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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:
October 26th
Starts at 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
Reservation are Required

For more information please contact:
Todd Moreau
112 Speck Lane
Port Barre, LA 70577
337/585-0853

Special Equipment Needed

St. Landry, Lafayette, St. Martin & Iberia Parishes

The Bayou Teche Corridor offers events appealing to all tastes during Atchafalaya Month. Experience the natural wonder of the Atchafalaya from horseback, canoe, bike, boat or on your own two feet! Broaden your interests by learning the basics of birding or learning about nature photography. Be fascinated by the rich history of the area at a Civil War re-enactment or through a living history cemetery tour.

The pulse of the culture on Bayou Teche is
Experience Atchafalaya

Upper Atchafalaya!

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.

- Reservation are Required

- 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

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.
Experience Atchafalaya Bayou Teche Corridor!

- Upper • Between Two Rivers • Bayou Teche • Coastal

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Events For Between Two Rivers

Cultural & Historic Basin Tour

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

Reservation are Required

Cost: $20/person; Sierra Club members free

For more information please contact:
Richard Carline
65605 Shelby K. Dr.
Plaquemine, LA 70764
225-775-7043

Special Equipment Needed -
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The Coastal Zone!

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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- Historical event
- Nature event

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Pepper Festival
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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.

Downtown on the Bayou
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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 1833 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.

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

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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.

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

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- Post an Event!
- Register for an Event!
- More Information &/or Assistance

Updated 9/19/03 10:35 a.m.
Post Your Event!

Title: 
Zone: Between Two Rivers
Town: Ferriday
Sponsor: 
Contact Name: 
Contact Email: 
Address: 
City State and Zip: 
Phone: 

Event Description: 

Event Location: 

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Register Here!

Name of Event:
Contact Name:
Contact Phone Number:
Contact Mailing Address:
Contact Email Address:
Number of People in the Group:
Point of Origin (Home City/State):
Comments/Questions:

Submit
Features

Have you seen a feature article on Experience Atchafalaya Days in your local paper? If so, let us know!

- 10/14/03 Lafayette Daily Advertiser Atchafalaya Days trail ride Oct. 16
- 10/10/03 2theadvocate.com Acadiana "French mayor, group visit Lafayette"
- 10/09/03 'Water From the Well' Basin music featured on CD; special performance Saturday at Liberty Theatre
- 10/10/03 Lafayette Daily Advertiser "Local Music Stars Unite to Celebrate Atchafalaya Basin"
- 10/10/03 Opelousas Daily World "Events Carry Basin Theme"
- October 2003 Issue: Gumbo Entertainment Guide "A Celebration of Life"
- 8/28/03 Sunday Advocate Magazine "Dip into the basin or stroll swamps, fairs" by Cynthia Y. Campbell
- 8/22/03 Opelousas Daily World "Atchafalaya Trace Steering Committee"

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Photo Gallery!

2003 Events

[Images of various photos from 2003 events]
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- Atchafalaya Basin Program

Event-Related Links:

- LA Division of Archaeology
- LA Division of the Arts
- Louisiana Office of Cultural Development
- Louisiana State Parks
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- The Last Wilderness Swamp Tours
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More on the Atchafalaya:
23 October 2003 LA Rural Tourism Development Conference

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