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Welcome to Louisiana's Oldest City

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- Visitors to historic Natchitoches are frequently heard stumbling over the city's name (pronounced Nack-a-tish). It is a Caddo Indian word meaning the "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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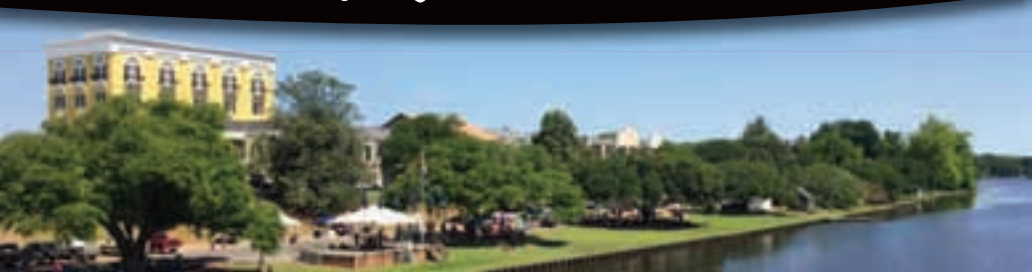
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Top Ten Must Do's

- Shop & Dine in the National Historic Landmark District
- Snack on a famous Meat Pie
- Enjoy guided tours of Creole Plantations along State Scenic Byway
- Interpretive tour of Fort St. Jean Baptiste State Historic Site, one of three State historic sites in the area
- Enjoy Carriage tours of Historic District
- Stroll along Cane River Lake and Beau Jardin
- See alligators up close and personal at the Alligator Park
- Experience the charm with 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

Come discover the little



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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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city with a big history!



Scan for Natchitoches video



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 of the Cane River 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, Natchitoches, Louisiana! 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 lay 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.



Discover Our Plantations

Cane River Creole National Historical Park

Cane River Creole National Historical Park consists of Oakland Plantation and the outbuildings at Magnolia Plantation. These plantations are two of the most intact Creole plantations in the United States. Both the plantations were established in the 1700s and

were owned and operated by the same families for the next 200 years. Today, the landscapes contain 65 historic structures surrounded by 200 year old live oak trees. Visitors to both sites will experience the evolution of plantation culture.

Oakland Plantation

- *Cane River Creole National Historical Park*

**4386 Hwy. 494,
Natchez, LA 71456**

Oakland has 17 of its original outbuildings still remaining. Outbuildings still on the plantation include two pigeon-niers, an overseer's house, massive roofed log corn crib, carriage house, mule barn (that was originally a smoke-house,) carpenter's 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 in Natchitoches Parish. Part of the Cane River Creole National Historical Park, Oakland was acquired by the National Park Service in 1998. Open daily 8 am to 4 pm, closed all federally recognized holidays. Admission is free. (318) 356-8441. www.nps.gov/cari.



Magnolia Plantation Complex

- *Cane River Creole National Historical Park*

5549 Hwy. 119, Derry, LA 71416

The Magnolia Plantation Complex, 18 acres of outbuildings, is open to the public and free to tour as a unit of Cane River Creole National Historical Park. The Park includes a blacksmith shop, plantation store, gin barn, eight cabins, and former slave hospital that at various times housed the owners and overseer. The gin barn houses a wooden screw-type cotton press, the last such press remaining in its original site in the United States. (318) 356-8441.

Open daily 8 am to 4 pm with self-guided tours, closed all federally recognized holidays. Admission is free.



Association for Preservation Historic Natchitoches

Melrose Plantation

3533 Hwy. 119, Melrose, LA 71452

Marie Thérèse Coin-Coin, an enslaved woman, and Claude Thomas Pierre Metoyer, her French owner had many children together. On land acquired by land grants, the Yucca House and the African House were built. The Yucca House remained the large structure on the plantation until 1833 when the main house, known as Melrose, was built. In 2015, the African House was named a National Treasure by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.



After 1884, Melrose Plantation became a hub of art and education under the ownership of John Hampton Henry and Miss Cammie Garrett Henry. Miss Cammie, as she became known, made Melrose a haven for artists and writers.

Clementine Hunter was a field hand and cook at Melrose who also became known as a renowned artist. One of the South's premier primitive artists, began painting the people, life, and scenes of Cane River. Clementine is Louisiana's most famous folk artist, and her paintings are on display at the plantation. Melrose Plantation hosts the longest running arts and crafts festival in the state of

Louisiana every Spring. (318) 379-0055. Open Tues. - Sun., 10 am - 5 pm. Grounds, \$. For additional information visit www.afhnatchitoches.net, info@melroseplantation.org or www.melroseplantation.org.



Photo Courtesy of Thomas Whitehead



City of Lights

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 Burgdof, decided to string Christmas lights along the brick Front Street.

To complement the lights, Burgdof and Charlie Solomon built the first set piece, an 8-foot-tall Christmas star. His gesture has evolved into 45 nights of Christmas called the “Festival of Lights” in Natchitoches.

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.



Photo Courtesy of Karen L. Hoyt

For more information visit
NatchitochesChristmas.com

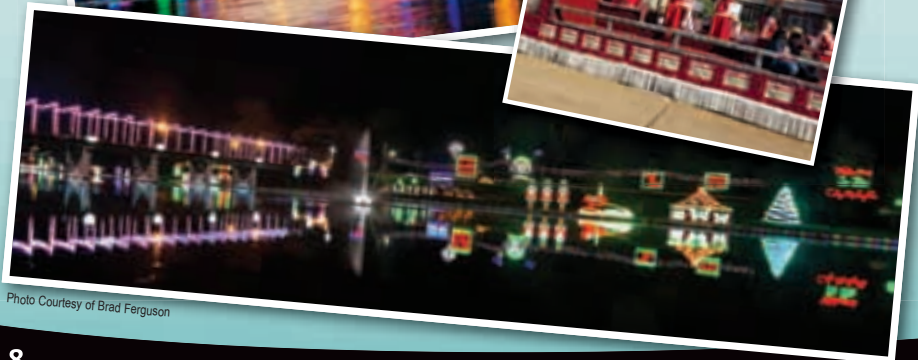


Photo Courtesy of Brad Ferguson

Natchitoches Film Trail

In 1988, 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.



Mr. 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 On The Moon***.

The Natchitoches Area Convention & Visitors Bureau joined the City of Natchitoches Main Street Program and Northwestern State University and partnered with the Louisiana Film Prize, a contest that requires filmmakers to shoot a short narrative film in northwest Louisiana to win a prize of \$50,000. The LA Film Prize was established five years ago to draw filmmakers to Shreveport-Bossier, foster the creative vibe in the region, showcase the beauty and resources of northwest Louisiana and spur economic development through the film industry. Since then, filming boundaries have been extended to other Northwest Louisiana parishes including Natchitoches Parish. www.lafilmprize.com.



Natchitoches Louisiana Film Commission
780 Front Street, Suite 100
Natchitoches, LA 71457
1-800-259-1714 • www.Natchitoches.com
media@natchitoches.com

Festivals/Events

February

Mardi Gras
Wine & Dine

March:

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

April:

Cane River Green Market
Jazz / R&B Festival
Spring Fest at Rebel State
Historic Area
Melrose Arts & Crafts Festival

May:

Cane River Green Market

June:

LA Sports Hall of Fame
Induction Ceremony
Cane River Green Market
Cookin' on the Cane
Natchez Heritage Festival
Girls Weekend Getaway

July:

Cane River Green Market
Celebration on the Cane
Natchitoches/NSU Folk Festival

September:

Cane River Zydeco Festival
Goldonna Drake Salt Works
Festival (Labor Day Weekend)
Meat Pie Festival
Marthaville Good Ole Days Festival

October:

Return to the 50's Car Show
Robeline Heritage Festival
Fall Tour of Historic Homes
& Plantations
Witch Way to Main Street
St. Augustine Church Fair
Characters and Customs
from the Crypt Tour

November:

Turn on the Holidays
- Festival of Lights Christmas Season
Fleur de Lis Arts & Crafts Show
Provençal Fall Festival

December:

Natchitoches Christmas
Festival of Lights
Holiday Tour of Homes
Fireworks every Saturday
in December
Visit Santa Claus Nightly
Fete de Hiver Christmas Celebration



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

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

Take a Tour

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

Experience the French Colonial life as you are guided through the fort by costumed interpreters. 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 form 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.
crt.state.la.us/parks/iftstjean.aspx



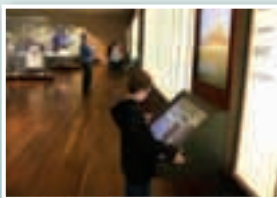
Open Wed. - Sun. 9a - 5p
Closed major holidays

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 300 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. lasportshall.com/museum



Open Tues. - Sat.
10a - 4:30p, Sun. 1p - 5p

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

Take a Tour

Natchitoches Carriage Company

Guided tours through the historic district and “Steel Magnolias” filming sites. Available for weddings and special events. Trolley rides are also available historic Natchitoches for large groups.



Natchitoches Carriage Co.
(318) 214-7733

Downtown Historic District
Call for tour times

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 At the Top – Christmas Store
- Grady Harper Gallery

OldHardwareStore.com



Open Mon. – Sat. 8a - 5p
758 Front St.
Natchitoches, LA 71457
(318) 352-2525
(877) 865-6681

Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Church

The church was 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, the church was dedicated a Minor Basilica, the second to be named in Louisiana and one of 63 across the nation.

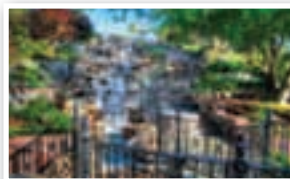


613 Second Street
Natchitoches, LA 71457
(318) 352-3422

Beau Jardin Garden & Water Feature

Explore the City of Natchitoches' newly constructed 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.

NatchitochesWeddings.net

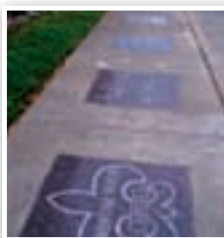


Open Daily

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

Walk of Honor

Marble Fleur de Lis set in the sidewalk honor stars from the movies, as well as others who have made significant contributions to Natchitoches through sports, entertainment, the arts and cultural activities. Visit them on 145 rue St. Denis Street.



Downtown Pocket Parks

- Susan Harling Robinson Memorial Park (corner of Cypress and Pine Street)
- Jefferson Street Park (corner of Jefferson and Keyser)
- Olive's Garden (behind the Samuel Guy House)
- Dr. Mildred H. Bailey Memorial Park (Behind house on 550 Second Street)
- NSU Park (corner of University Pkwy and 2nd Street)

Bayou Pierre Alligator Park

Explore the unique and exciting world of the American Alligator with a trip to Bayou Pierre Alligator Park. It's home to hundreds of alligators who'll entertain you. Feed them, touch them and even have your picture taken with a baby gator.

- Feeding Zoo
- Bird Sanctuary
- Reptile Habitat
- Jungle
- Gator Bite Snack Shop & gift shop

AlligatorPark.net



April 2 – Oct. 16
Sat. & Sun. only
Park Hours: 10a - 5p

380 Bayou Pierre Rd.
Natchitoches, LA 71457
(318) 354-0001
(877) 354-7001

Take a Tour

Grand Ecore Visitors 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.

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

www.mvk.usace.army.mil/missions/recreations/GrandEcoreVisitorCenter.aspx



Call for Times
(318) 354-8770

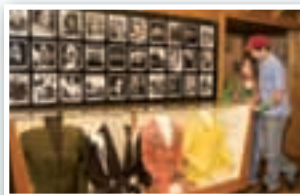
106 Tauzin Island Rd.
Natchitoches, LA

Rebel State Historic Site & LA Country Music Museum

Step back in time with the Louisiana Country Music Museum at Rebel State Historic Site. The Museum, shaped like a stringed instrument, houses a wide collection of Country music.

- Costumes, music, memorabilia of Louisiana legends
- Outdoor amphitheater
- Annual Louisiana State Harmonica Championship
- Call for special programs & demonstrations

crt.state.la.us/parks/irebel.aspx



By Request Only
Call (318) 357-3175

1260 Hwy. 1221,
Marthaville, LA 71450
(318) 472-6255
(888) 677-3600

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.

- On the El Camino Real de las Tejas National Historic Trail
- Tours by appointment only

crt.state.la.us/parks/iLosAdaes.aspx



6354 Hwy. 485,
Robeline, LA 71449
(318) 357-3101

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.

- Visit Kisatchie Bayou
- 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

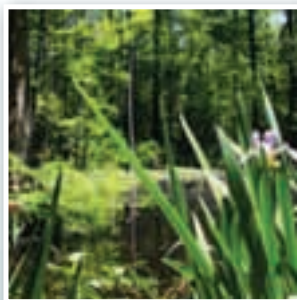
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/kisatchie/>



Kisatchie Ranger District

229 Dogwood Park Rd.
Provençal, LA 71468

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



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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.

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

www.Briarwoodnp.org

Sat. 9a – 5p &
Sun. 12p – 5p during
March, April, May,
August & November

Appointments during
the week throughout
the year

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

Take a Tour

Adai Caddo Indian Nation Cultural Center

Experience a day in the life of the Adai Indian.

- Visit historic dwellings
- Explore the Cultural Center
- View the historical artifacts found on site
- Visit historic St. Anne's Catholic Church, mass held each Sunday
- Food court and arts and crafts shop
- Traditional Indian dances
- Admission - Group Rates

Tip: Join us for our Pow-Wow - 3rd weekend in October.

www.AdaiIndianNation.com



Call for times

4460 Hwy. 485,
Robeline, LA 71449
(318) 472-1007
(877) 472-1007

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.

- 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



Open 8a – 3p Daily
Closed Federal Holidays

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

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 on Second
St. behind the Old
Courthouse Museum
(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

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. 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.



El Camino Real

The "El Camino Real de los Tejas" has existed for more than 300 years. From Natchitoches to Old Mexico, its easternmost beginning in Natchitoches and runs through Piney Woods, rolling hills and the arid lands of Old Mexico. Historic cities await visitors on the Texas stretch, including San Antonio, Bastrop, Crockett, Alto, Nacogdoches and San Augustine. Visit www.ElCaminoRealTx.com.



Tour Guides

Tours of Natchitoches
(972) 741-2996 • (318) 352-2021

Natchitoches Carriage Company
(318) 214-7733

The Fun Tour
(318) 357-8744

Tour Natchitoches with Barbara
(318) 663-5468

Capt. Tom Cane River Boat Tours
(318) 228-0725

Tours by Jan
(318) 471-9505 • (318) 352-2324

Cane River National Heritage Area:
Historic District Tours
(318) 356-5555

Art & Culture

Natchitoches Art Guild & Gallery:

584 Front Street, Suite 102, Displays works by area artists. Open 10 am to 5 pm Monday – Saturday and 11:30 am to 3 pm Sunday.

Art Guild & Gallery:

(318) 352-1626

Cane River Gallery:

558 Front St., Custom framing, prints & artwork.

Cane River Gallery:

(318) 352-0034

Melrose Plantation

3533 Hwy. 119, Cane River. Melrose Plantation was the home to renowned folk artist, Clementine Hunter. Her artwork is on display at the Plantation. Open Tuesday – Sunday. Prints for sale in gift shop.

Melrose Plantation:

(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.

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.

Orville Hanchey Gallery

75 Sam Sibley Dr.

Natchitoches

(318) 357-5476

Mon-Thurs 8a-4:30p

Fri. 8a-noon

NSU CAPA and Natchitoches/Northwestern

Symphony Programs - Year round productions and symphonies, seasonal dinner theatres. Visit: <http://capa.nsula.edu/> to view calendar of events.

NSU CAPA and

Natchitoches/

Northwestern

Symphony Programs

(318) 357-4522

Community Libraries

Natchitoches Parish Library

Natchitoches' community library offers internet services to the public. Look for the Matt DeFord art display on the second floor and the art exhibit in the back entrance foyer provided by the Natchitoches Art Guild & Gallery.



450 Second St.
(318) 357-3280
www.youseemore.com/natchitoches
Mon.- Fri. 9a-6p
and Sat. 9a-5p

Cammie Henry Research Center & Archives

Louisiana books, rare books, archival materials, the NSU Archives, microfilm, maps, newspapers, and oral history tapes. Located in Watson Memorial Library.

3rd Floor – Watson Memorial Library
913 University Pkwy.
(318) 357-4403
www.nsula.edu/watson_library/CGHRC.HTM
Open Mon.-Thurs.
8a-5p, Fri. 8a-noon

Natchitoches Genealogy & Historical Association

Includes French records dating back to 1776, marriages, conveyances, mortgages and books; Natchitoches Parish Census records 1820 through 1920; miscellaneous census records for other Louisiana parishes and states; IGI records, and Natchitoches Times microfilm records for March 1903 - Oct 1996.



Photo Courtesy of All Things Sabine

1st Floor Old Courthouse
Library-Genealogy
600 Second St.
(318) 357-2235
Open: Tues.-Fri. 9a-4p
2nd & 4th Sat. 10a-3p

Outdoor Activities

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 are 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

Cane River Waterway
(318) 379-2878

Louisiana Wildlife
& Fisheries
(888) 765-2602
www.wlf.state.la.us.

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

Boat Launches:

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

Golf & Tennis

Natchitoches is home to one golf course and one tennis facility: Demon 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
Tanzin Island Rd.

(318) 356-9457

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



Red River Waterway
Commission
(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
(800) 874-9431

Sibley Lake

Municipal water supply and recreational area.

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

Sibley Lake Patrol
(318) 357-3387

Sibley Lake Park
5906 Highway 1
Bypass
Natchitoches, LA

Historic Sites Around Town



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

Trails

- Cane River National Heritage Trail
- Historic District Trail

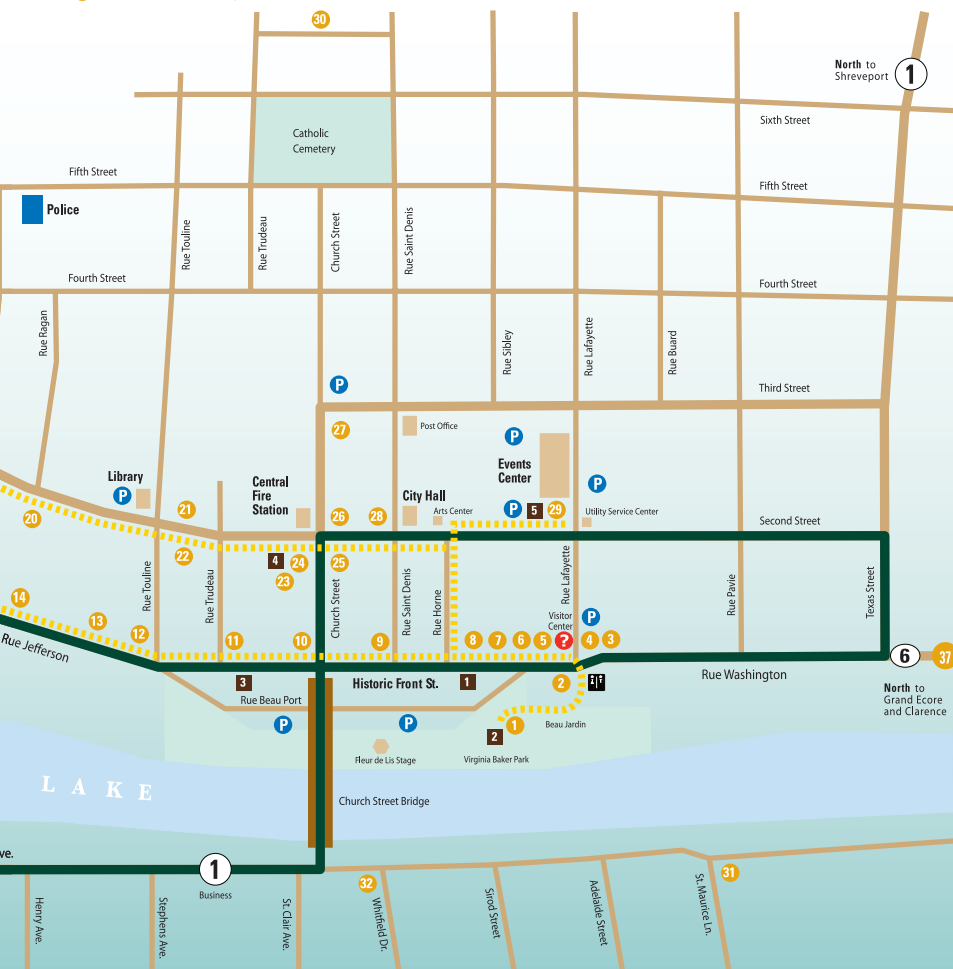
Historic Sites

- 1 Roque House
- 2 Bust of St. Denis
- 3 Sompayrac Building
- 4 Louisiana State Museum
- 5 Kaffe-Frederick Hardware
- 6 Ducournau Square
- 7 Blanchard Building
- 8 Prudhomme Building
- 9 Deterville's Corner
- 10 Nakatosh Hotel

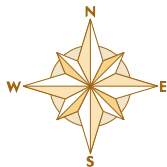
Making historic sidewalks and trails accessible to all individuals is a gradual process. The City of Natchitoches is committed to reaching this goal. However, not all portions of the walking trail are wheelchair accessible at present.



- 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 Tausin-Wells Home
- 33 Northwestern State University
- 34 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT)
- 35 Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts
- 36 National Fish Hatchery
- 37 Grand Ecore Visitor Center



Visit Heritage Area Sites



Red River National
Wildlife Refuge

West Side

Natchitoches

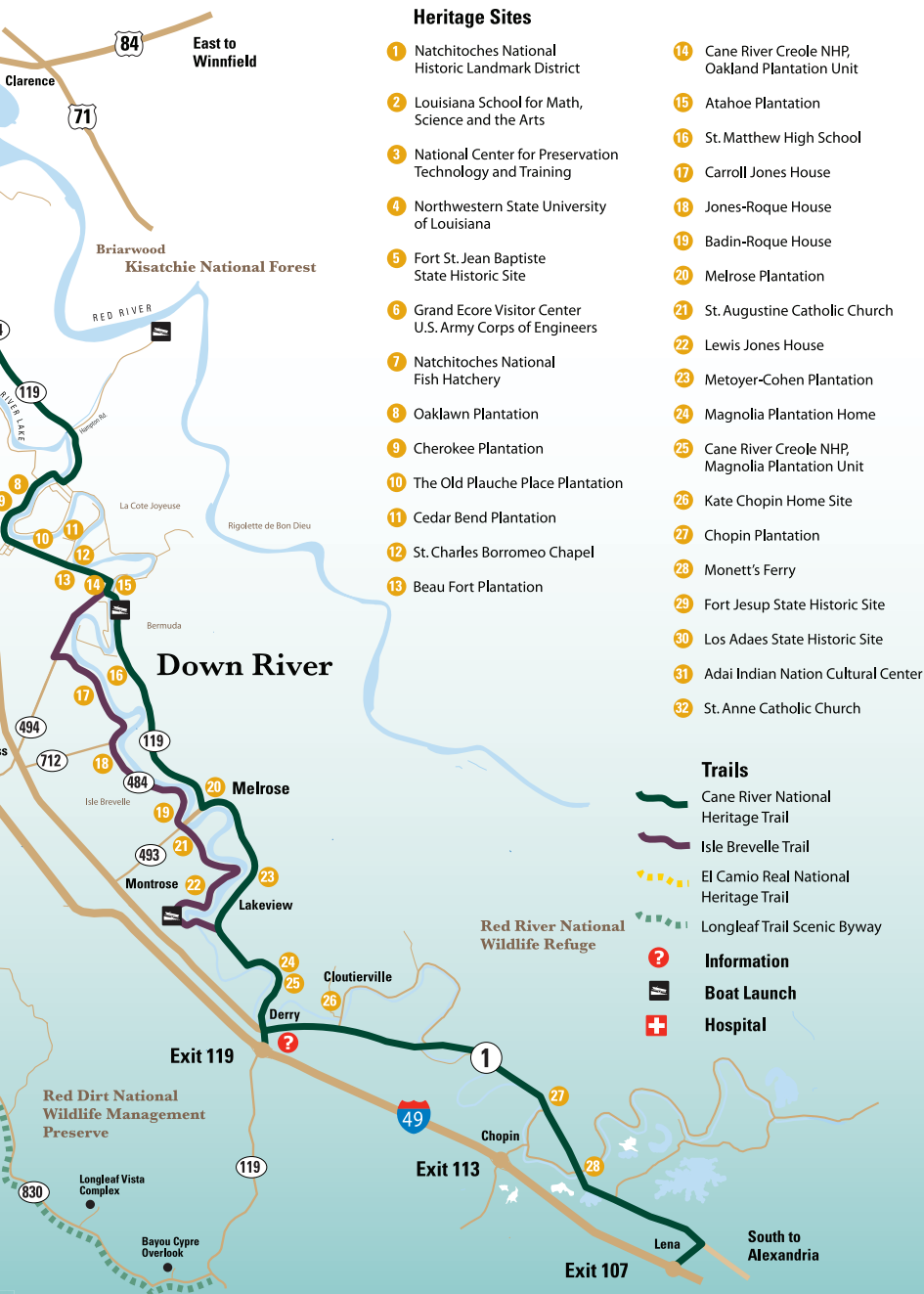
West to Many
and Toledo Bend
Reservoir



Fort Jesup SHS
is 34 miles
from I-49



CANE RIVER
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA



Bed & Breakfast

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.
Andrew Morris House 422 Second St. (318) 352-9206 (800) 441-8343 www.andrewmorrishouse.com	4	No	Antebellum Historic District Home offering: Early check-ins, WIFI, two person Jacuzzis. Complimentary beverages, two-course gourmet breakfast.
**Cabin on Cane River 614 Williams Ave. (318) 527-9248 • (318) 214-9470 www.cabinoncaneriver.com	1	No	Log cabin house. Equipped kitchen and accommodations for two. On the banks of the Cane River Lake - downtown historic district.



****Creole Cottage
on Cane River**
319 rue Jefferson
(318) 352-3957 • (318) 729-7700
www.creolecottage.net

Located on Cane River in the historic district. Amenities galore, private entrances, private baths, king beds and full breakfast.

Bed & Breakfast

Natchitoches Historic District

Property Name	Rooms	Pets	Description
Ducournau Townhouse 752 Front St. (318) 352-1774 www.ducournautownhouse.com	4	No	Historic townhouse with balcony overlooking Front St. and Cane River Lake. Antique beds, private baths and breakfast.
Good House B&B 314 Rue Poete (318) 332-5195 rutledgepropertiesbandb.com	4	No	Circa 1930, queen beds & Jacuzzi tubs. Furnished with antiques, pool and patio, Continental breakfast.



Green Gables & Camellia Cottage 201 Pine St. (318) 352-5580 www.virtualcities.com/la/greengables.htm	3	No	Queen Anne Victorian House. Camellia Cottage is a perfect romantic retreat. Large porches, full breakfast and other amenities.
H.A. Cook Guesthouse 128 St. Denis (225) 802-8704	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 229 rue Jefferson (318) 352-5834 (866) 254-7279 www.jeffersonhousebandb.com	5	Yes	In the historic district on Cane River Lake. Antique furnishings, King size beds; Private baths; Plantation style breakfast. No children.

Bed & Breakfast

Natchitoches Historic District

Property Name	# of Rooms	Pets	Description
Jefferson Street Townhouse 230 rue Jefferson (318) 352-3957 • (318) 332-8471 www.jeffersontownhouse.com	5	No	1920s bungalow, pool, gardens, perfect for parties and weddings. Full breakfast, cable TV; walking distance to downtown.
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 www.lamaisonlouisiane.com	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.
The Parsonage B&B 307 Percy St. (318) 214-9607 www.parsonagebedandbreakfast.com	1	No	Located in the heart of the historic district within walking distance of downtown. Gourmet breakfast, private entrance and bath. Couples preferred.
**Pierson-Lee River House B&B 630 Williams Ave, (318) 352-2005 piersonleeriverhouse@cp-tel.net	3	No	Located on Cane River Lake in the Historic District. Gourmet breakfast on the balcony over looking the lake. No children or pets.
Queen Anne 125 Pine St. (318) 352-9206 (800) 441-8343 www.queenannebandb.com	5	No	Queen Ann 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 • (318) 238-2049 www.ruscahouse.com	4	No	1910's bungalow. Multi-course breakfast; gardens; courtyard with fountain; private entrances; cable TV; private baths; Jacuzzi tubs.

Bed & Breakfast

Natchitoches Historic District

Property Name	# of Rooms	Pets	Description
Samuel Guy House 309 Pine St. (318) 354-1080 (800) 984-1080 www.samuelguyhouse.com	7	No	Historic home, circa 1830; Cable; private baths, Jacuzzi tubs; multi-course breakfast; weddings and parties; catering available.
Steel Magnolia House 320 rue Jefferson (318) 238-2585 (888) 346-4095 www.steelmagnoliahouse.com	5	No	Historic home featured in movie Steel Magnolias; breakfast; amenities; WIFI; gardens, pool; antiques; private baths, TV/VCR.
Sweet Cane Inn 926 Washington St. (225) 226-8820 www.sweetcaneinn.com	7	No	Victorian home, circa 1890s. Children welcome, walking distance to downtown, pool, full breakfast, room with two queen beds.
The Cottage Guest House 824 Second St. (214) 908-1537	2	No	Suites have access to living, dining room and kitchen. One block from Front St. and next door to Events Center. Whole house rental.
**Violet Hill 917 Washington St. (318) 357-0858 • (866) 357-0858 www.violethillbandb.com	6	No	Elegantly furnished: Early check-ins, WIFI, cable TV, queen beds, 2 BR with Jacuzzis. Beverages & breakfast. Porch swing.



Bed & Breakfast

Natchitoches

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) 352-6500 • (318) 446-0027 www.riverbendbedandbreakfast.com	4	No	Overlooking Cane River Lake, 10 min. from historic downtown. 1-3 couples with private baths, kitchen, den and sunroom. Quiet.
**Starlight Plantation 2228 Highway 494 (Cane River Road) (318) 352-3775	2	No	On Cane River Lake; 2 suites with private hot tubs; plantation breakfast, boat pier; TV/VCR; 6.25 miles from downtown district.
The Cabins of Horseshoe Hills Ranch 240 Bayou Pierre Cut Off Road Natchitoches, LA 71457 (318) 352-2920 www.horseshoehillscabins.com	6	No	Cajun Style Cabins with a bedroom and a loft. It's located just 5 minutes from downtown Natchitoches. Over 40 acres of beautiful scenery with nature trails, boat launch, great fishing...a great getaway.
Thorny Hill Cabin 2575 Posey Rd. (318) 472-6903	1	No	Cottage with wood burning stove, queen sofa bed, pine floors & ceiling fans. Wildlife & bird watching. Complimentary beverages.



Campgrounds & RV Parks

PROPERTY	# Sites	Pets	DESCRIPTION
Black Lake's Country Heaven RV Park 5780 Hwy 9, Creston, LA (318) 875-2288	28	Yes	Located on Black Lake, Cabins, RV Coverins, Boat Launch, Boat Dock, and Full Hookups.
Chandlers Camp RV Heaven 5779 HWY 9, Creston, LA (318) 875-2222	15	Yes	Located on Black Lake. Includes a motel, camping, RV sites, and a lodge for groups.
Christel Park, LLC Black Lake, at 152 Jim Bell Rd. Campti, LA • (318) 875-2888	80	Yes	Full hookups. Bath house and washer-dryers. Boat launch on site to Black Lake.
Country Living RV Park 1115 Hwy 174 (I-49 @ Ajax Exit) (318) 796-2543 Email: countryliving@cp-tel.net	27	Yes	Full hookups. Stocked pond. Bath house facilities with washer/dryers. Picnic tables. 17 miles from downtown historic district.
Kisatchie National Forest 229 Dogwood Park Rd. (16 miles south of Hwy. 6 on Hwy. 117) 472-1840 www.fs.fed.us/r8/kisatchie	6	Yes	Scenic overlooks, 12 miles of hiking trails 17-mile National Scenic Byway. Primitive camping, tent (318) sites, restrooms, picnic areas, trash disposal. Call for details and rates.
Magnolia Hill RV Park 143 Bills Rd. (1.5 miles west of I-49) (318) 471-3010 • (318) 471-6126 www.magnoliahillrvpark.com	20	Yes	Lots of shade, private and secluded, daily, weekly, and monthly rates. Washer/dryer, showers and bathrooms.
Morgan's Landing & RV Park 909 Tauzin Island Rd. (318) 352-9160	50	Yes	Private boat launch. Quiet, clean and spacious, 4 miles to downtown historic district. Water, electricity, and sewage hookups available.
Nakatosh RV Park & Campgrounds 5428 Hwy 6 (318) 352-0911 • (318) 352-2055 www.nakatoshcampgrounds.com	41	Yes	Good Sam Park. Tent sites. Rec. building, picnic tables, bath house w/washer-dryers. 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	27	Yes	
Plantation RV 2588 Old King Hill Rd. (I-49 @ Allen Exit) (318) 214-7190	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 Road Exit (318) 332-0164 • (318) 352-1481	24	Yes	30 to 50 amp sites, full hookups, bath house, washer-dryer.

Hotel/Motels

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) 238-7500 www.chateausaintdenis.com	87		✓		✓	✓	Quaint hotel located in the Historic District, across from Natchitoches Event Center. French Quarter style courtyard. Opening Fall 2016
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.
College Inn 1000 University Pkwy (Across from NSU) (318) 352-4426 (800) 329-7466	60	✓	✓		✓	✓	HBO, HC accessible; One mile to downtown historic district. Major credit cards accepted.
Comfort Suites 151 Hayes Ave. (877) 424-6423 (318) 228-8816	80		✓	✓	✓	✓	Located off I-49, just minutes from local businesses and attractions. Close to Northwestern State University.
Days Inn 5135 University Pkwy (318) 352-0783	65	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	HBO, 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	72		✓	✓	✓	✓	HBO, HC accessible. Adjacent to restaurants, 6 miles to downtown historic district. Suites offer microwave & refrigerator. 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
Fairfield Inn & Suites 150 Hayes Ave. (318) 354-8007 www.Marriott.com/ FairfieldInn	74		✓	✓	✓	✓	Six miles to downtown historic district, with complimentary wireless, complimentary on-site parking, Fitness Center. Major credit cards accepted.
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.
Louisane Motel 340 South Dr. (318) 730-1607	20				✓	✓	Newly renovated with flat screen tvs, wifi and granite countertops.
Motel 6 7624 Hwy 1 Bypass (318) 357-8281 (888) 252-8281	130	✓	✓		✓	✓	HBO, HC accessible. 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/Satellite TV. 6 miles to downtown Natchitoches. Major credit cards accepted.
Riverview Inn 1316 Washington St. (318) 357-0423 (800) 960-2267	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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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 Breakfast Nook

105 Church St. - (318) 352-4491

- » Anytime is Breakfast Time; also serving daily lunch specials.

Cane River Bar & Grill

1125 Washington St. - (318) 352-2600

- » Specializing in BBQ and Cuban sandwiches. Deck overlooking Cane River.

Front Street Marketplace

584 Front St. #103 - (318) 238-3030

- » Coffee house atmosphere, free wifi, espresso drinks, lunch, amazing desserts.

Hana Japanese Sushi Bar & Grill

750 Front St. - (318) 356-0989

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

Landing Restaurant

530 Front St. - (318) 352-1579

- » Featuring Creole, Cajun and southern cuisine. Live jazz every Wednesday evening. Catering available, groups and private parties.
www.thelandingnatchitoches.com

Lasyone's Meat Pie Kitchen

622 Second St. - (318) 352-3353

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



Maglieaux's on the Cane

805 Washington St. - (318) 354-7767

- » Fine dining experience featuring Italian style food with a Creole spin, including steaks and seafood. Live weekend entertainment.

Mama's Oyster House

608 Front St. - (318) 356-7874

- » Authentic Louisiana food; groups and private parties welcome; live music Friday nights. Patio dining available.
www.mamasoysterhouse.com

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, fried seafood and steaks. www.papasbarandgrill.com

Pioneer Restaurant & Pub

812 Washington St. - (318) 352-4884

- » Casual dining in historic 1830s building; imported and domestic beer; live entertainment every Thursday evening. Open major holidays.

Shipley Donuts

400 Second St. - (318) 357-1703

- » Enjoy the best in homemade pastries and coffee at this local establishment.

DINING AROUND TOWN

Almost Home

5820 Hwy. 1 Bypass – (318) 352-2431

- » Overlooking Sibley Lake; home-style buffet dining, Friday night catfish buffet, open for lunch. Groups and private parties welcome.

Chef Wok

311 South Dr. – (318) 356-0006

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

Chili's Bar & Grill

932 Keyser Ave. – (318) 357-0972

Dickey's BBQ

936 University Pkwy. – (318) 238-4227

- » Casual dining, BBQ and catering.

El Patron Mexican Restaurant

109 South Dr. – (318) 352-2990

- » Casual Mexican dining serving Lunch and Dinner.

El Nopal

117 South Dr. – (318) 214-0219

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

Fat Daddy's Crawfish

401 Texas St. – (318) 228-8761

- » Cajun catering, seafood plates and more.



Grayson's Barbeque

– located in Clarence

(7.5 miles east of downtown Natchitoches)

5849 Hwy. 71 – (318) 357-0166

- » It's been there for 50 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 Parkway – (318) 352-7711

- » Casual dining. Any meal, any time.

IHOP

5119 University Parkway – (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. Open nightly for dinner and Sunday brunch.

Lucky Village

929 Keyser Ave. – (318) 352-8588

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



Dining

DINING AROUND TOWN

Mariner's Seafood & Steakhouse

5948 Hwy. 1 Bypass – (318) 357-1220

- » Fine dining on Sibley Lake. Cajun/Creole, fresh seafood and certified Angus Beef. Casual outside dining on The Docks, live entertainment every Friday and Saturday in Cove Lounge. Groups and private parties welcome.
www.marinersrestaurant.com

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.

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, and pasta. Private parties welcome. Delivery available.

Red's Ribs

501 Texas St. – (318) 214-0901

- » Casual dine in or take out. Barbeque ribs, sausage and chicken dinners available. Catering available.

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.

Sonny's Donuts

236 Keyser Ave. – (318) 352-4772

- » Hot fresh donuts and kolaches daily.

Smoothie King

801 University Pkwy. – (318) 238-5464

- » Smoothies, shakes and nutritious snacks.

Trail Boss Steakhouse

301 South Dr. – (318) 352-2080

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



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Shopping

HISTORIC DISTRICT SHOPPING

City Barbershop

504 Front St. – (318) 352-9500

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

Bathhouse Soapery

506 Front St. – (318) 238-7627

- » Handmade bath and body boutique; specializing in foaming body scrubs, mineral baths salts, and milk lotions.

Brenda's Clothing & Accessories

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

- » Fashionable clothes and accessories.

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.

Cora's Antiques & Gifts

754 Front St. – (318) 354-7900

- » Candles and gifts, tea towels and Natchitoches items.

Dickens & Company

524 Front St. – (318) 352-1993

- » Louisiana and Natchitoches items, fleur de lis gifts.

Georgia's Gift Shop

626 Front St. – (318) 352-5833

- » Largest selection of Natchitoches and Louisiana gifts and souvenirs!

Gift's Galore & More

113 rue St. Denis – (318) 352-3831

- » Over 40 local artists and crafts under one roof. Gifts and jewelry, paintings & more.

Gunter's Shoe Repair

116-1/2 Toulain – (318) 352-4001

- » In business over 50 years, provides wide variety of repair services on shoes, boots and purses.

Hall Tree

600 Front St. – (318) 352-4177

113 South Dr., Suite 1

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

Hello Dolly

520 Front St. – (318) 352-5828

- » Lots of variety! In-style clothes and accessories for all ages.

Hitchin' Post

780 Front St. Suite 102 – (318) 238-3870

- » Clothing, Accessories and Boots

Jeanne's Country Garden

300 Jefferson St. – (318) 357-0102

- » Floral arrangements and gifts.

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

Lagniappe Craft Market

124 St. Denis St. – (318) 521-8101

- » Shop handmade craft items from Louisiana and Texas.

Lilly's Personalized Gifts

780 Front St., Suite 105 – (318) 238-8380

- » Gifts for all occasions, with a personalized touch.

Louisiana Purchase

550 Front St. – (318) 352-0117

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

Shopping

HISTORIC DISTRICT SHOPPING

Mary Lou's Flowers & Gifts

117 rue St. Denis – (318) 357-1160

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

Mason Salter's Furniture Store

365 Second St., – (318) 352-6446

- » Fine furniture store since 1939.
www.masonsalters.com.

Merci Beaucoup Gifts

584 Front St., Suites 106-107

– (318) 352-6624

- » Exclusive decorative gifts, candles.

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 and bowls since 1965.
www.olivier-ww.com

Plantation Treasures

720 Front St. – (318) 354-1714

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

Razzle Dazzle Unique Boutique

584 Front St. – (318) 354-9886

- » Boutique featuring clothing, accessories, wreaths, and décor.

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502 Front St. – (318) 521-8009

- » Women's clothing boutique and accessories

Southern Necessities

624 Front St. – (318) 354-8808

- » Designer handbags, luggage, men and women's watches, jewelry & decorations.

Tres Bien Antiques

132 St. Denis – (318) 228-8815

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

SHOPPING AROUND TOWN

Choate's Interiors and Gifts

118 South Dr. – (318) 352-8128

- » Since 1942, a fine furniture and gift store; exclusive items, bridal registry and baby department.
www.choatesinteriors.com

Lux Clothing and Accessories

242 Keyser Ave. – (318) 238-4589

- » Women's Clothing boutique and accessories.

Neebo Bookstore - NSU Apparel

912 University Pkwy. – (318) 352-9965

- » Northwestern State University clothing and gifts, educational items, balloons and gifts. www.neebo.com/nsula

Natchitoches Pecans, Inc.

at Little Eva's Plantation, Cloutierville, LA

(800) 572-5925

- » Homemade pecan products, gifts; seasonal opening.
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.

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

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and other meeting/banquet rental items
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(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
Capacity up to 115. www.lasyones.com

Mama's Oyster House & Blues Room

608 Front Street • (318) 356-5850

Martin Luther King Recreation Center

660 Martin Luther King Dr.
(318) 357-3892
Large conference facility up to 1700.

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 Country Club

955 Hwy. 3191 • (318) 352-5538
Overlooking swimming pool. Kitchen
facilities and catering available.
Capacity up to 200.

Natchitoches Events Center

750 Second St. • (877) 238-7502
www.natchitocheseventscenter.com
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Northwestern State University

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board room.

Prudhomme Rouquier House

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Service League of Natchitoches.
Capacity up to 300.

St. Charles Borromeo Chapel

Bermuda, Louisiana
(318) 357-8504
Historic 1908 church
located on Cane River
Lake. Capacity up
to 85.

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

The Landing Restaurant

530 Front St.
(318) 352-1579
Capacity up to 200.



Northwestern State University

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 Northwestern State University in 1970.

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

Northwestern State University of Louisiana stands on ground that has been dedicated to learning for one hundred twenty-five years. Although, primarily a regional institution, Northwestern 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

Great Tradition, Brighter Future

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.

Keyser Hall, NSU Campus

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

Accolades

- 30 Most Beautiful Towns, *Expedia Travel*, March 2016
- “Small Towns We Love” *Southern Living Magazine*, December 2015
- 50 Most Beautiful Small Towns in America, *Good Housekeeping Magazine*, July 2015
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- Best Southern Small Town, *10 Best Readers’ Choice Award USA Today and 10Best.com*, May 2015
- Top 8 Best Small Town Getaways in the U.S., *Wall Street Cheat Sheet*, July 2014
- Natchitoches selected as top retirement destination - “8 Fishing Cities: Great Lures Across the U.S.” *Where to Retire Magazine*, June 2014
- Ten Bargain Retirement Spots in the U.S., *U.S. News & World Report*
- One of Louisiana’s state-certified retirement communities
- Preserve America Presidential Award for Heritage Tourism, *President George W. Bush*
- Great American Main Street Award winner, *National Trust for Historic Preservation*



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- One of the United States’ Dozen Distinctive Destinations, *National Trust for Historic Preservation*
- One of the Twelve Great Road Trips, *National Geographic Traveler*
- Best Historic Attraction in Louisiana 2014 *Media World USA*
- Best Travel Destination in Louisiana for 2104 *CNN Travel*
- All American City Nomination 2013
- Retire Here, Not There: Louisiana. Natchitoches named one of three in state, *SmartMoney.com*, March 2012
- Best Small Towns in America *Southern Living Magazine*, Oct. 2010
- Community Achievement Award *Louisiana Municipal Association*, 2010
- Great Towns of America *David & Joan Vokac*, 2009

Rural Communities

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

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.

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

Located 21 miles west of Natchitoches on Highway 6

Population: 1,057

City Hall
(318) 476-3321

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

Located 13 miles east of Natchitoches on Harrisonburg Rd

City Hall
(318) 357-0440

Population: 577

Rural Communities

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.

- Drake Salt Works Festival – Labor Day Weekend
- Louisiana Trails (Old Tank Pond)
(225) 343-8132 • (318) 727-8860
- Saline Lake & Bayou

Located 33 miles east of Natchitoches on Highway 156

Incorporated July 13, 1898
Population: 417

Drake Salt Works Festival contact:
(318) 727-8860
(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
- Rebel State Historic Park
- Louisiana Country Music Museum
- Crump's Hill Historical Museum
(318) 472-9033

Located 21 miles west of Natchitoches on Highway 6

Population: 1,000

The town was incorporated in 1884.

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 Church Fair – held annually the 2nd weekend of October.
- Creole Culture Tour – includes Creole cuisine, Badin-Roque House, St. Augustine Catholic Church. (318) 379-2521
- Tour Creole Locations (318) 357-6685
- Home to Melrose Plantation



Located 15 miles south of Natchitoches on LA Highway 484

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*)

Located 11 miles south of Natchitoches

Population: 434

Town Hall
(318) 352-1414

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.

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

Village Hall
(318) 352-8549
Population: 185

Rural Communities

Provencal - 71468

The town of Provencal 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 Provencal Land Grant Corporation. The village was wiped out on April 13, 1913 by a tornado. What now exists as Provencal is what was rebuilt.

- Kisatchie National Forest,
229 Dogwood Park Rd. (318) 472-1840
- Provencal 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
- Adai Indian Nation Cultural Center
- El Camino Real de Los Tejas
- Cane River National Historic Trail
- Robeline Heritage Festival
- Adai Caddo Pow Wow

Located 13
miles west of
Natchitoches
on Hwy. 6

Village Hall
(318) 472-6121
Population: 149



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Shreveport — 70 miles

Alexandria — 58 miles

Monroe — 109 miles

Dallas — 255 miles

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Little Rock — 290 miles

Jackson — 230 miles

Oklahoma City — 435 miles



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