoine Juchereau de St. Denis in 1714. Nearly 2,000 treated pine logs from the palisade and approximately 250,000 board feet of treated lumber went into the construction of the buildings. All of the hinges and latches were handmade at a nearby foundry. Self-guided tours and guided tours by costumed interpreters are available.

www.lastateparks.com/historic-sites/fort-st-jean-baptiste-state-historic-sitex



Open Wed. - Sun. 9a - 5p
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Day
and New Year's Day

155 rue Jefferson, Natchitoches,
LA 71457
(318) 357-3101 • (888) 677-7853

Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame & Northwest Louisiana History Museum

Visit the impressive museum complex in historic downtown Natchitoches. The Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame’s collections celebrate the achievements of more than 400 Louisiana athletes, coaches and other sports figures. Other exhibits and interactive media trace the history and importance of sports to life in Louisiana.

The Northwest Louisiana History Museum explores the unique cultural traditions from early Native-American civilizations to the present. The Internationally recognized and award winning building designed by Trahan Architects of New Orleans, evokes the region’s rivers and plowed fields. louisianastatemuseum.org/museum/louisiana-sports-hall-fame-northwest-louisiana-history-museum



Open Tues. - Sat. 10a - 4:30p

800 Front St. Natchitoches, LA 71457
(318) 357-2492



Cane River Carriage Company

Guided tours through the Downtown Historic District and "Steel Magnolias" filming sites. Available for weddings and special events.

Find us on FaceBook: www.facebook.com/carriagetoursnatchitoches

Cane River Carriage Co.
(601) 807-9086 • (318) 521-3062
Seasonal • Call for tour times



Photo Courtesy of Kaffie Frederick General

Kaffie Frederick General Mercantile

Established in 1863, the Kaffie-Frederick General Mercantile store of Natchitoches, Louisiana is not only the oldest general store in the state, but it's an important landmark for the entire community. The original freight elevator still works, and the 1910 cash register is not only in great condition, it is still used!

- Classic Toys, Kitchenware, Home & Garden, Hardware & Tools
- Shop the Top – Christmas Store
- Grady Harper Gallery

OldHardwareStore.com

Open Mon. – Sat. 8a - 5p
758 Front St., Natchitoches, LA
71457, (318) 352-2525



Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Church

Established in 1728 and consecrated as a Cathedral 1854. Many of the fixtures inside the church were imported from European Christendom. French and German arts are evident in the hand-painted Stations of the Cross and the magnificent stained glass. On January 10, 2010, dedicated a Minor Basilica, the second to be named in Louisiana and one of 63 across the nation.

www.minorbasilica.org

613 Second Street
Natchitoches, LA 71457
(318) 352-3422

Beau Jardin Garden & Water Feature

Explore the City of Natchitoches' water feature and garden area on the downtown riverbank overlooking Cane River Lake. This intimate outdoor setting is perfect for weddings, family photos, picnics and other outdoor events. Call the Natchitoches Main Street Office at 318-352-2746 for more information.

www.natchitochesla.gov/community/beau-jardin-weddings



Open Daily
781 Front St., P.O. Box 37
Natchitoches, LA 71458
(318) 352-2746

Cane River Queen River Boat

Take a leisurely cruise aboard the Cane River Queen. The red, white and blue vessel meanders along the tranquil waters of Cane River Lake. Groups/special events welcome.

caneriverqueen.org



103 Rue Beauport
Natchitoches, LA 71458
Call for tour times (318) 663-7787

Cane River National Heritage Area Walking Tour

Discover why Natchitoches has been a destination of travelers since 1714 - take a FREE guided walking tour of the Natchitoches National Historic Landmark District!

The tour is designed to provide a general overview of Natchitoches and the Cane River Region, covering the following topics: the Cane River region prior to European contact; the French & Spanish colonial period; antebellum plantation culture and period; reconstruction and tenant farming; architectural history; and Creole and Catholic culture, history, and customs. A family-friendly tour that will engage all ages!



Call for tour times
(318) 356-5555



Grand Ecore Visitor Center

From an 80-foot-high bluff, the J. Bennett Johnston Waterway Grand Ecore Visitor Center offers extraordinary views of the winding Red River. Visitors can stroll the grounds for a glimpse of native wildlife and see Civil War entrenchments.

Call for tour times
(318) 354-8770
(318) 356-5555

- 4 miles north of Natchitoches
- Interactive displays & historic exhibits
- Pavilion, picnic area and hiking trails

www.canerivernha.org/grand-ecore-visitor-center

106 Tausin Island Rd.
Natchitoches, LA



Roque House

Built by a freed slave named Yves in 1803, this structure is a fine example of French Creole architecture. Built with the traditional materials used by the earliest settlers of the area, cypress half-timbers and bousillage infill which is a mixture of mud, Spanish moss, and deer hair.

The house was constructed on Yves 91-acre farmstead about 22 miles south of Natchitoches along Cane River. Later the house was moved to historic district in downtown Natchitoches where it sits on the riverbank of Cane River Lake.



Los Adaes State Historic Site

This site was the capital of the province of Spanish Texas for more than 40 years. Today, the site outlines where the presidio once stood.

Call for tour times
6354 Hwy. 485,
Robeline, LA 71449
(318) 356-5555

- On the El Camino Real de las Tejas National Historic Trail
- Tours by appointment only in January and February.

www.crt.state.la.us/louisiana-state-parks/historic-sites/los-adaes-state-historic-site/index

Kisatchie National Forest

The forest is made up more than 604,000 acres and spreads across seven parishes in Louisiana. Come visit Louisiana's only national forest! Twelve miles of wilderness hiking trails.

- 50 miles of multiple-use trails
- 17 mile National Scenic Byway
- Panoramic vistas
- Primitive camping areas
- Offers swimming, fishing, hiking, biking, horseback riding, picnicking, ATV trails
- National Red Dirt Wildlife Management Area
- Bathroom facilities available at several sites

www.fs.fed.us/r8/kisatchie



229 Dogwood Park Rd.
Provençal, LA 71468

Located 16 miles
west of Hwy. 6 West
(318) 472-1840
(318) 473-7160

Briarwood: Caroline Dormon Nature Preserve

The Caroline Dormon Nature Preserve is located at the Northeast corner of Natchitoches Parish in the Kisatchie National Forest. This area was named after Caroline Dormon, the first woman employed in forestry in the United States and leader in the designation of Kisatchie as a National Forest. Briarwood was recently named a National Historic Place.

www.Briarwoodnp.org

Tip: April to May is a great time to visit the Nature Preserve when most of the wildflowers are in bloom.

Photos Courtesy of Lane Luckie



Sat. 9a - 5p & Sun. 12p - 5p
during March, April, May,
October and November

Weekly Appointments

216 Caroline Dormon Rd.
Saline, LA 71070
(318) 576-3379

Gator Country

Gator Country is the largest alligator park in Louisiana, housing over 250 American Alligators. The seven-acre park, complete with Cajun music, has a petting zoo, bird sanctuary, reptile house, jungle, tortoise exhibit, baby gator wading pool, feeding show, and more!

GatorCountryLA.com



Open Daily

380 Bayou Pierre Rd.
Natchitoches, LA 71457
(318) 354-0106



Rebel State Historic Site

Rebel State Historic Site is the home of the Louisiana Country Music Museum. The museum at Rebel SHS houses one of the largest exhibits about the Louisiana Hayride and the history of country music in Louisiana outside of the Shreveport Municipal Auditorium itself.

Call for tour times
1260 Highway 1221,
Marthaville, LA 71450
(318) 472-6255



National Fish Hatchery & Aquarium

One of 69 Federal fish hatcheries located across the United States, and is the only Federal fish hatchery located in Louisiana. Opened in 1931, the hatchery has raised many different species of fish over the years.

Call for hours
Closed Federal Holidays

615 South Dr.
Natchitoches, LA 71457
(318) 352-5324

- 16 tank Aquarium
- Wood duck display
- Replica Caddo Indian Village diorama
- Mock archaeology dig site exhibit
- Group tours available/call for special events
- Hatchery tours available if staff permits

fws.gov/natchitoches



Natchitoches Veterans Memorial Park

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1962 and the Natchitoches Parish Veterans and Memorial Park Committee have partnered to develop a site in Historic Downtown Natchitoches to honor our service men and women. This place of honor provides the community not only an area for private reflection but a small gathering place for events honoring the fallen as well.

Open Daily
Located left of Lasyone's
Meat Pie Kitchen
(318) 357-3106

St. Augustine Catholic Church & Cemetery

The church is the cultural center of Cane River's historic Creole community. The church was founded in 1803 by freed slave Nicolas Augustin Metoyer. St. Augustine is celebrated as the first church built by and for free people of color in Louisiana and the second oldest in the United States. It is designated as a National Register Historic Property. Located 20 miles south of Natchitoches.



2250 Hwy. 484, Melrose, LA 71452
(318) 379-2521

St. Charles Borromeo Chapel

Historic 1908 church located on the Cane River Lake. The chapel is a mission church to St. Augustine Catholic Church. It represents the only known instance in the United States of a white mission congregation sponsored by a church whose members were primarily people of color. (Private)



Tour Guides

Cane River Carriage Company

(601) 807-9086
(318) 521-3062

Cane River Queen River Boat

(318) 663-7787

Cruising Natchitoches with Chris

(318) 289-7406

Historic District Walking Tours

(318) 356-5555

Dark Woods Adventure Park

Dark Woods Adventure Park is a family owned operation where fun truly begins. Located on 17 acres just off of I-49 in scenic Natchitoches, Dark Woods hosts four unique attractions.

DeadFall Trail and Dark Carnival 3D are two nationally ranked haunted houses that invite brave guests into the ghastly folklore and mysterious mayhem surrounding the Natchitoches region, and takes place during the Halloween season.

Christmas In The Park is their winter wonderland walkthrough that is a must-see during the holidays. The attraction boasts over 300k lights, character meet and greets, special treats, and is altogether a magical family experience.

The Lost Treasure Mining Company is the newest Dark Woods' adventure. With a 96 foot long sluice, adults and children alike can pan for fossils, gemstones, and more April through November.

Dark Woods Adventure Park is an immersive and fun filled escape perfect for both tourists and locals alike!

Flying Heart Brewing & Pub

The best way to see just how passionate we are about good beer, unique pizza, and Northwest Louisiana is to come see for yourself. It's the perfect option for date night, ladies' night, or any night. There is always something happening at Flying Heart Brewing & Pub and it's always a party.

We can't wait to welcome you into the Flying Heart family and excited for what the future holds. So let's all raise a glass to craft beer, craft pizza, craft cocktails, and community!



"Scan this to learn more about our Attractions"

Natchitoches.com - Louisiana's Oldest City



4242 University Parkway
Natchitoches, LA
(318) 228-1725
info@darkwoodshaunt.com



108 Mill St.
(318) 238-2337

Art & Culture

Natchitoches Art Guild & Gallery

Displays works by area artists.
Call for hours.

584 Front St., Suite 102
Natchitoches, LA
(318) 352-1626

Cane River Gallery

Custom framing, prints & artwork.

558 Front St.
Natchitoches, LA
(318) 352-0034

Melrose Plantation

Melrose Plantation was the home to renowned folk artist, Clementine Hunter. Her artwork is on display at the Plantation. Prints for sale in gift shop.

3533 Hwy. 119,
Melrose, LA
(318) 379-0055

Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame

and NW Louisiana History Museum
Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and history, culture and area from Northwest Louisiana. Clementine Hunter artwork on display.

800 Front St.
Natchitoches
(318) 357-2492



Orville Hanchey Gallery

at Northwestern State University
Located at Northwestern State University, the gallery is a responsive, student-oriented institution serving the residents of Louisiana and the world. In 2013, the world's largest beaded mosaic was constructed at the gallery.

140 Central Ave.
Natchitoches, LA
(318) 357-5476

NSU Creative and Performing Arts

Year round productions, symphonies,
and seasonal dinner theatres.
capa.nsula.edu

140 Central Ave.
Natchitoches, LA 71457
(318) 357-4522



101 rue Beau Port
(Downtown Riverbank Dock)
Call for hours (318) 527-0066

Cane River Paddle & Pedal Sports

- Kayaks (Paddle/Pedal)
- SUPS (Stand Up Paddle Boards)
- Hydrobikes
- Mirage Eclipse (SUPS with Handlebars/Pedals)
- Group rates available.
- Products available for Rent/Sale



Golf & Tennis

Natchitoches is home to one golf course and one tennis facility: Northwestern Hills golf course is open from 8 am to dusk. Call for information on tennis times at Demon Hills.

Northwestern Hills, located on Hwy. 1 Bypass, 18-hole golf course
Golf: (318) 357-6300 • Tennis: (318) 357-6300

Natchitoches Shooting Range

- Affiliated with NRA, NSCA, and NSSA
- Rifle, pistol and archery range
- Sporting clays, lighted skeet, and trap
- Shotgun practice and instruction
- Hunting courses offered
- Guns available for rental

Located near
Red River & Grand Ecore
Bridge on Tauzin Island Rd.
(318) 356-9457

Old River Farms

- Full service equestrian center
- Riding lessons in both English & Western disciplines
- Training and facility rentals available for special occasions

www.facebook.com/orfequine

Old River Farms
1785 Old River Rd.
(318) 332-0272

Fishing

Fishing in Natchitoches Parish is an enjoyable experience with many fishing areas from which to choose. Whether you want to stay close to Natchitoches or venture into the outer lying areas of the parish, there is a place to drop your fishing pole. This area's wildlife, bird watching, canoeing, and swimming in one of the parish's clear fresh water rivers or slow moving bayous attract campers. Trapping, fishing and hunting is available in the many rivers, streams, bayous and lakes. There are 129,174 acres of Kisatchie National Forest contained in Natchitoches and Winn Parishes.

Fishing and hunting licenses may be purchased at certain retail stores or parish sheriff's offices.

Natchitoches fishing spots:
Cane River Lake
Sibley Lake
Red River
Black Lake
Parc Natchitoches

Cane River Waterway
(318) 379-2878

Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries
(225) 765-2800
www.wlf.state.la.us

Red River Waterway
(800) 874-9431
www.RedRiverWaterway.com

Cane River Lake

- Washington St. – Hwy 6, 1 mile north of downtown.
- East side Bermuda Bridge. LA Hwy. 119; dam at south end of Cane River Lake.
- Commercial ramps @ Point Place Marina, south of Pratt’s Bridge, east side of the Lake; gas available at lakeside.

Grand Ecore Landing

- 4 miles north of Natchitoches on Red River
- Two lane boat launch
- 100 parking spaces
- Picnic area
- Boat dock & Bank fishing
- Fishing license required

Located on Tauzin Island Rd.
Red River Waterway
Commission
Open Daily 7a-8-p
(318) 354-8770
(800) 874-9431

Natchitoches - Hampton Recreation Area

- Two lane boat launch
- 80 ft. Boat dock
- Picnic facilities with grills & fire rings
- 25 parking spaces

Hwy. 494, 8 miles south of Natchitoches on Red River

Red River Waterway
Commission
(800) 874-9431

Red Bayou Recreation Facility

- 28 miles south of Natchitoches in Cloutierville
- Two lane boat launch
- Picnic facilities with grills
- Boat dock & Bank fishing
- Fishing license required

Follow signs from Cloutierville on LA Hwy 491.

RedRiverWaterway.com
(318) 352-7446

Sibley Lake

Municipal water supply and recreational area.

- Fishing
- Public access boat launches
- Fishing license required
- Fishing fee accessed for lake

Sibley Lake Patrol
(318) 357-3387

Sibley Lake Park
5906 Highway 1 Bypass
Natchitoches, LA

Downtown Pocket Parks:

- Susan Harling Robinson Memorial Park – corner of Pine and Cypress.
- John Sibley Park – corner of Jefferson and Keyser Ave.
- NSU Park – corner of University Pkwy. and Second St.
- Roque House Park located along Cane River and Front St.
- Beau Jardin Park located along Cane River and Front St.
- Dr. Mildred H. Bailey Memorial Park – behind the headquarters for the Natchitoches Historic Foundation, 550 Second St.
- Jefferson Highway Park next to Fort St. Jean Baptiste SHS
- St. Mary’s First Baptist Park, behind First Baptist Church on Second Street and Rue Touline

Natchitoches Parish Library

Natchitoches' public library offers internet and computer access, printing, copying, and faxing services to the public. Look for the Matt DeFord art display and selection of Clementine Hunter prints located on the second floor.

www.youseemore.com/natchitoches



450 Second St. • (318) 357-3280
Call for Times

Cammie Henry
Research Center
3rd Floor – Watson
Memorial Library
913 University Pkwy.
Call for Times
(318) 357-4585

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Natchitoches Genealogy & Historical Association

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Accolades

- Natchitoches named “Outstanding CVB/TC of the Year” Louisiana Travel Assoc. Jan 2022
- Natchitoches Christmas named “Best Public Light Display” *USA Today 10 Best, December 2020*
- Natchitoches named one of “The Most Beautiful Main Streets in Every State” *Cheapism.com, August 2020*
- Natchitoches Car Show named “Top 20 Festival/Event” for October 2020 *Southeast Tourism Society, June 2020*
- Natchitoches named a “Best Small Southern Town” *Southern Living Magazine, April 2020*
- Natchitoches named “Outstanding Convention & Visitors Bureau/TC of the Year” *Louisiana Travel Association, January 2020*
- Blush & Bashful Event Campaign named “Tourism Campaign of the Year” *Louisiana Travel Association, January 2020*
- Natchitoches named one of the “Best ‘Main Street’ Shopping Districts in All 50 States” *Cheapism.com, November 2019*
- “Best Small Town in Louisiana” *Southern Living Magazine, April 2019*
- “Top 10 Best Cities to Get Your Christmas Lights Fix” *Livability.com, December 2018*
- “South’s Best Christmas Festivals” *Southern Living, November 2017*
- “America’s 25 Most Festive Christmas Towns” *RaveReviews.com, December 2018*
- “Natchitoches Main Street named one of five success stories” *Main Street America November 2018*
- “10 Best Christmas Towns in the U.S.” *WideOpenCountry.com, November 2018*
- “America’s 30 Best Small Towns for Christmas,” *Country Living, November 2018*
- “25 Most Festive Towns” *CarRentals.com, October 2018*
- “11 Best Small Towns to Visit for Christmas in the U.S.” *TripsToDiscover.com, October 2018*
- One of Louisiana’s “2018 Reader’s Choice Award” winners, *ConventionSouth Magazine, October 2018*
- One of 10 “Hottest Southern Soundscapes”, *ConventionSouth Magazine, September 2018*
- “30 Most Beautiful Main Streets Across America,” *Architectural Digest, August 2018*
- #1 “America’s 25 Cutest Main Streets in Small Towns” *Fodors, July 2018*
- Christmas Festival named “Top 20 Festivals of the Year - Shining Example Award” in Tourism *Southeast Tourism Society, April 2018*
- “The Best Small Town in Louisiana” *Southern Living Magazine, April 2018*
- “Best Places to Travel in 2018” *Expedia Travel Blog, January 2018*
- Holiday Trail of Lights “Festival/Event of the Year,” 10 Best Louisiana *Travel Promotion Assoc., January 2018*
- “Top Festival in the State” *New Orleans Magazine, January 2018*
- “8 Tax-Friendly Cities”, *Where to Retire Magazine, December 2017*
- “Most Festive Place in Every State,” *BusinessInsider.com, December 2017*
- “10 Best Weekend Getaways in LA” *TripsToDiscover.com, December 2017*
- “50 Christmas Towns in All 50 States”, *Cheapism.com, November 2017*
- “Souths Best Christmas Festival” *Southern Living, November 2017*
- “10 Best Christmas Towns With the Most Spirit” *Reader’s Digest, November 2017*



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CANE RIVER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

History Plaques

- 1 Historic Front Street
- 2 Historic Cane River
- 3 The Red River Campaign
- 4 Legacy of Catholicism
- 5 The American Transition
- 6 The American Cemetery

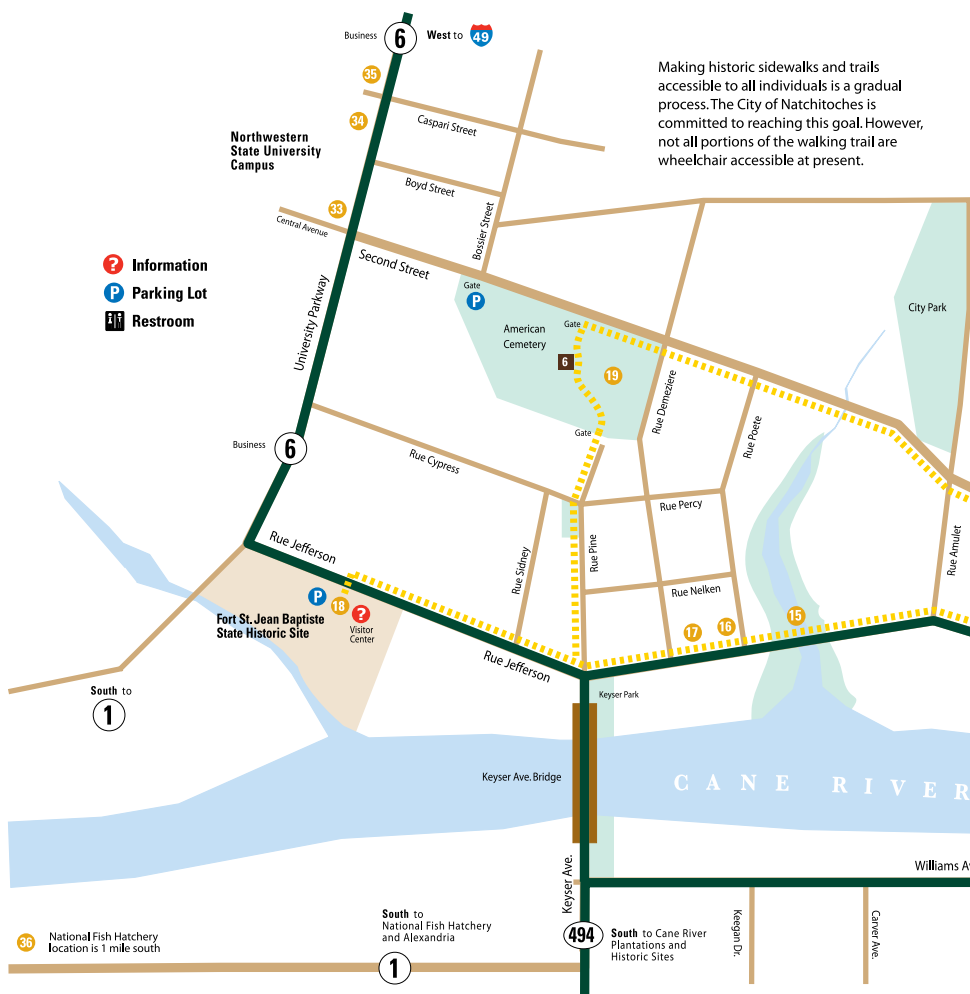
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Historic Sites

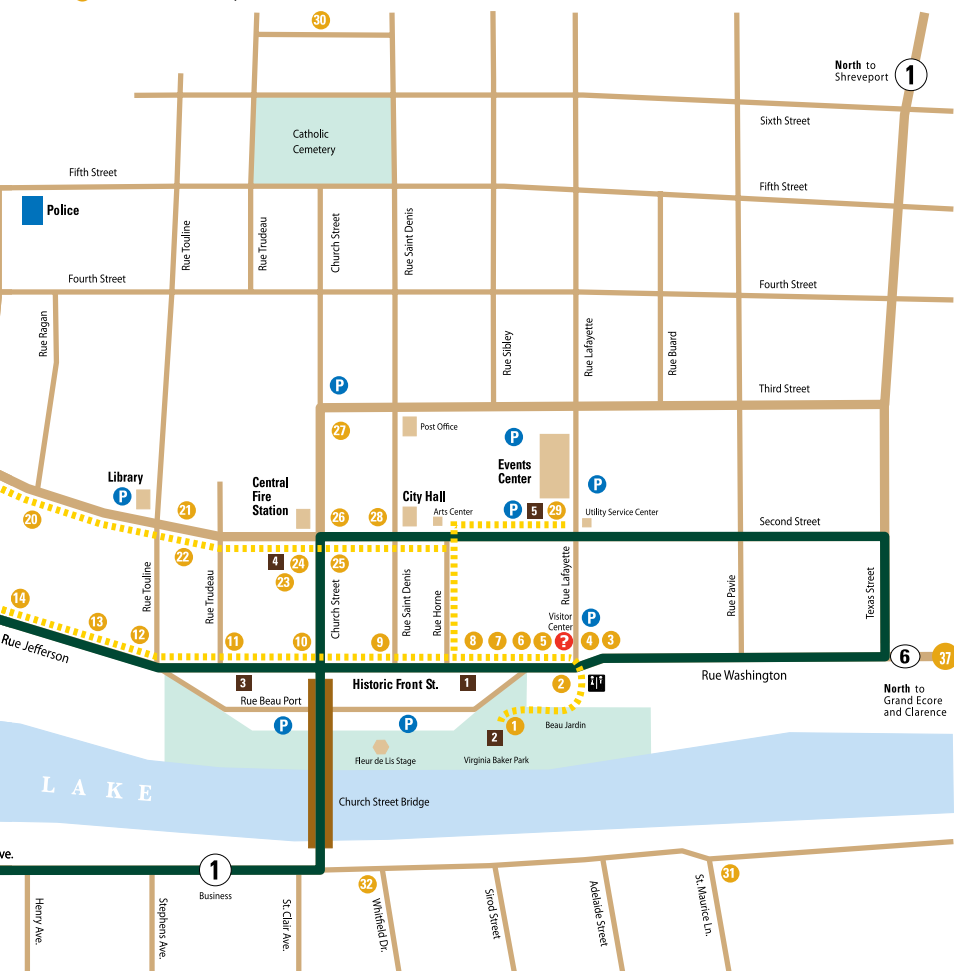
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- 2 Bust of St. Denis
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- 4 Louisiana State Museum
- 5 Kaffee-Frederick Hardware
- 6 Ducournau Square
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- 8 Prudhomme Building
- 9 Derville's Corner
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Making historic sidewalks and trails accessible to all individuals is a gradual process. The City of Natchitoches is committed to reaching this goal. However, not all portions of the walking trail are wheelchair accessible at present.

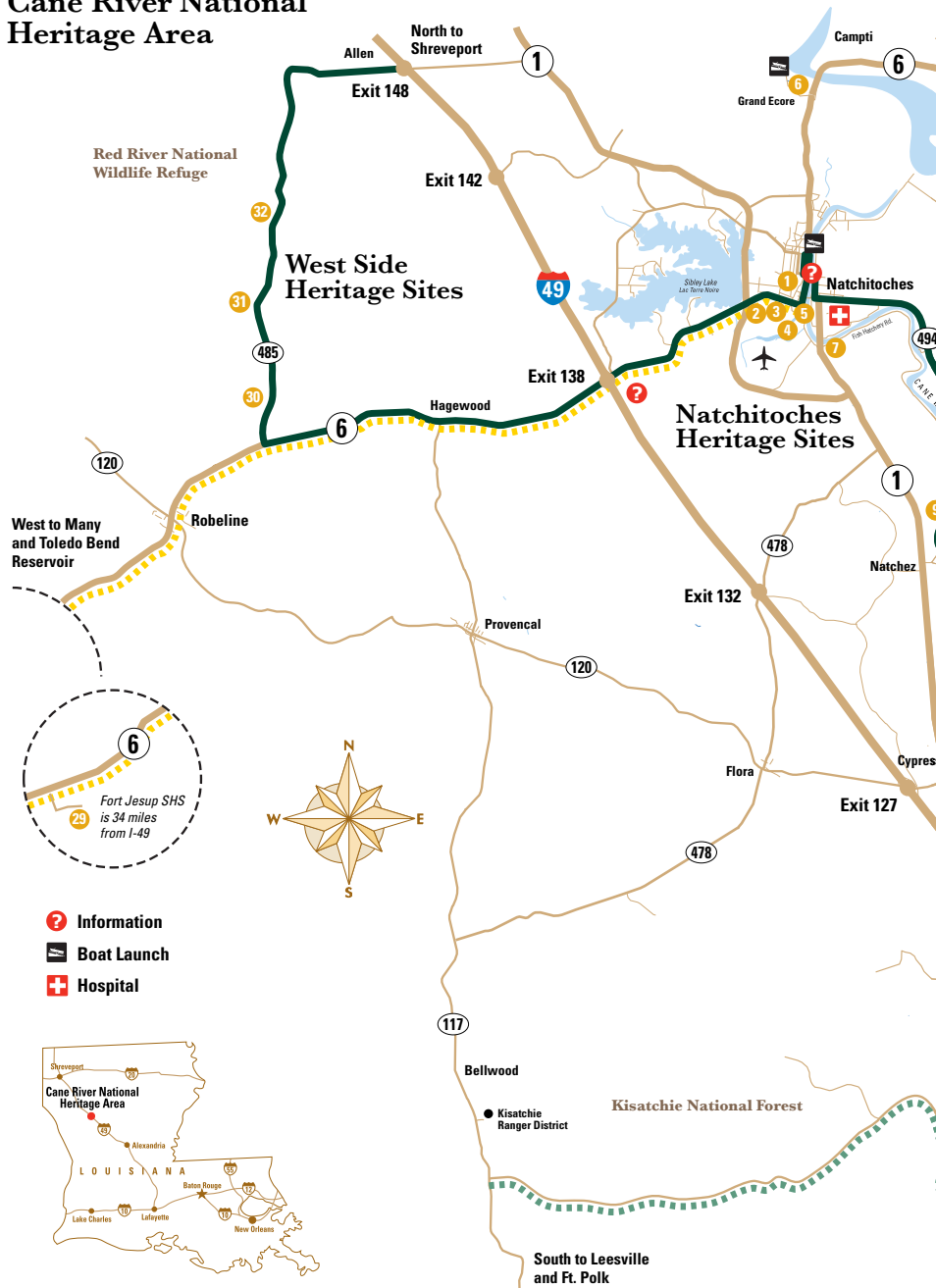


Around Town

- 11 DeBlieux Building
- 12 Location of 1866 Freedmen's Bureau Office
- 13 Prudhomme-Rouquier House
- 14 Tante Huppé House
- 15 Bayou Amulet
- 16 Taylor House / Steel Magnolia House
- 17 Lemee House
- 18 Fort St. Jean Baptiste State Historic Site
- 19 American Cemetery
- 20 First United Methodist Church
- 21 First Baptist Church
- 22 Trinity Episcopal Church
- 23 Bishop Martin Museum
- 24 Catholic Rectory
- 25 Church of the Immaculate Conception
- 26 Old Courthouse
- 27 Natchitoches Parish Courthouse
- 28 Old Masonic Lodge
- 29 Landmarks in Time Exhibit
- 30 Texas and Pacific Railway Depot
- 31 Roselawn
- 32 Tauzin-Wells Home
- 33 Northwestern State University
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- 36 National Fish Hatchery
- 37 Grand Ecore Visitor Center



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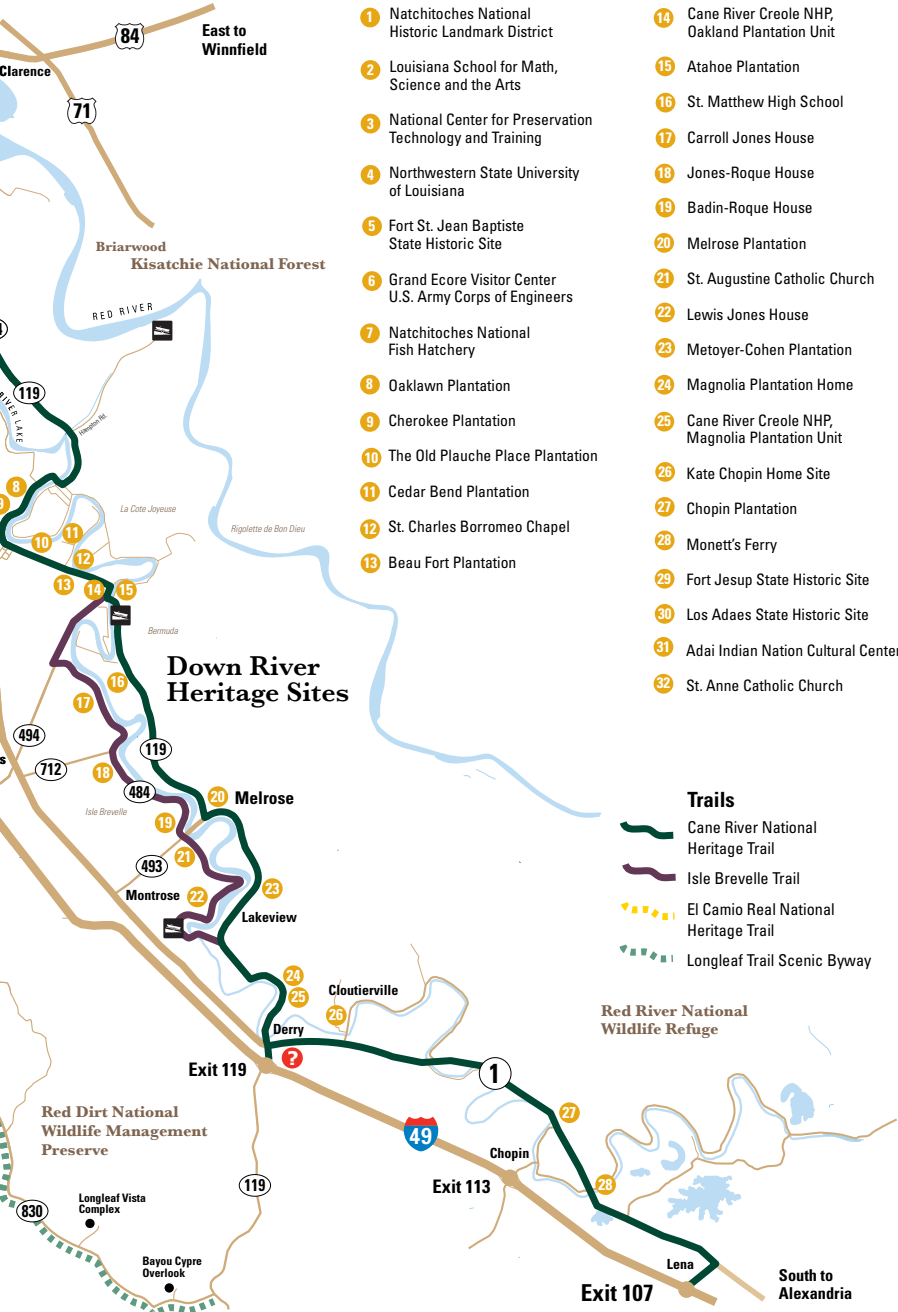
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Heritage Sites

- 1 Natchitoches National Historic Landmark District
- 2 Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts
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- 4 Northwestern State University of Louisiana
- 5 Fort St. Jean Baptiste State Historic Site
- 6 Grand Ecore Visitor Center U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- 7 Natchitoches National Fish Hatchery
- 8 Oaklawn Plantation
- 9 Cherokee Plantation
- 10 The Old Plauche Place Plantation
- 11 Cedar Bend Plantation
- 12 St. Charles Borromeo Chapel
- 13 Beau Fort Plantation
- 14 Cane River Creole NHP, Oakland Plantation Unit
- 15 Atahoe Plantation
- 16 St. Matthew High School
- 17 Carroll Jones House
- 18 Jones-Roque House
- 19 Badin-Roque House
- 20 Melrose Plantation
- 21 St. Augustine Catholic Church
- 22 Lewis Jones House
- 23 Metoyer-Cohen Plantation
- 24 Magnolia Plantation Home
- 25 Cane River Creole NHP, Magnolia Plantation Unit
- 26 Kate Chopin Home Site
- 27 Chopin Plantation
- 28 Monett's Ferry
- 29 Fort Jesup State Historic Site
- 30 Los Adaes State Historic Site
- 31 Adai Indian Nation Cultural Center
- 32 St. Anne Catholic Church

Trails

-  Cane River National Heritage Trail
-  Isle Brevelle Trail
-  El Camio Real National Heritage Trail
-  Longleaf Trail Scenic Byway



We suggest that groups, conferences, etc. call the local telephone numbers to negotiate rates and reserve a room during the holiday season. Please note that local rates are very affordable; rates do increase during the busy Christmas season and there are some weekends when there is a 2-night minimum. Enjoy your visit.

PROPERTY	#	Pe	B	P	M/R	I	DESCRIPTION
Best Western 5131 University Pkwy (318) 352-6655 (800) 528-1234 www.bestwestern.com	62	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Conference facilities available. HBO, HC accessible. Adjacent to restaurants, 6 miles to downtown historic district. Major credit cards accepted.
Chateau Saint Denis 751 Second St. (318) 951-4105 (888) 900-9937 www.chateausaintdenis.com	87		✓		✓	✓	Quaint hotel located in the Historic District, across from Natchitoches Event Center. French Quarter style courtyard.
Church Street Inn 120 Church St. (318) 238-8888 (800) 668-9298 www.churchstinn.com	20		✓		✓	✓	Located in Landmark Historic District; upscale property with amenities offered; Suites decorated with Louisiana themes; HBO, HC accessible; New Orleans style patio; adjacent to restaurants and shopping.
Comfort Suites 151 Hayes Ave. (318) 228-8816 (877) 424-6423	83		✓	✓	✓	✓	Located off I-49, just minutes from local businesses and attractions. Close to Northwestern State University.
Days Inn 5135 University Pkwy. (318) 581-4197	65	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Showtime, HC accessible. 6 miles to downtown historic district. Major credit cards accepted.
Econo Lodge & Suites 5335 University Pkwy. (318) 214-0700 (800) 4-CHOICE www.econolodge.com/la163	72		✓	✓	✓	✓	HBO, HC accessible. Adjacent to restaurants, 6 miles to downtown historic district. Fitness rooms & complimentary bus and truck parking. Major credit cards accepted.
Fairfield Inn & Suites 150 Hayes Ave. (318) 354-8007 www.Marriott.com/ FairfieldInn	74		✓	✓	✓	✓	Six miles to downtown historic district, with complimentary wireless internet, complimentary on-site parking, Fitness Center. Major credit cards accepted.

= Number of Rooms • Pe = Pets • B = Breakfast • P = Pool • M/R = Microwave/ Refrigerator • I = Wireless Internet

PROPERTY	#	Pe	B	P	M/R	I	DESCRIPTION
Hampton Inn 5300 University Pkwy (318) 354-0010 (800) HAMPTON www.hamptoninn.com	74		✓	✓	✓	✓	Conference facility, fitness facility. HBO, HC accessible. Adjacent to restaurants, 6 miles to downtown historic district. Major credit cards accepted.
Holiday Inn Express & Suites 5137 University Pkwy (318) 354-9911 (800) HOLIDAY www.ichotelsgroup.com	80		✓	✓	✓	✓	Conference facility. HBO, HC accessible. Adjacent to restaurants, 6 miles to downtown historic district. Major credit cards accepted.
Motel 6 3.5 7624 Hwy 1 Bypass (318) 357-8281 (888) 252-8281	90	✓		✓	✓	✓	HBO, HC accessible. Meeting space. 3.5 miles to downtown historic district. Major credit cards accepted.
Quality Inn 5362 University Pkwy (318) 352-7500 (800) 4 CHOICE www.choicehotels.com	59		✓	✓	✓	✓	Cable TV. 6 miles to downtown Natchitoches. Major credit cards accepted.
Relax Inn 1316 Washington St. (318) 357-0423 (318) 352-9561	35	✓			✓	✓	HBO, HC accessible. .5 mile to downtown historic district. Major credit cards accepted.
Super 8 5821 Hwy 1 Bypass (318) 352-1700 (800) 800-8000 www.super8.com	40	✓	✓		✓	✓	HBO, HC accessible. Adjacent to restaurants, 1.5 miles to downtown historic district. Major credit cards accepted.

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Natchitoches Historic District

Property Name	# of Rooms	Pets	Description
**Andre's Riverview Bed & Breakfast 612 Williams Ave. (318) 581-0287 www.andresriverview.com	3	No	Overlooking Cane River Lake across from the downtown historic district. Private entrance, balconies, whirlpool baths, not handicap accessible.
Andrew Morris House 422 Second St. (318) 352-9206 • 1(800) 441-8343 www.andrewmorrishouse.com	4	No	Award winning Antebellum Historic District Home offering: Early check-ins, WIFI, two person Jacuzzis. Complimentary beverages, two-course gourmet breakfast.
**Creole Cottage on Cane River 319 rue Jefferson (318) 413-0579 • (318) 352-7490 www.creolecottage.net innkeeper@creolecottage.net	4	No	Located on Cane River in the historic district. Amenities galore, private entrances, private baths, king beds and continental breakfast. No children under 12.
Elizabeth Lane Guesthouse 228 Henry Ave. (409) 489-9010	4	Yes	Rent the whole house with 4 suites with private baths, internet, TV-DVD player and Netflix, back screened in porch with wicker furniture and self-catering. Vacation home rental, 2 night minimum.
Green Gables & Camellia Cottage 201 Pine St. (318) 352-5580 www.greengablesbedandbreakfast.com	3	No	Queen Anne Victorian House. Camellia Cottage is a perfect romantic retreat. Large porches, full breakfast and other amenities. Walking distance to shops.
H.A. Cook Guesthouse 128 St. Denis (225) 802-8720 www.vrbo.com/675761	3	No	Two-story guesthouse with 3 bedroom suites with private baths, common living, kitchen, and dining area. Downstairs kitchen adjacent to courtyard and outdoor patio area.
**Jefferson House B&B 229 rue Jefferson (318) 332-8471 www.jeffersonhousebedandbreakfast.com	3	Yes	Idyllic retreat located on Cane River Lake in the Historic District. Antique furnishings, king size beds, private baths, gourmet breakfast. Complimentary WiFi, cable, & parking.

****Located on Cane River Lake.**

Natchitoches Historic District

Property Name	# of Rooms	Pets	Description
Jefferson Street Townhouse 230 rue Jefferson (318) 352-3957 • (318) 554-9074 www.jeffersontownhouse.com	5		1920s bungalow, gardens, Full breakfast, cable TV; walking distance to downtown. Pool is included. Call for info, small pets only.
Judge Porter House 321 Second St. (318) 352-9206 (800) 441-8343 www.judgeporterhouse.com	5	No	1912 B&B offering: Early check-ins, WIFI, cable TV, queen beds, Jacuzzis. Complimentary beverages, gourmet breakfast.
Maison Louisiane B&B 332 Jefferson St. (318) 581-3138 • (318) 332-8780 www.steelmagnoliahouse.net	5	No	Built in the 1880's in Queen Anne style architecture. Multi-course breakfast, cable TV, WIFI, antiques, private bath, private cottage sleeps up to six.
Opus House 219 Williams Ave (318) 332-8796	2	No	Large open common spaces, full breakfast, deep porches, queen beds, luxury linens and toiletries, walking distance to downtown
The Parsonage B&B (318) 214-9607 or (310) 704-5147 www.parsonagebedandbreakfast.com info@parsonagebedandbreakfast.com	1	Yes	Located in the Historic District, within walking distance of Front Street shopping and Cane River Lake. Queen room, complimentary Wi-Fi, private bathroom, and parking. One night stays, pet friendly. Multiple rate options and gourmet breakfasts offered for 2 or more nights.
Queen Anne 125 Pine St. (318) 352-9206 1(800) 441-8343 www.queenannebandb.com	5	No	Queen Anne style in Historic District: Early check-ins, WIFI, cable TV, king & queen beds, Jacuzzis. Free beverages, gourmet breakfast.
Rusca House 124 rue Poete (318) 356-7118 www.ruscahouse.com	4	Yes	1910's bungalow. Multi-course breakfast; gardens; courtyard with fountain; private entrances; cable TV; private baths; Jacuzzi tubs.

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Property Name	# of Rooms	Pets	Description
Samuel Guy House 309 Pine St. (318) 354-1080 www.samuelguyhouse.com	7	No	Greek Revival house circa 1850; cable; private baths with jacuzzi tubs; glassed in living & dining rooms; multi-course breakfast, collectibles, gardens tours available.
Steel Magnolia House 320 rue Jefferson (318) 238-2585 www.steelmagnoliahouse.net	6	No	Historic home featured in movie Steel Magnolias; breakfast; amenities; WIFI; gardens; pool; antiques; private baths; TV/DVD player.
Sweet Cane Inn 926 Washington St. (318) 352-5630 www.sweetcaneinn.com	7	No	Victorian home, circa 1890s. Walking distance to downtown; pool; full breakfast; Suite available.
**Violet Hill 917 Washington St. (318) 352-9206 1(800) 441-8343 www.violethillbandb.com	5	No	Elegantly furnished: Early check-ins. WIFI; cable TV; queen beds; 2 BR with Jacuzzis. Beverages & breakfast. Porch swing.



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Natchitoches Area

Property Name	# of Rooms	Pets	Description
**Cane River Cottage and Guest House 228 Pratt Lane (318) 663-8239 www.canerivercottage.com	6	No	Located about nine miles south of downtown historic Natchitoches. Two unique well furnished homes with three bedrooms each and fully equipped kitchens, outdoor gazebo and grill area located on the Cane River Lake.
**Riverbend Bed & Breakfast 3141 Highway 494 (318) 581-6226 www.riverbendbedandbreakfast.com	5	No	Overlooking Cane River Lake, 10 min. from historic downtown, 5 bed, 3 baths, kitchen, den and sunroom. Outdoor Events.
**Starlight Plantation 2228 Highway 494 Cane River Rd. (318) 352-3775 www.starlightplantation.com	2	Yes	On Cane River Lake; 2 suites with private hot tubs; plantation breakfast, boat pier; TV/DVD; 6.25 miles from downtown district.
The Cabins of Horseshoe Hills Ranch 240 Bayou Pierre Cut Off Rd. Natchitoches, LA 71457 (318) 352-2920 www.horseshoehillscabins.com	6	Yes	Cajun style cabins with a queen BR and 2 twin loft. 10 minutes from downtown Natchitoches. Over 30 acres of beautiful scenery along Bayou Pierre with nature trails, boat launch, floating dock, fire pits.



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A Frame on the Cane 504 Riverview Drive Natchez Louisiana. 71457 (318) 332-1058	1	No	Renovated tiny home 15 minutes south of Natchitoches. Located near the Cane River Creole National Historical Park. Home sits on the bank of Cane River
Bella Vue Guesthouse 108 Whitfield Dr. (903) 331-7102	2	No	Located in the Historic District. The entire upstairs unit will become your new home away from home. Recently renovated with 2 bedrooms, fully equipped kitchen, and a spacious sunroom.
The Bird's Nest on the Cane 1015 Parkway Drive (318) 581-7887	1	No	Enjoy wrap around porch, fishing, paddle boat. Accommodate up to 4-5 guests. Master with king bed and loft with twin bed. Queen pull-out couch in living room.
Candi on the Cane Guesthouse 1128 Williams Ave (310) 200-5782	3	No	Less than a mile from Natchitoches on the Cane River. Two of the three cozy guesthouses are poolside. The Master Suite has a large open concept En-Suite. Swim, fish, wander and relax.
Isabelle's Maison De Rivière 417 Jefferson Street (318) 228-3520	4	No	This updated, historic home is located right on the Cane River and is just steps away from all of the action in downtown Natchitoches.
Log Cabin Guest House 614 Williams Ave. (318) 228-5066	1	No	Log cabin house. Equipped kitchen and accommodations for three with one bath. On the banks of the Cane River Lake - downtown historic district.
Perrault House 209 South Williams Ave. (214) 949-5419	5	No	Built in 1911, recently renovated, swimming pool, brick oven, full kitchen, porch with rocking chairs.
The Tiny House 865 Second Street (318) 332-2241	1	No	Accommodates 4. 2 single beds and 1 king, Full kitchen, hair dryer, refrigerator, keurig, microwave, electric kettle, toaster, rice maker and small oven. 3 TVs. Private parking for 2 cars. Just steps to downtown.

Camp/RVing

PROPERTY	# Sites	Pets	DESCRIPTION
Ajax Country Livin' RV Park 1115 Hwy 174, Marthaville, LA (318) 796-2543	28	Yes	Located on a site surrounded by woods with a private lake. It's the perfect stopping off point or base of operations to explore the historic surrounds of Natchitoches, LA.
Black Lake Haven RV 5780 LA-9, Saline, LA (318) 875-2288	23	Yes	RV park and (4) cabin rentals, on picturesque Black Lake in Creston, Louisiana. Boat launch, great fishing.
Chandlers Camp RV 5779 HWY 9, Creston, LA (318) 875-2222	10	Yes	Located on Black Lake. Includes a motel camping, RV sites, and a lodge for groups.
Christel Park, LLC Black Lake, at 172 Jim Bell Rd. Campti, LA • (318) 617-4964	60	Yes	Full hookups. Bath house and washer and dryers. Boat launch on site to Black Lake.
Dogwood Ridge RV/Camper Park 5060 Hwy 3278 (318) 352-8619	35	Yes	Quiet, shaded park. Full hookups. 30 to 50 amp sites, bathhouse, and washer-dryer. Daily, weekly, and monthly rates.
El Camino RV Park 6832 Hwy. 6, Natchitoches (318) 332-8712 www.elcaminorealrvpark.com	40	Yes	WiFi, coin laundromat, showers, water, sewage, fire areas and picnic tables.
Grand Ecore RV Park 1071 Tauzin Island Rd. Natchitoches, LA • (318) 238-7446 www.grandecorervpark.com	59	Yes	Water, sewer, electric hookups, playground, pavilion, fire rings/grills, laundry, free Wifi, bathhouse; Activity Center; Next to Red River boat launch.
Kisatchie National Forest Campground 229 Dogwood Park Rd. (318) 472-1840 www.fs.fed.us/r8/kisatchie	5	Yes	Scenic overlooks, 12 miles of hiking trails 17-mile National Scenic Byway. Primitive camping, tent sites, restrooms, picnic areas, trash disposal. Call for details and rates.
Lakeview Mobile Home & RV Park 172 Jim Bell Rd. Campti, LA (615) 351-3120	60	Yes	Premium lots, deluxe fishing on Black Lake, much needed relaxation.

PROPERTY	# Sites	Pets	DESCRIPTION
Magnolia Hill RV Park 143 Bills Rd. (1.5 miles west of I-49) (318) 471-3010 www.magnoliahillrvpark.com	22	Yes	Lots of shade, private and secluded, daily, weekly, and monthly rates. Washer/dryer, showers and bathrooms. Wifi included.
Morgan's Landing & RV Park 909 Tauzin Island Rd. (318) 663-8350	50	Yes	Private launch. Quiet, clean and spacious, 4 miles to downtown historic district. Water, electricity, and sewage hookups.
Nakatosh RV Park & Campground #1 5428 Hwy 6 (318) 352-0911 • (318) 471-3174 www.nakatoshcampgrounds.com	44	Yes	Good Sam Park. Tent sites. Recreation building at campground #1, bath house with washer/dryer. Adjacent to truck stop with restaurant, free RV dump, 4.5 miles to historic district.
Nakatosh Campground #2 5906 Hwy. 1 Bypass • (318) 352-0911	18	Yes	
Pecan Orchard RV Park 140 Hwy. 120, Natchitoches (318) 471-7147	51	Yes	Located in a pecan orchard with lots of shade. 30/50 amp sites Bathhouse, laundry, putt putt golf, pool, batting cages and enclosed pavilion.
Plantation RV 2588 Old King Hill Rd. (I-49 @ Allen Exit) (318) 315-1449	25	Yes	Full hookups. Bath house with washer-dryers and bath. Quiet, clean, wooded area. Offer daily, weekly and monthly rates.
St. Luke RV Park 181 St. Luke Church Rd. Located off Posey Rd. Exit (318) 332-0164 (318) 352-1481	24	Yes	30 to 50 amp sites, full hookups, bath house, washer-dryer.



Dining

HISTORIC DISTRICT DINING

All historic district restaurants are locally owned and operated serving authentic Creole, Cajun and Southern dishes. All restaurants in Louisiana are smoke free.

The Donut Hole

400 Second St. • (318) 521-5924

- » Enjoy pastries and coffee at this local establishment.

Hana Japanese Sushi Bar & Grill

750 Front St. • (318) 356-0989

- » Features traditional Japanese cuisine and sushi. Open lunch and dinner.

Lasyone's Meat Pie Kitchen

622 Second St. • (318) 352-3353

- » Home of the Famous Lasyone's Meat Pie and Cane River Cream Pie; open for breakfast and lunch. Catering available, groups and private parties welcome. www.lasyones.com



Legacy Cafe

441 North St. • (318) 657-0300

- » Our made from scratch menu is locally sourced when available. Transforming Lives & Building Community through food.

Maglieaux's Riverfront Restaurant

805 Washington St. • (318) 354-7767

- » Casual, family dining experience featuring Italian style food with a Creole spin, including steaks and seafood. Live weekend entertainment. www.maglieauxs.com

Mama's Oyster House

608 Front St. • (318) 356-7874

- » Country Cajun Cuisine; groups and private parties welcome; live music Fri. & Sat. nights. Patio dining available. www.mamasoysterhouse.com



Mayeaux Nakatosh Deli & Pub

584 Front St. • (318) 228-8006

- » Open Monday-Saturday serving pizzas and sandwiches, bar

Mayeaux's Steak & Seafood

512 Front St. • (318) 521-8080

- » Offering fine and casual dining with a bar that serves "fine dining", aged steaks and Louisiana cuisine with a Cane River flair.

Merci Beaucoup

127 Church St. • (318) 352-6634

- » Known for their Cajun Baked Potato and bread pudding; casual dining; catering, groups and private parties welcome. www.mercibeaucouprestaurant.com

Papa's Bar & Grill

604 Front St. • (318) 356-5850

- » Casual dining offers a wide variety of sandwiches, poboys, and steaks. www.papasbarandgrill.com

Pioneer Restaurant & Pub

812 Washington St. • (318) 352-4884

- » Casual dining in historic 1830s building; imported and domestic beer. Open major holidays.

HISTORIC DISTRICT DINING (continued)

StoryBrew Coffee Café

780 Front St. Suite 104 • (318) 214-2387

- » Full service coffee shop specializing in a wide variety of espresso based drinks, pour overs, teas and pastries

Sweet Fruit Delights

628 Front St. • (318) 352-5910

- » A variety of chocolate cover fruits and other goodies, edible fruit bouquets & arrangements.

DINING AROUND TOWN

Almost Home

5820 Hwy. 1 Bypass • (318) 352-2431

- » Overlooking Sibley Lake; home-style buffet dining. Open Sunday through Friday 10:30a - 2p. Groups/private parties welcome.

The Cakery

105 Church St. • (318) 238-3939

- » Cupcakes, various treats, & custom order cakes

Cane River Commissary

4191 Hwy 494, Bermuda, LA
(318) 238-6361

- » Local Cane River Cuisine

Chef Wok

311 South Dr. • (318) 356-0006

- » Casual dine in or take out available; oriental favorites, drive through window.

Crawfish Hole

119 South Dr. • (318) 352-2379

- » Sit down & enjoy some of the best crawfish around plus other seafood dishes, casual dining.

Chili's Bar & Grill

932 Keyser Ave. • (318) 357-0972



Breadhouse-Nakatosh Restaurant

1202 Texas St. • (318) 214-2400

- » Weekly menu, BBQ, sandwiches

El Nopal

110 South Dr. • (318) 238-4009

- » South of the border favorites. Groups and private parties welcome.

DINING AROUND TOWN

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El Patio

5412 University Parkway (Hwy 6)
(318) 602-9251

- » Mexican food brought to you by the owners of El Nopal and other restaurants in the Cenla region.

El Rio Cantina

1125 Washington St. • (318) 214-6036

- » A Mexican Bar & Grill located on Cane River serving the best Tex-Mex and authentic Mexican cuisine.

Flying Heart Brewing & Pub

108 Mill Street • (318) 238-2337

- » Our local brewery, serve mouthwatering food, signature cocktails and unique craft beers that are a must-try.

Grayson's Barbeque

– located in Clarence

(7.5 miles east of downtown Natchitoches)
5849 Hwy. 71 • (318) 357-0166

- » Has been open for more than 60 years and for good reason - named one of Southern Living Magazine's Pit Stops for the best Southern barbecue.

Hana Seafood & Hibachi Grill

814 Keyser Ave. • (318) 352-6658

- » Casual dining with hibachi grill and seafood menu.

Huddle House

5306 University Pkwy Hwy 6
(318) 352-7711

- » Casual dining. Any meal, any time.

I've Got the Recipe Soul Food Diner

621 Bossier St. • (318) 228-8187

- » Weekly menu featuring different classic Louisiana recipes.

IHOP

5119 University Pkwy Hwy 6
(318) 228-8860

- » Open 24 hours.

Lakewood Inn Restaurant

– Creston, LA

(17.3 miles east of downtown Natchitoches)
5675 Hwy. 9 • (318) 875-2263

- » Casual dining serving southern specialties, catfish, steaks, expanded salad bar. Groups and private parties welcome. Karaoke Fri & Sat nights.

Lucky Village

929 Keyser Ave. • (318) 352-8588

- » Super buffet serving Chinese and oriental cuisine. Groups and private parties welcome.

Marie's Old Fashion Hamburgers

500 Texas St. • (318) 352-5735

- » Serving old fashion hamburgers and cheeseburgers.



French Market Express

5109 University Parkway, Natchitoches
(318) 357-9002

- » More than a convenient store! Cajun restaurant, bakery, and offers fine wines and souvenirs.

DINING AROUND TOWN

(continued)

Magee's Patio Café

536 University Pkwy. • (318) 352-7200

- » Natchitoches Meat Pies, hamburgers, steak & chicken baskets, ice cream treats and more. Convenient drive through.



Mariner's Restaurant

5948 Hwy 1 Bypass, Natchitoches
(318) 228-8056

- » Overlooking Sibley Lake, seafood, steaks, and house made pasta, with a more casual menu on The Docks, and brunch on Sundays.



Natty Southern Nutrition

808 1/2 Keyser Ave. • (318) 238-3622

- » Nutritional shake and tea bar that provides delicious refreshments without guilt. All of the products are low calorie, full of vitamins and nutrients, and are very refreshing.

Nicky's Mexican Restaurant

4108 University Pkwy. • (318) 352-1538

- » Casual dining. Open lunch and dinner. Groups and private parties welcome.

Peggy's Homemade Pizza

4116 University Parkway • (318) 356-9200

- » Pizza, calzones, salads and pasta. Private parties welcome. Delivery available.

Roma's Italian Kitchen

109 South Dr. (318) 214-6101

- » Expand your horizons with delicious options like pizzas, sandwiches, salads, calzones, and more.

Sam's Southern Eatery

303 South Dr. • (318) 352-6213

- » Seafood of all kinds, burgers, poboys. Parties and groups welcome. Carry-out available.

San Luis Mexican Restaurant

302 South Dr. • (318) 354-6696

- » Casual dining. Open lunch and dinner. Groups and private parties welcome.

Smoothie King

801 University Pkwy. • (318) 238-5464

- » Smoothies, shakes and nutritious snacks.

Sonny's Donuts

236 Keyser Ave. • (318) 352-4772

- » Hot fresh donuts and kolaches daily.

Trail Boss Steakhouse

301 South Dr. • (318) 352-2080

- » Casual dining serving lunch and dinner. Groups and private parties welcome.



Shopping

HISTORIC DISTRICT SHOPPING

City Barbershop

504 Front St. • (318) 352-9500

- » A gentleman's barbershop and men's gift store for toiletries.

Brenda's Clothing & Accessories

584 Front St., Ste. 104 • (318) 356-0422

- » Fashionable clothes and accessories.

Brick & Row Merci Beaucoup Gifts

584 Front St., Suites 106-107

(318) 352-6624

- » Exclusive gifts and decorative accessories.

Cane River Paddle & Pedal Sports

101 rue Beau Port • (318) 527-0066

- » Kayaks (Paddle/Pedal), SUPS (Stand Up Paddle Boards), Hydrobikes, Mirage Eclipse (SUPS with Handlebars/Pedals). Products available for Rent/Sale.

Christmas at Stella's

524 Front St. • (318) 663-4090

- » Year round Christmas Décor.

Easton & Co.

502 Front St. • (318) 238-3176

- » Offers a wide array of clothing options for babies, toddlers, tweens, and even mom & me options.



Cane River Candy Company

760 Front St. • (318) 238-3024

- » Local candy store offering a variety of chocolate covered treats, retro candy, custom popcorn, roasted nuts & more!

Cane River Gallery

558 Front St. • (318) 352-0034

- » Custom framing, original artwork & prints.

Cane River Kitchenware

732 Front St. • (318) 238-3600

- » Kitchen gifts plus regional sauces, spices and mixes. Call for special cooking classes and baked goods.

Georgia's Gift Shop

626 Front St. • (318) 352-5833

- » Largest selection of Natchitoches and Louisiana gifts and souvenirs!
www.georgiasgiftshop.com

Gigi's Gifts Galore

113 rue St. Denis • (318) 214-2452

- » Over 40 local artists and crafts under one roof.

Griffin & Co.

780 Front St. Suite 105 • (318) 581-6775

- » Men & Children's clothing, gifts and accessories.

HISTORIC DISTRICT SHOPPING (continued)

Hall Tree

600 Front St. • (318) 352-4177
113 South Dr., Suite 1

- » Fashionable clothing for men and women; gifts and accessories. Brighton jewelry.

Hello Dolly

780 Front St. Suite 102 • (318) 352-5828

- » Lots of variety! In-style clothes and accessories for all ages along with candles & gifts.

Jeanne's Country Garden

300 Jefferson St. • (318) 357-0102

- » Floral arrangements and gifts.

Lady's Leash

584 Front St. #101 • (318) 238-2506

- » Gear for pets and their humans.

Laughing Sam's Discs

124 St. Denis • (504) 722-8120

- » Vintage & New Vinyl, Cassettes, CD's, Guitars, electronics, & musical curiosities.

Local Flavor

126 St. Denis • (318) 521-8001

- » Local handmade, homemade crafts & farmer's market on weekends.



Kaffie Frederick General Mercantile

758 Front St. • (318) 352-2525

- » Louisiana's oldest general store, hardware, housewares, gifts and nostalgic toys; Shop The Top for wedding and gift registry. Shipping available. www.oldhardwarestore.com



Louisiana Purchase

550 Front St. • (318) 352-0117

- » Fresh fudge & creamy pralines made daily. Louisiana products, gifts, souvenirs and more.

HISTORIC DISTRICT SHOPPING (continued)

Magnolia Spa Wellness & Boutique

520 Front St. • (318) 238-2843

- » Day spa, boutique, weight loss, & spray tans.
Magnoliaspaandwellness.com

Mary Lou's Flowers & Gifts

117 rue St. Denis • (318) 357-1160

- » Fresh flowers and silk arrangements, balloons and gifts.

Nakatosh Tattoo

119 Rue St. Denis • (318) 238-6824

- » Art gallery and tattoo shop.

Natchitoches Art Guild Heritage Gallery

584 Front St., Ste 102 • (318) 352-1626

- » Local original paintings & sculptures for sale. www.natchitochesartguild.org



Olivier's Creole Cypress Furniture

117 Second St. • (318) 352-1427

- » High quality custom Louisiana cypress furniture since 1965.
www.olivier-ww.com



Pied a Terre

746 Front St. • (318) 238-4373

- » Open Tuesdays - Saturdays, 10a-6p. Candles gifts, tea towels, and Natchitoches items.
facebook.com/piedeaterrre/LA

Pretty in Pink Boutique

105 Church St. • (318) 238-3939

- » Women and children's clothing and gifts.

Plantation Treasures

720 Front St. • (318) 354-1714

- » Clementine Hunter prints; Lampe Berger lamps, and fine gifts. Historic staircase.

Simply Chic Boutique

502 Front St. • (318) 521-8009

- » Women's clothing boutique and accessories.

Southern Necessities

624 Front St. • (318) 354-8808

- » Handbags, men and women's watches, jewelry & decorations.

Tres Bien Antiques

132 St. Denis • (318) 228-8815

- » Resale, art, and consignment shop.
www.tresbienantiquesla.com

SHOPPING AROUND TOWN



Natchitoches Pecans, LLC

at Little Eva's Plantation, Cloutierville, LA
(800) 572-5925

- » Homemade pecan products and gifts.
Open year round. Call for hours.
www.natchitochespecans.com



YaYa's Children Boutique

113 South Drive, Suite 7
(318) 238-3366

- » Fine infant and children's clothing. Infant to size 16.



Northwestern Market Place

912 University Pkwy.
(318) 238-3630

- » Northwestern State University clothing, gifts, and educational items.
www.nsushop.com



Tax Free shopping at participating merchants in Natchitoches for International Shoppers.

Event Venues

Beau Jardin Garden & Water Features

781 Front St. • (318) 357-3822
www.natchitochesweddings.net
Outdoors, overlooking Cane River Lake.
Capacity up to 100.

Chateau St. Denis

751 Second St. • (318) 951-4105
www.chateausaintdenis.com
4,000 sq. ft. of dividable, elegant meeting/
ballroom space. Selection of audio visual
and other meeting/banquet rental items
available. On site catering available.

Church Street Inn

120 Church St.
(318) 238-8888 • (800) 668-9298
www.churchstinn.com
Landmark Historic District. Capacity
up to 50. Outside patio area included.

Lasyone's Restaurant

622 Second St. • (318) 352-3353
www.lasyones.com
Capacity up to 115

Maglieaux's Riverfront Restaurant

805 Washington St. • (318) 354-7767
Capacity up to 200

Mama's Oyster House & Blues Room

608 Front Street • (318) 356-5850

Merci Beaucoup

127 Church St. • (318) 352-6634
www.mercibeaucouprestaurant.com
Capacity up to 100.

Natchitoches Conference Center

5131 University Pkwy. • (318) 352-6655
Located beside Best Western &
Holiday Inn Express & Suites. Capacity
up to 250 with catering available.

Natchitoches Events Center

750 Second St. • (877) 238-7502
www.natchitocheseventscenter.com
Large exhibition hall and breakout
rooms. Kitchen facilities and catering
available. Capacity up to 1000.

Northwestern State University

(318) 357-6511
Comprised of nearly 40,000 sq. ft.
of space including a 15,000 sq foot
exhibit hall, capable of being divided.
Three 1,200 sq. ft. meeting rooms,
and a 900 sq. ft. board room.

Prudhomme Rouquier House

446 rue Jefferson • (318) 352-6723
Landmark Historic District; circa 1790
home. Owned and operated by the
Service League of Natchitoches.
Capacity up to 300.

Steel Magnolia House

320 rue Jefferson
(318) 238-2585
(888) 346-4095
www.steelmagnoliahouse.com

The Venue on Front Street

530 Front St. (318) 352-1579
Offers an alluring combination of
high-drama glamour and natural
splendor. Capacity 300





Northwestern was established in 1884 in the old Bullard Mansion atop a hill overlooking the bustling river port city of Natchitoches. The campus grew as the school expanded from a two-year degree for teachers at Louisiana State Normal School to the four-year education degree at Louisiana Normal College in 1921. In 1944, the school became Northwestern State College and then Northwestern State University in 1970.

Today over 130 years later, three columns remain of the original structure on what is now called Normal Hill. Located in a National Historic District, this is the oldest continuously occupied site for higher education in Louisiana.

Northwestern State University (NSU) of Louisiana stands on ground that has been dedicated to learning for one hundred twenty-five years. Although, primarily a regional institution, NSU also offers an opportunity for education at other satellite locations. Specifically, distance learning is available in Leesville, Shreveport, Alexandria, and Jonesville.

General Information:
(318) 357-6011 • www.NSULA.edu

Admissions Office:
(318) 357-4078 • (800) 426-3754

Alumni Affairs:
(318) 357-4414 • (888) 799-6486

Athletic Department:
(318) 357-5251

Creative & Performing Arts:
(318) 357-4522

Recreation Complex:
(318) 357-6300



Northwestern State Sports

Competing at the highest level of intercollegiate athletics, Northwestern State fields 14 NCAA Division I sports teams in the Southland Conference. The Demons and Lady Demons play football, women's volleyball, women's soccer, men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's indoor/outdoor track and field, and women's tennis. NSU Athletics (NSUDemons.com) uses the motto "Great Tradition, Brighter Future" pointing to outstanding achievements including producing Olympic athletes, Academic All-Americans, dozens of pro football,

basketball and baseball players, and a steady stream of NCAA postseason tournament and championship teams and athletes.

Event information: (318) 357-5251
NSUDemons.com



Folklife Center/ Williamson Museum

The Louisiana Folk Life Center, an agency of Northwestern State University of Louisiana, was established in 1976. The center works closely with the Louisiana Folk Life program.

The Williamson Museum serves as a repository for archaeological collections for the region.

Louisiana Creole Heritage Center was established to promote, foster and engage in activities and endeavors that relate to Louisiana Creoles and their culture.

Louisiana Folklife Center

(318) 357-4332 • www.nsula.edu/folklife

Louisiana Creole Heritage Center

(318) 357-6685 • www.nsula.edu/creole

Williamson Museum

(318) 357-4364 • Call for tours

Located 35 miles north of Natchitoches on LA State Hwy. 153

City Hall
(318) 544-0044
Population: 291

Annual Events:
Ashland Spring Festival – last weekend in March.

Located 21 miles west of Natchitoches on Highway 6

City Hall
(318) 476-3321

Population: 1,057

Located 13 miles east of Natchitoches on Harrisonburg Rd

City Hall
(318) 357-0440

Population: 577

Ashland - 71002

When the L&A Railroad came through the area in 1899 a turntable was built on land that was subdivided by Mr. A. R. Johnson. He named the little community in 1901 after a former home in Wisconsin. The date of first incorporation is 1963.

- Briarwood: Caroline Dormon Nature Preserve
- Ashland Village Hall
- Masonic Lodge Hall

Campti - 71411

The oldest settlement on the Red River. The first written record of the town's existence was in 1745. After the "Great Raft", the Red River log jam, Captain Henry Miller Shreve cleared the way for incoming French settlers to prosper on the ideal river banks of Campti. The moving of the dam, however, did not expand the population. Upstream, Shreveport began to grow instead.

- Lakewood Inn - 5675 Hwy 9 (318) 875-2263
- Nativity Catholic Church founded in 1831
- Area fishing lakes: Clear Lake, Black Lake, Red River, Saline Bayou, Saline Lake

Clarence - 71414

Historic Harrisonburg Road in Clarence was once an important link between the Natchez Trace and the El Camino Real. This road was traveled by pioneers and founders of settlements in Western Louisiana and Eastern Texas.

- Grayson Barbeque - 5849 Highway 71, (318) 357-0166
- Natchitoches Parish Port: Port Commission (318) 356-9686

Cloutierville - 71416

Alexis Cloutier founded Cloutierville between 1805 - 1809. He built the town on his Plantation which was later owned by Kate Chopin and was the Kate Chopin House and Bayou Folk Museum. The Kate Chopin house was destroyed by a fire in October 1, 2008.

- Circa 1900 bank
- St. John Catholic Church and cemetery
- Natchitoches Pecans
- Boat Launches - Red Bayou

Located 20 miles south of Natchitoches on Highway 1 South

Population: 497

Goldonna - 71031

First occupied by the Indians in the area, the village was the home of salt licks who were named after Rueben Drake when the French arrived. Drake Salt Works is the site of one of the oldest salt wells in Louisiana. The Indians made use of the wells, and it was a major salt supply for Confederate forces during the War Between the States.

Once a Louisiana and Arkansas Railway, the outdoor Louisiana recreational trail links many towns in Winn and Webster Parishes.

- Goldonna Saline Creek Festival – Labor Day Weekend
- Louisiana Trails (Old Tank Pond) (318) 727-8860
- Saline Lake & Bayou

Located 33 miles east of Natchitoches on Highway 156

Incorporated July 13, 1898
Population: 417

Goldonna Saline Creek Festival contact: (318) 727-8770

Marthaville - 71450

The town was first inhabited by the Rains family in 1851. A school was built in 1853 which became the official pride of the town. The first post office opened in 1855, and the town was named Marthaville in honor of Rains' wife, Martha. Marthaville's main economic source is the timber industry. The town was incorporated in 1884.

- Good Ole Days Festival - Third weekend in September

Located 21 miles west of Natchitoches on Highway 6

Population: 1,000

The town was incorporated in 1884.



Located 15 miles south of Natchitoches on LA Highway 484

Located 11 miles south of Natchitoches

Town Hall
(318) 352-1414

Population: 434

Located 9 miles north of downtown Natchitoches on Hwy. 1 South

Village Hall
(318) 352-8549
Population: 185

Melrose/ Isle Brevelle - 71452

The community known as Isle Brevelle was established by the descendants of an early Creole family from the blood lines of Marie Thérèse Coin-Coin, an enslaved woman, and Claude Thomas Pierre Metoyer, a Frenchman.

- Badin-Roque House – only one of four such structures still in existence in the US today.
- St. Augustine Catholic Church – first Roman Catholic Church established for people of color in the US.
- St. Augustine Creole Festival – held annually the 2nd weekend of October.
- Home to Melrose Plantation

Natchez - 71456

This village, southeast of Natchitoches, was the last home of the Natchez Indians after they were defeated by the French in 1731. A gateway to the Cane River National Heritage Area.

- Natchez Heritage Festival – June
- Oakland Plantation National Park Service
- Oaklawn Plantation (*Private Home*)
- Cherokee Plantation (*Private Home*)
- Beaufort Plantation (*Private Home*)

Powhatan - 71066

Powhatan was named after the Indian chief from Virginia who was the father of Pocahontas. Powhatan translates as hill of the medicine man. The village itself was originally called Irono and was created when the Texas and Pacific Railroad was built through the area.

Provençal - 71468

The town of Provençal originated around 1880 while the railroad was under construction. The village grew from a trading post and mercantile business to two hotels, three business houses, a depot, and two saloons. The village was first incorporated in the 1890's as the Provençal Land Grant Corporation. The village was wiped out on April 13, 1913 by a tornado. What now exists as Provençal is what was rebuilt.

- Kisatchie National Forest, 229 Dogwood Park Rd. (318) 472-1840
- Provençal One Stop Restaurant 4556 North Blvd. (318) 472-9707
- Fall Festival - Third Saturday in November

Located 12 miles southwest of Natchitoches on Highway 117

City Hall
(318) 472-8767
Population: 538

Robeline - 71469

In 1717, Louis Juchereau de St. Denis led a band of missionaries and Spanish soldiers to this site only twelve miles from the French post to initiate trade with the Spanish.

In 1721, a more substantial fort was constructed on the same site, and Los Adaes, as it was called by the Spanish, was established as the first capital of Spanish Texas. It would remain so for nearly half a century. Los Adaes State Historical Site is maintained at the site today.

- Los Adaes State Historic Site
- El Camino Real de Los Tejas
- Cane River National Historic Trail
- Robeline Heritage Festival

Located 13 miles west of Natchitoches on Hwy. 6

Village Hall
(318) 472-6121
Population: 149



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HIGHWAY



Front Street on Friday, Oct. 18, Natchitoches, La.



On the Jefferson Highway, Natchitoches, La.

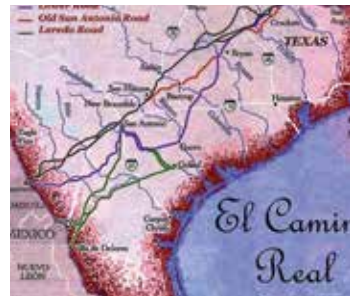
The Jefferson Highway was originally founded in 1915 and stretched from Winnipeg, Canada, to New Orleans, Louisiana. The Jefferson Highway, known as the “Pine to Palm Highway” for the trees found at either end, was the first intercontinental highway to run North to South. The highway is still being celebrated by the Jefferson Highway Association, a group working to identify, preserve, interpret and promote tourism along the Jefferson Highway and its associated sites. The Jefferson Highway runs through 17 Louisiana Parishes, including Natchitoches Parish.

Jefferson Highway sites of interest include the Jefferson Street Pocket Park and Kaffie-Fredericks General Mercantile.

Other states included in the route were Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana. Cities in Louisiana included Shreveport, Mansfield, Natchitoches, Montgomery, Colfax, Alexandria, Lecompte, Port Allen, Baton Rouge and New Orleans, to name a few.



Front Street, a part of Jefferson Highway - Natchitoches, La.



The “El Camino Real de los Tejas” has existed for more than 300 years. Take an adventure into the past and discover stories of trailblazers, explorers, missionaries, settlers, and how they shaped this land. From Natchitoches to Old Mexico, its eastern-most beginning in Natchitoches and runs through Piney Woods, rolling hills and the arid lands of Old Mexico. Historic sites await visitors on the Texas stretch, tract the history of Texas and northwestern Louisiana along trail segments, river crossings, Historic sites await visitors and communities.



The annual **Sale on the Trail** is held the first Friday and Saturday in May. Hop in your car and travel all 111 miles along Hwy 6 in Louisiana starting at Natchitoches and then west across Toledo Bend Lake to Texas Hwy 21 into Milam, San Augustine, and Nacogdoches, TX, for a great adventure and great finds!



www.VisitElCaminoReal.com

TX Hwy 21 - LA Hwy 6



Natchitoches.com - Louisiana's Oldest City



The Neutral Strip region, (a.k.a. No Man's Land) draws its name from the area's brief stint as an official buffer zone between Spain and the United States following the Louisiana Purchase. When the United States purchased the territory from France; Spain and the U.S. were in conflict over the boundary south of Natchitoches. The region's use as an official buffer between Louisiana and Spanish Texas lasted roughly from 1806 until the 1819 Adams-Onis Treaty that established the Sabine River as the territory's western boundary.



Sometimes described as a place filled with an outlaw culture or as a region with a reputation for a tough and isolated place, the region is better understood as a stronghold for those cultural groups who wished to find a home where they could preserve a way of life they cherished in Louisiana's No Man's Land. Today, No Man's Land is the place where the pirate met the cowboy, and where Native Americans, French, Spanish, Africans, Creoles, Cajuns, and American pioneers from the South and West met to build communities and a culture like no other.

Download the No Man's Land app on your cellular device by searching No Man's Land Trip Planner in your app store. The No Man's Land Trip Planner app will allow visitors to plan their trip along the western seven parishes in Louisiana while exploring the area's history, culture, art, food and events. The seven parish area includes DeSoto, Natchitoches, Sabine, Vernon, Beauregard, Allen and Calcasieu Parishes.



This one-stop app includes a list of things to do, outdoor activities, dining, shopping, accommodations, events, and special tours, such as the Gas Station Eats trail and others.

Find out more about Louisiana's No Man's Land at VisitNoMansLand.com.



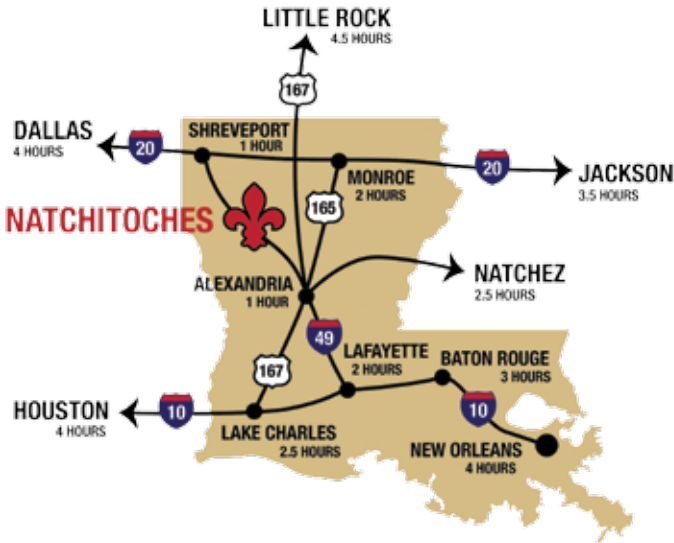
Louisiana's Holiday Trail of Lights runs along I-20 and I-49 in north Louisiana and incorporates Shreveport-Bossier City, Minden, Ruston, Monroe-West Monroe, Logansport, Natchitoches and Alexandria/Pineville.

Festivities usually start in mid-November and run through the New Year. Some of the popular and recurring events include shopping, dining, entertainment, and events, such as Christmas in Roseland in Shreveport-Bossier City, Trail of Lights Hayride in Minden, the Bawcomville Redneck Parade in Monroe-West Monroe, the Festival of Lights in Natchitoches, fireworks over the Sabine River in Logansport, Lincoln Lights Up the Pines Drive-Thru Lights in Ruston, and the Holiday Light Safari in Alexandria/Pineville.

The Louisiana Holiday Trail of Lights can be experienced in one day or a week with each day totally unique and special. The cities are all within driving distance of one another, making the tour a convenient hour-long trip from any one city to its neighboring city. Visitors are encouraged to see the brilliant downtown and neighborhood lights, dine at local restaurants, dance at the festivals and shop in all of the ten festive cities.

Begin building your itinerary at www.HolidayTrailofLights.com.





Miles to Natchitoches from:

New Orleans — 275 miles
 Lafayette — 140 miles
 Lake Charles — 140 miles
 Baton Rouge — 190 miles
 Shreveport — 70 miles
 Alexandria — 58 miles

Monroe — 109 miles
 Dallas — 255 miles
 Houston — 230 miles
 Little Rock — 290 miles
 Jackson — 230 miles
 Oklahoma City — 435 miles



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