

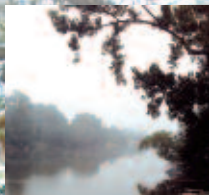
A Visitor's Guide to:



NATCHITOCHES

Louisiana
ESTABLISHED 1714

The Destination of Travelers Since 1714



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Authentic Culture

Natchitoches Parish

Natchitoches, the original French colony in Louisiana, maintains its European flavor through its architecture, heritage and lifestyle. At the heart of this National Historic Landmark District lies Front Street, a brick thoroughfare where wrought iron balconies, restaurants and shops face the beautiful Cane River Lake.

This area is home to the Cane River National Heritage Area that includes the largest collection of Creole architecture in North America along with the Cane River Creole National Historical Park at Oakland and Magnolia.

Beginning in Natchitoches, the El Camino Real de los Tejas (Highway 6 in Louisiana and Highway 21 in Texas,) has existed for more than 300 years and was designated as a National Historic Trail in 2004.

Top Things to do in Natchitoches

- Shop & Dine in Landmark Historic District
 - Experience authentic Creole & Cajun cuisine
 - Sample a Natchitoches Meat Pie
- Guided tours of Creole Plantations
- Interpretive tour, Fort St. Jean Baptiste State Historic Site
 - Four State Historic Sites within a 25-miles radius
- Carriage tours
 - Historic tour and Steel Magnolia filming sites
- Stroll along the scenic Cane River Lake
- See alligators up close and personal
- Experience the charm of our bed and breakfast inns
- Museums, art galleries and Louisiana's Oldest General Mercantile

The Destination of



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Natchitoches Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

781 Front St.,
Natchitoches, LA 71457
Open Daily: 9am - 5pm

1.800.259.1714
www.natchitoches.net

Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce

(318)352-6894
www.natchitocheschamber.com

City of Natchitoches

(318)352-2772
www.natchitochesla.gov

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*Tip: How do you say Natchitoches?
Visit www.natchitochestour.com.*

Cane River National Heritage Area

A Cultural Journey

Cane River National Heritage Area, a 116,000 acre area, is a place where many cultures came together to create a way of life dependent on the land and the river and each other. The Heritage Area includes most of the distinctive landscapes that are closely connected to the history of this region.

Heritage Area Sites Include:

- Oakland Plantation
- Melrose Plantation
- Magnolia Plantation & Complex
- Badin-Roque House
- Kate Chopin House (*Destroyed by fire, 9/30/08*)
- Los Adaes State Historic Site
- Fort St. Jean Baptiste State Historic Site
- Fort Jesup State Historic Site
- National Historic Landmark District
 - Bishop Martin Museum
 - Landmarks in Time Exhibit
- Cane River Heritage Scenic Byway

Cane River National Heritage Area Commission
452 rue Jefferson, Suite 150
Natchitoches, LA 71457 • 318-356-5555
www.caneriverheritage.org
Email: info@caneriverheritage.org



*Tip: Stop at the
Downtown Visitor Center
to get the Heritage Area's
map guides for the Town
and Country Tours.*



Photographs provided by NSU, Watson Library, Cammie G. Henry Research Center

Attractions



Natchitoches Parish is home to three fort sites, numerous Creole plantation homes, museums, historic homes and churches, an alligator park, national fish hatchery, national forest, and many recreational outdoor activities including fishing, hiking, or walking through a nature preserve. Every day is filled with things to do around Natchitoches Parish.

Attractions

Fort St. Jean Baptiste

Experience French Colonial life in Natchitoches at Fort St. Jean Baptiste as you are guided through the fort by costumed interpreters.

- Dioramas
- Interactive displays
- Displayed artifacts and costumes
- Replica of 18th century fort
- Interpretive Museum
- Interpretive programs daily
- \$4 admission ages 12-62

Tip: Ask if the interpretive guides can shoot the musket! Keep your ticket stub if you plan to visit another State Historic Site in the area on the same day. You will get in free at the next one!

www.crt.state.la.us/parks/iftstjean.aspx

Open Daily • 9a - 5p
Closed major holidays

155 rue Jefferson,
Natchitoches, LA
71457

(318) 357-3101
(888) 677-7853



Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Museum and North Louisiana Regional History Museum

Natchitoches is the site for the new Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Museum and the North Louisiana Regional History Museum scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2012.

Louisiana Sports Hall
of Fame Foundation
500 Front Street
(318) 238-4255

Scenic Tours

Carriage Tours
(318) 356-8687
(318) 729-8282

Downtown Historic
District

Call for tour times

Louisiana Cycle
780 Front St.
(318) 527-4260

• Carriage Tours

Guided tours through historic district and “Steel Magnolias” filming sites. Available for weddings and special events.

www.natchitochestours.com

• Louisiana Cycle

Tour the historic district in style, with trike rental or 4-person surrey.

Must have valid state issued ID.

Must be 16 years of age or older to rent.

Kaffie Frederick General Mercantile

Open Mon. – Sat.
8a - 5p
758 Front St.

(318) 352-2525
(877) 865-6681



Louisiana's Oldest General Store. Established in 1863, this store offers anything and everything.

- Classic toys
- Shop At the Top – Christmas Store (Open Oct. - Dec.)
- Shop on-line

www.oldhardwarestore.com

National Fish Hatchery & Aquarium

Open 8a – 3p Daily
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
- Hatchery tours available if staff permits
- Call for special events

www.fws.gov/natchitoches

Attractions

Alligator Park

From covered, protected walkways and platforms you'll see hundreds of alligators in their natural environment.

- Five acre park
- Feeding Zoo • Bird Sanctuary
- Reptile Habitat • Jungle
- Turtle Town • Rocky Raccoon Resort
- HUNDREDS OF ALLIGATORS!
- Site includes Gator Bite Snack Shop & gift shop
- Admission

Tip: Take a souvenir photo with an alligator and remember – Alligators LOVE visitors!

www.alligatorpark.net

(318) 354-0001
(877) 354-7001

April – mid August
Open Everyday

Mid August – October
Open Weekends Only

Park Hours: 10a - 5p

8 miles north of
Natchitoches at
380 Old Bayou Pierre Rd.

Grand Ecore Visitors Center

- 4 miles north of Natchitoches
- Sits on an 80 foot bluff above Red River
- Interactive displays & historic area exhibits and Corps of Engineers' role in development and preservation on Red River
- Pavillion, picnic area and hiking trails

Open daily • 8a - 6p
(318) 354-8770

106 Tauzin Island Rd.

Adai 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 the site
- Visit historic St. Anne's Catholic Church, mass held each Sunday
- Site offers food court and arts and crafts shop
- Traditional Indian dances
- Admission - Group Rates
- Gift Shop

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

www.AdaiIndianNation.com

Open Daily • 9a - 5p

4460 Hwy. 485,
Robeline, LA 71469

(318) 472-1007
(877) 472-1007



Rebel State Historic Site & LA Country Music Museum

Open Daily • 9a - 5p
Closed Major Holidays

1260 Hwy. 1221,
Marthaville, LA
71450

(318) 472-6255
(888) 677-3600



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
- \$4 admission ages 12-62

Tip: Aspiring musical artists: call about the Saturday Night Jam Session and other performance opportunities.

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

Los Adaes State Historic Site

6354 Hwy. 485,
Robeline, LA 71449

(318) 472-9449
(888) 677-5378



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

Tip: Bring your binoculars; this is a great bird watching area.

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

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Ft. Jesup State Historic Site

Open Wed. - Sun.
9a - 5p

32 Geoghagan Rd.
Many, LA 71449

(318) 256-4117
(888) 677-5378

The site of a fort established in 1822 by Zachary Taylor to secure the Western border of the U.S. Frontier.

\$4 admission ages 12-62

www.crt.state.la.us/parks/iFtjesup.aspx

Attractions

Kisatchie 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

Tip: Known as the Little Grand Canyon, the Longleaf Vista Recreation Area lies on a ridge that provides views of the 8,700 acre Kisatchie Hills Wilderness. This area is a favorite among hikers and horseback riders who enter along Backbone Trail.

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

Kisatchie Ranger
District

229 Dogwood
Park Rd.
Provencal, La.
71468

*Located 16 miles
west of Hwy. 6 West*

(318) 472-1840

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.cp-tel.net/dormon

GPS: N3207.969 - W9258.697

Open Saturday 9a – 5p
& Sunday 12p – 5p
during the months of
March, April, May,
August & November.

*Appointments during the
week throughout the year.*

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



Discover Our Plantation Homes



Oakland Plantation

OAKLAND PLANTATION

4386 Hwy. 494, Bermuda, LA 71456

- *Cane River Creole National Historical Park*

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 smokehouse, 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. Unit of Cane River Creole National Historical Park. Oakland was acquired by the National Park Service in 1998. Open daily. (318) 356-8441 • www.nps.gov/cari

MAGNOLIA PLANTATION

The two and one-half story plantation house is one of the largest in the area, with twenty-seven rooms, including a Catholic Chapel in which Mass is still celebrated. Betty Hertzog, a descendant of the LeComtes, still lives in the main house. Private.



Magnolia Plantation

MAGNOLIA PLANTATION COMPLEX

5549 Hwy. 119, Derry, LA 71416

- *Cane River Creole National Historical Park*

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 with self-guided tours.

KATE CHOPIN HOUSE

Destroyed by fire, Sept. 30, 2008



Kate Chopin House

This National Historic Landmark was constructed in the early 1800s by Alexis Cloutier. This house was later the home of Kate Chopin, the renowned novelist and author of *The Awakening* and many Creole stories. The complex buildings did not burn. One of the few things salvaged was a copy of the original book, *Bayou Folk*, a collection of Chopin's short stories.

Discover Our Plantation Homes

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.



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. At the time there was a field hand and cook at Melrose who also became known as a renowned artist. Clementine Hunter, one of the South's premier primitive artists, began painting the people, life, and scenes of Cane River. Hunter was in her 50's when she began painting and continued until a few months before her death in 1988. Clementine is Louisiana's most famous folk artist, and her paintings are on display at the plantation. (318) 379-0055 • Open Tuesday - Sunday. Admission.

Pampering

Pamper yourself with a relaxing session at one of our many spas. Our massage therapists can take a little of your stress away and have you feeling refreshed, rejuvenated and totally relaxed.



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www.permanentmakeupstudio.com

Billy O'Con LMT • (318) 352-3971

Lotus in the Pines • (318) 472-9484

www.lotusinthepines.com

Rejuvenation, The Medical Spa

(318) 352-2250

www.rejuvenationmedicalspa.com

City Barbershop

504 Front Street

(318) 352- 9500

Bed & Breakfast

Natchitoches Hospitality

Property Name	# of Rooms	Pets	Description
**Andre's Riverview 612 Williams Ave. (318) 527-9248 • (318) 357-0423 www.andresriverview.com	3	No	Three story guest house overlooking Cane River Lake across from the downtown historic district. Private entrance, balconies, whirlpool baths, refrigerators, microwaves, and coffeemakers, antique furnishings.
*Andrew Morris House 422 Second St. (318) 352-9206 • (800) 441-8343 www.andrewmorrishouse.com	4	No	Antebellum Historic District Home beautifully appointed offering: Early check-ins, WIFI, cable TV, king and queen beds, two bed suites along with two person Jacuzzis available. Complimentary beverages, two-course gourmet breakfast.
*Bayou Amulet House 202 rue Poete (318) 238-2049 • (866) 201-3910 www.bayouamulet.com	5	No	Restored 1850s elegant home surrounded by gardens. Private baths with Jacuzzi tubs, swimming pool, home-cooked breakfast. Within walking distance of the downtown historic district.



Blind Faith Ranch & Cabins 240 Bayou Pierre Cutoff Rd. (318) 352-2920 • (318) 652-1311 www.blindfaithranch.com	6	Yes	Children welcome, beautiful scenery on Bayou Pierre. Six private waterfront cabins with two bedrooms. Sleeps up to 6 with decks and kitchen, 5 minutes from downtown.
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*Landmark Historic District, **Located on Cane River Lake.

Bed & Breakfast

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Property Name	# of Rooms	Pets	Description
*Breazeale House 926 Washington St. (318) 352-5630	5	No	Charming Victorian home, circa 1890s. Children welcome, walking distance to downtown, swimming pool, full breakfast.
**Cabin on Cane River 614 Williams Ave. (318) 527-9248 • (318) 357-0423 www.cabinoncaneriver.com	1	No	Log cabin guest house. Completely equipped kitchen and accommodations for two. On the banks of the Cane River Lake overlooking the downtown historic district.
**Cane River Cottage 228 Pratt Lane (318) 663-8239 www.canerivercottage.com	3	No	Guesthouse situated on the banks of Cane River Lake, full kitchen, gardens. Bring your boat for fishing or cruising on the lake. Available for weddings & private parties.



*Chaplin House 434 Second St. (318) 352-2324 • (318) 471-9505 www.chaplinhouseela.com	1	No	Full continental breakfast in the guest quarters. Accommodations include a full bath and a sitting area with television. Gardens and a tour of historic 1892 home included with reservation.
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Bed & Breakfast

Natchitoches Hospitality

Property Name	# of Rooms	Pets	Description
*Chez des Amis 910 rue Washington (318) 352-2647 www.chezdesamis.com	3	No	1923 bungalow; 2 guest rooms and cottage. Wireless, high speed internet; full breakfast in dining room; private baths; located 1 block from downtown historic district.
**Creole Cottage on Cane River 319 rue Jefferson (318) 352-3957 • (318) 729-7700 (318) 332-8471	4	No	Historic home located on Cane River in the heart of the historic district. Amenities galore, private entrances, antiques, private baths, king beds and full breakfast. Ask about children.
*Ducournau Townhouse 752 Front St. (318) 352-1774 www.ducournautownhouse.com	4	No	Historic townhouse, circa 1835 over restaurant and courtyard, balcony overlooking Front Street and Cane River Lake. Antique beds, private baths; beds, continental breakfast. Private parties & weddings welcome.
*Fleur de Lis Inn 336 Second St. (318) 352-6621 • (800) 489-6621 www.fleurdelisbandb.com	6	No	Historic 1906 Victorian home. Children welcome. Spacious surroundings decorated with antiques; private baths, king & queen size beds. Full breakfast served in formal dining room.
*Green Gables & Camellia Cottage 201 Pine St. (318) 352-5580 www.virtualcities.com/la/greengables.htm	3	No	Spacious one-story Queen Anne Victorian, circa 1890 with full southern breakfast. Camellia Cottage is a perfect romantic retreat. Large wraparound porches and other amenities.
*Jefferson House 229 rue Jefferson (318) 352-5834 • (318) 729-7700 (318) 332-8471 www.jeffersonhousebandb.com	5	Yes	Relax on beautiful Cane River Lake in the historic district. Tastefully decorated with antique and traditional furnishings, King size beds; Private baths; Plantation style breakfast. Ask about children.
*Jefferson Street Townhouse 230 rue Jefferson (318) 352-3957 • (318) 729-7700 (318) 332-8471 www.jeffersontownhouse.com	5	No	1920s bungalow, pool, gardens, perfect for private parties and weddings, catering kitchen available. Full breakfast, cable TV; walking distance of downtown.

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Bed & Breakfast

Natchitoches Hospitality

Property Name	# of Rooms	Pets	Description
*Judge Porter House 321 Second St. (318) 352-9206 • (800) 441-8343 www.judgeporterhouse.com	5	No	International award winning Bed and Breakfast in the Historic District furnished with museum quality antiques offering: Early check-ins, WIFI, cable TV, queen beds, two person Jacuzzis available. Complimentary beverages, two-course gourmet breakfast.
Keegan-Cook House 143 Chaplin Loop – Robeline, LA (318) 472-8610 • (866) 472-8610 www.keegancookhouse.com	5	Yes	Landmark 1855 home. Southern breakfast; cable, antiques and whimsical gifts. Perfect location for private parties, weddings. 15 miles west of downtown historic district, Highway 6. Children allowed.
*Levy East House 358 rue Jefferson (318) 352-0662 • (800) 840-0662 www.levyeasthouse.com	4	No	Experience the romance of this wonderful old Southern home, 1838. Luxurious amenities; decorated guestrooms. Private baths with Jacuzzi; gourmet breakfast in formal dining room.
			
*Maison Louisiane 332 rue Jefferson (318) 352-1900 • (800) 264-8991 www.maisonlouisiane.com	5	Yes	Historic 1890 home; all amenities, full breakfast, private baths. Weddings and private parties. Catering available. Children welcome in Garden Suite.
*Parsonage 307 Percy St. (318) 214-9607 www.parsonagebedandbreakfast.com	1	No	Private entrance, double bed, private bath, gourmet breakfast. Furnished with family antiques. No children under 10 allowed.

Bed & Breakfast

Natchitoches Hospitality

Property Name	# of Rooms	Pets	Description
*Queen Anne 125 Pine St. (318) 352-9206 • (800) 441-8343 www.queenannebandb.com	5	No	Queen Ann architecture in Historic District, international award winner lavishly decorated offering: Early check-ins, WIFI, cable TV, king and queen beds, two person Jacuzzis available. Complimentary beverages, two-course gourmet breakfast.
**Riverbend Bed & Breakfast 3141 Highway 494 (318) 352-6500 • (318) 446-2040 www.riverbendbedandbreakfast.com	3	No	Overlooking Cane River Lake, 10 minutes from historic downtown. Accommodates one to three couples with private baths, kitchen, den and sunroom. Quiet country setting. Children welcome.
*Rusca House 124 rue Poete (318) 356-7118 • (866) 531-0898 www.ruscahouse.com	4	No	Tasteful elegance and charm in a 1920's bungalow, lovingly restored. Multi-course breakfast; gardens; courtyard with fountain; private entrances; cable TV; private baths; Jacuzzi tubs.
*Samuel Guy House 309 Pine St. (318) 354-1080 • (800) 984-1080 www.samuelguyhouse.com	5	No	Historic home, circa 1830; Cable; coffee makers, private baths with Jacuzzi tubs; sumptuous multi-course breakfast; available for weddings and private parties; catering available. Children allowed with whole house rental.
**Starlight Plantation 2228 Highway 494 (Cane River Road) (318) 352-3775 • (800) 866-8893 www.starlightplantation.com	2	No	Located on Cane River Lake; 2 suites with private hot tubs; plantation breakfast on private deck, boat pier; TV/VCR; 6.25 miles from downtown historic district.
*Steel Magnolia House 320 rue Jefferson (318) 238-2585 • (888) 346-4095 www.steelmagnoliahouse.com	5	No	Famed historic home featured in movie Steel Magnolias; gourmet breakfast; amenities; wireless internet access; gardens, pool; furnished with antiques; private baths, TV/VCR. Carriage house sleeps up to 5.
*Tante Huppe Inn 424 rue Jefferson (318) 352-5342 • (800) 482-4276 www.tantehuppe.com	3	No	Three suites with kitchen, each accommodates up to four persons. One block from Front Street. Private entrances and contemporary furnishings. Swimming pool.

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Property Name	# of Rooms	Pets	Description
The Cottage Guest House 824 Second St. (214) 908-1537 www.stayatthecottage.com	2	No	Both suites include access to living room, dining room and fully equipped kitchen. Whole house rental available. One block from Front Street and next door to the Natchitoches Events Center.
Thorny Hill Cabin 2575 Posey Rd. (318) 472-6903 www.natchitoches.net/thornyhill	1	No	Private cottage with kitchen, wood burning stove, deluxe queen sofa bed, pine floors and ceiling fans. Wildlife and bird watching. Complimentary coffee, juice and assorted beverages.
**Vera's Guest House 907 Washington St. (318) 609-0110 www.verashouse.com	2	No	Craftsman style house, 1915; across from NSU Main Entrance; family suite available; private Ask about children.
**Violet Hill 917 Washington St. (318) 357-0858 • (866) 357-0858 www.violethillbandb.com	6	No	On the River in the Historic District elegantly furnished offering: Early check-ins, WIFI, Cable TV, queen beds, two bedroom suite along with two person Jacuzzis available. Complimentary beverages, two-course gourmet breakfast.



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.

All properties are AAA Rated and offer group rates, AARP discounts.

PROPERTY	#	Pe	B	P	M/R	I	DESCRIPTION
America's Best Value Inn 7624 Hwy 1 Bypass (318) 357-8281 (888) 252-8281	144	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	HBO, HC accessible. 3.5 miles to downtown historic district. Major credit cards accepted.
Best Western 5131 University Pkwy (318) 352-6655 (800) 528-1234 www.bestwestern.com	64	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Conference facilities available. HBO, HC accessible. Adjacent to restaurants, 6 miles to downtown historic district. Major credit cards accepted.
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	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. Adjacent to restaurants, 6 miles to downtown historic district. Major credit cards accepted.

Hotel/Motels

PROPERTY	#	Pe	B	P	M/R	I	DESCRIPTION
Econo Lodge & Suites 5335 University Pkwy (318) 214-0700 (800) 4-CHOICE www.econolodge.com	70		✓	✓	✓	✓	HBO, HC accessible. Adjacent to restaurants, 6 miles to downtown historic district. Suites offer microwave & refrigerator. 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.
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 www.riverviewinnjt.com	55	✓	✓		✓	✓	Overlooking Cane River Lake; 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	42	✓	✓		✓	✓	HBO, HC accessible. Adjacent to restaurants, 1.5 miles to downtown historic district. Major credit cards accepted.

Campgrounds & RV Parks

PROPERTY	# Sites	Pets	DESCRIPTION
Chandler's Motel & Campground 5779 Hwy 9 (on Black Lake) Creston, LA • (318) 875-2222 Email: chandlerscamp875@cp-tel.net	14	Yes	Boat ramp, cabins available, hunter lodge sleeps 24. Nearby restaurants and convenience store. 18 miles from downtown Natchitoches.
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) (318) 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 sites, restrooms, picnic areas, trash disposal. Call the Kisatchie Ranger District station for details and rates.
Morgan's Landing & RV Park 909 Tauzin Island Rd. (318) 352-9160	50	Yes	Easy access to Red River with 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 www.nakatoshcamp.com	41	Yes	Good Sam Park. Tent sites available. Rec. building, picnic tables, bath house w/washer-dryers. Scenic lots. Adjacent to truck stop w/restaurant, free RV dump, 4.5 miles to downtown historic district.
Nakatosh RV Park & Campgrounds 2 5906 Hwy. 1 Bypass (318) 352-0911	30	Yes	Located on Sibley Lake behind convenience store, propane supplies, bath house with washer/dryers. 3 miles to downtown historic district.
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.

Retirement

Make Natchitoches Home



Named one of the first Louisiana Certified Retirement Communities in 2007, Natchitoches is more than a town. Natchitoches is a different lifestyle. Call (800) 259-1714 for retirement guide.

www.retirenatchitoches.com

Cuisine

HISTORIC DISTRICT DINING

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

Antoon's Riverfront Restaurant

805 Washington St. - (318) 354-7767

Serving lunch and dinner

» *Patio dining overlooking scenic Cane River Lake, casual dining. Groups and private parties welcome. www.antoonsrestaurant.com*

The Breakfast Nook

105 Church Street - (318) 352-4491

» *Anytime is Breakfast Time; also serving daily lunch specials*



Cane Brake Café

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

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

Cane River Bar & Grill

1125 Washington St. - (318) 352-2600

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

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.thelandingrestaurantandbar.com*

Lasyone's Meat Pie Restaurant

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*

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 available, groups and private parties welcome. Open daily for lunch & dinner Nov. - Dec.*

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 seafood specials, open for breakfast and lunch. Groups and private parties welcome.*

Beaudoin's Pizza & Grill

124 South Dr. – (318) 356-9200

» *Pizzas, sandwiches and pasta. Groups and private parties welcome. Delivery available.*

Chef Wok

311 South Dr. – (318) 356-0006

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

Cheng's Garden

303 South Dr. – (318) 356-0011

» *Casual dining; buffet serving oriental specialties. Groups and private parties welcome.*



Crawfish Hole

119 South Dr. – (318) 352-2379

» *Casual outdoor dining atmosphere. Catering available, groups and private parties welcome.*

El Nopal

117 South Dr. – (318) 214-0219

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

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.*

Half Shell Seafood

401 Texas St. – (318) 228-8761

» *Cajun catering, seafood plates and more.*

Huddle House

5306 University Parkway

(318) 352-7711

» *Casual dining. Serving any meal, any time.*

KC's Café

107-B South Dr. – (318) 238-4040

» *Breakfast, lunch and dinner, lunch buffet weekdays, catfish and shrimp buffet Friday nights.*

Cuisine



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.*

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.*

Red's Ribs

501 Texas St. – (318) 214-0901

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

San Luis Mexican Restaurant

302 South Dr. – (318) 354-6696

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

Sea & Sirloin Restaurant

Campiti, LA (located 15.34 miles east from downtown Natchitoches)

6454 Hwy. 9 – (318) 875-2229

» *Casual dining serving Southern cuisine; fried catfish, steaks, salad bar. Groups and private parties welcome.*

Shoney's Restaurant

5119 University Pkwy. – (318) 352-0185

Located near I-49, Highway 6 exit.

» *Large buffet and menu items.*

Trail Boss Steakhouse

301 South Dr. – (318) 352-2080

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



Shopping

HISTORIC DISTRICT SHOPPING

Book Merchant

512 Front St. – (318) 357-8900

» *Independent book store with an extensive selection of regional and cultural titles.*
www.thebookmerchant.com

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!*
www.georgiasgiftshop.com

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.*

The Gingerbread House

520 Keyser Avenue – (318) 354-6009

» *Fleur de lis gifts, candles, jewelry and holiday decorations*



Hall Tree

600 Front St. – (318) 352-4177

» *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.*

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, Grady Harper gallery. Seasonal Christmas shop. Shipping available.* www.oldhardwarestore.com

Kracked Kernel

516 Front St. – (318) 228-8783

» *Candies, popcorn, ice cream, milkshakes and more. Natchitoches and Louisiana gifts and souvenirs.*

Shopping

Louisiana Purchase

550 Front St. – (318) 352-0117

» Fresh fudge & creamy pralines made daily.
Louisiana products, gifts, souvenirs, & more.
www.LouPurchase.com

Mary Lou's Flowers & Gifts

117 rue St. Denis – (318) 357-1160

» Fresh flowers and silk arrangements,
balloons and gifts.

Merci Beaucoup Gifts

584 Front St., Suites 106-107

– (318) 352-6624

» Located in historic hotel, exclusive
decorative gifts, candles.

Natchitoches Art Guild

Heritage Gallery

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

» Local artists and craftsmen, original
paintings, sculptures on display and for sale.
www.natchitochesartguild.org

*Tip: Visit www.natchitocheshdba.com
for links to downtown members.*

Olivier's Creole Cypress Furniture

117 Second St. – (318) 352-1427

» Builders of fine cypress furniture and
oval wooden bowls, high quality custom
Louisiana cypress furniture since 1965.
www.olivier-www.com

Plantation Treasures

720 Front St. – (318) 354-1714

» Clementine Hunter prints; Lampe Berger
lamps, and fine gifts. Historic staircase,
circa 1850s located in rear of store.
www.plantationtreasures.com

The Rocking Horse Toy Store

628 Front St. – (318) 357-8889

» Fun, educational and nostalgic toys
and games, baby and children's gifts.

Skippity Doo Da

584 Front St. Suite 101 – (318) 352-1674

» Children's Apparel & boutique.
www.skippitydoodaday@yahoo.com

Southern Necessities

624 Front St. – (318) 354-8808

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

SOUVENIRS & GIFTS AROUND TOWN

Campus Corner

912 University Pkwy. – (318) 352-9965

» Northwestern State University clothing
and gifts, educational items, balloons and gifts.
www.campuscornerinc.com

Fancy Stitches

112 South Dr. – (318) 352-8864

» A large selection of personalized
monogrammed gifts perfect for every
person and every occasion.
www.fancystitchesonline.com

Louisiana Pecans

208 Little Eva Plantation

Cloutierville, LA 71416 – (800) 737-3226

» Store located in old train depot selling many
pecan products. Seasonal openings.
www.louisianapecans.com

Nellanne's Hallmark

319 Dixie Plaza – (318) 352-9140

» Hallmark cards and gifts, Louisiana
souvenirs, wedding and bridal shop.

Natchitoches Pecans, Inc.

439 Little Eva Rd., Cloutierville, LA 71416

(800) 572-5925

» Homemade pecan products, gifts;
seasonal opening. www.natchitochespecans.com

Plowhorse Resale Shop

9301 Highway 6, Robeline, LA 71469

» Furniture, Vintage, Antiques, Home Décor,
Linens, Old Tools, Western Items & More.



City of Natchitoches



Natchitoches Events Center

The Natchitoches Events Center, located in the heart of the Historic District, welcomes meetings, small to medium conventions, trade shows, weddings, and much more.

The Events Center is comprised of nearly 40,000 square feet of space including a 15,000 square foot Exhibit Hall capable of being divided into smaller breakout areas, three 1,200 square foot meeting rooms, and a 900 square foot board room capable of seating 25 individuals.

The Events Center staff can assist with planning any event to the last detail, from arranging layout to caterers. Tours of the Natchitoches Events Center are available daily by calling the Marketing/Sales Coordinator and scheduling an appointment.

Please visit us at www.natchitocheseventscenter.com or call 877-238-7502 for more information about the Events Center.

The City of Natchitoches, established in 1714 by Louis Juchereau de St. Denis, is the oldest permanent settlement in the Louisiana Purchase. Lying in the heart of the City is Natchitoches' National Historic Landmark District, one of only two such districts in the state of Louisiana.

- Best Small Towns in America
Southern Living Magazine, Oct. 2010
- Community Achievement Award,
2010 - Louisiana Municipal Association
- Top 50 for 50+ by Lt. Governor
Mitch Landrieu, *Encore Louisiana 2009*
- Certified Louisiana Retirement
Destination - 2007, 2008, 2009
- Great Towns of America,
2009 by David & Joan Vokac
- 2007 U.S. News and World Report
Ten Bargin Retirement spots in the U.S.
- 2007 Preserve America Presidential Award
- 2006 Great American Main Street
Community
- 2005 Dozen Distinctive Destination
- 2004 Preserve America Community



*For more information on the City of Natchitoches,
please visit www.natchitochesla.gov or call the
Mayor's Office at (318) 352-2772.*

Conference Facilities & Wedding

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.

Hampton Inn

5300 University Pkwy. • (318) 354-0010
www.hamptoninn.com
Board room available for small
meetings. Capacity up to 12.



Keegan-Cook House

143 Chaplin Loop – Robeline, LA
15 miles from Natchitoches on the historic
El Camino Real National Historic Trail.
(866) 472-8610 • www.keegancookhouse.com
Historic home, circa 1855. Catering available.

Maison Louisiane

332 rue Jefferson • (318) 352-1900
www.maisonlouisiane.com
Historic 1898 home located in the
Landmark Historic District. Catering
available. Capacity up to 200 including
outside areas.

Martin Luther King Recreation Center

660 Martin Luther King Dr.
(318) 357-3892 • Large conference
facility up to 1700, plenty of parking.

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 and golf
course. Kitchen facilities and catering
available. Capacity up to 200.

Natchitoches Events Center

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

Northwestern State University

(318) 357-6511
Several locations on campus can
accommodate events of every size.
Auditoriums, meeting rooms, coliseum,
ballrooms.

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.

Samuel Guy House

309 rue Pine
(318) 354-1080 • (800) 984-1080
www.samuelguyhouse.com
Landmark Historic District. Catering
available. Capacity up to 200.

St. Charles Borromeo Chapel

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

Northwestern State University

Telephone Numbers:

Information

(318) 357-6011

Admissions Office

(318) 357-4503

(800) 426-3754

Alumni Affairs

(318) 357-4414

(888) 799-6486

Athletic Department

(318) 357-5251

Creative and

Performing Arts

(318) 357-4522

Recreation Complex

(318) 357-6300

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Northwestern State University was established in 1884 as Normal School for the training of teachers. The original school was located in the Bullard mansion. Three of the four great white columns still stand and serve as the unofficial symbol of the university.

Northwestern enhances the cultural aspects of Natchitoches by offering and supporting a symphony, ballet, dinner theater, plays, musical recitals and other various forms of entertainment.

The Department of Creative and Performing Arts presents a regular schedule of concerts, recitals, and exhibits. The NSU Theatre and Natchitoches - Northwestern Symphony Orchestra present a variety of plays and concerts throughout the year.

In addition to the commitment to academic excellence, Northwestern State University has several important community outreach programs including the Office of Cooperative Education and Small Business Development Center.

www.nsula.edu



Northwestern State University

Sports

Northwestern fields 15 intercollegiate sports teams in football, volleyball, soccer, cross country, indoor track, outdoor track, basketball, baseball, softball, golf, and tennis. The Demons compete in Division 1-AA in football as a member of the Southland Conference. In 2004, the football, basketball, and baseball teams all won the Southland Conference titles for each sport, winning NSU a triple-crown in the Conference.

www.nsudemons.com

Since 1972 Natchitoches has been home to the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, formerly located at Northwestern State University. The city is host to the annual Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Celebration held in June.

For more information on Demon sporting events call
(318) 357-5251



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.

Keyser Hall
NSU Campus

Louisiana Folklife Center
(318) 357-4332
Folk Life Festival
2nd Weekend in July
www.nsula.edu/folklife

Louisiana Creole
Heritage Center
(318) 357-6685
www.nsula.edu/creole

Williamson Museum
(318) 357-4364 for
guided tour. Hosts
annual basket day
the 1st Sat. in Dec.



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

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Community

Libraries

450 Second St..
(318) 357-3280
www.youseemore.com/natchitoches

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.

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

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.

2nd Floor Old
Courthouse Museum
600 Second St.
(318) 357-2235
Open Tues.-Fri. 9a-4p

Natchitoches Genealogy Library

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.



Rural Communities

Ashland - 71002

When the L & A Railroad came through the area in 1899 a turntable was built here 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.

The former Ashland High School closed in 1981 as a result of parish school consolidation. Ashland High School alumni still hold class reunions. The Ashland Baptist Church, Ashland Village Hall, the Masonic lodge hall, and the U.S. Post Office are the principal entities in the village. LA State Highway 153 passes through Ashland. Population: 291. City Hall (318) 544-0044

Attractions:

- **BRIARWOOD:**
Caroline Dormon
Nature Preserve

Annual Events:

Ashland Spring
Festival – last
weekend in March.

Clarence - 71414

Clarence is located approximately 13 miles east of Natchitoches. 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. Population: 577. City Hall (318) 357-0440

Restaurants:

Grayson Barbeque - 5849 Highway 71,
Clarence, LA 71414 (318) 357-0166

Attractions:

- **Natchitoches**
Parish Port:
Port Commission,
P.O. Box 2215,
Natchitoches, LA
71458
(318) 356-9686



Cloutierville - 71416

Attractions:

- Louisiana Pecans, Inc.
- Natchitoches Pecans

Boat Launches:

Red Bayou
– picnic areas
and grills.

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 September, 2008. Several outbuildings remain on the property. The town was incorporated in 1822.

Other historical sites in the town include a circa 1900 bank and St. John Catholic Church and cemetery. Located 20 miles south of Natchitoches on Highway 1.

Powhatan - 71066

Attractions:

- Alligator Park

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

This village shares its name with communities in five other states. All of them were 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. Population: 185. Village Hall (318) 352-8549

Natchez - 71456

Attractions:

- Oakland Plantation
- Magnolia Plantation Complex

(Private Homes)

- Oaklawn Plantation
- Cherokee Plantation
- Beaufort Plantation
- Magnolia Plantation

This village southeast of Natchitoches was the last home of the Natchez Indians after they were defeated by the French in 1731. This village was not established until the Texas and Pacific Railroad came through in 1938.

Natchez is the gateway to the Cane River National Heritage Area. Population: 434. Town Hall (318) 352-1414

Events: Natchez Heritage Festival – June

Rural Communities

Robeline - 71469

In 1717, only three years after establishing Natchitoches, St. Denis led a band of missionaries and Spanish soldiers to this site only twelve miles from the French post. His purpose was to initiate trade with the Spanish and fix the border between Mexico and Louisiana at Rio Hondo (Deep Creek).

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.

Robeline itself was not established until 1881 when the railroad came through. As in the days of the railroads, everyone lived as close to town and the tracks as possible. The village was originally name “Leolia” after the postmaster’s daughter.

The village also has a history of rough and rowdy crowds. Once known as “Robbers Lane” the area was full of these types of crowds. Population: 149. Village Hall (318) 472-6121

Accommodations:

Keegan-Cook Bed and Breakfast

Restaurants:

- Weezer’s Place, 9055 Texas St., Robeline
(318) 472-9604

Annual Events:

Robeline Heritage Festival,

- First weekend in October

www.robelineheritage.org

Adai Caddo Pow Wow

- Third Weekend in October

www.AdaiIndianNation.com

Attractions:

- Los Adaes State Historic Site
- Adai Indian Nation Cultural Center
- St. Anne’s Catholic Church, one of the oldest churches in the Louisiana Purchase, tours scheduled through the Cultural Center

Located 13 miles west of Natchitoches on Hwy. 6

On the National Historic Trail:
El Camino Real de Los Tejas

www.elcaminorealtx.com



Goldonna - 71031

Attractions:

- Louisiana Trails
(Old Tank Pond)
(225) 343-8132
(318) 727-8860

www.louisianatrails.org

Trail is open year
round for horses,
bicycles, hikers,
and ATVs.

Saline Lake/
Saline Bayou

First occupied by the Indians in the area, the village was the home of salt licks. When the French arrived, they found the Indians drying the salt, and decided they could trade with the Indians. The most prominent of the salt licks, and who the licks are now named after, was Reuben Drake. 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.

Goldonna became a railroad stop for the Louisiana and Arkansas Railway. The railroad ceased operations in the late 1980s. Where the tracks once lay, now lays the Louisiana Trails, an outdoor recreational trail linking many towns and villages from Winnfield in Winn Parish to Sibley in Webster Parish.

Goldonna was first incorporated July 13, 1898. Population: 417. Festival contact: (318) 727-8860 & (318) 727-8770.

Annual Events:

Drake Salt Works Festival
– Labor Day Weekend



Rural Communities

Marthaville - 71450

The town was first inhabited by the Rains family in 1851, followed by two other families in the next two years. A school was built in 1853, and 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.

Confederate troops fought a half-hour long battle in Marthaville under General Green. Marthaville's main economic source is the timber industry. The town was incorporated in 1884.

Annual Events:

- Good Ole Days Festival
- Third weekend in September

Attractions:

- Rebel State Historic Park
 - Louisiana Country Music Museum
 - Crump's Hill Historical Museum
- (318) 472-9033



Campti - 71411

Campti is 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.

International Paper wood products manufacturer is the town's largest employer. Population: 1,057. City Hall (318) 476-3321

Restaurants:

- Lakewood Inn - 5675 Hwy 9 (318) 875-2263
- Sea & Sirloin - 6454 Hwy 9 (318) 875-2229

Attractions:

- Campti Historic Museum
- Nativity Catholic Church founded in 1831

Area fishing lakes:

- Clear Lake,
- Black Lake,
- Red River,
- Saline Bayou,
- Saline Lake

Provencal - 71468

Attractions:

- Kisatchie National Forest, 229 Dogwood Park Rd. 16 miles west of Hwy. 6 West (318) 472-1840

Restaurants:

- Coach's Citgo 4556 North Blvd. (318) 472-9707

Annual Events:

- Fall Festival - Third Saturday in November

The town of Provencal originated around 1880 while the railroad was under construction.

The railroad was built by Mr. Thomas Gregory, who owned a camp in the present site of the village. 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 built after the tornado. Population: 538. City Hall (318) 472-8767

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 – example of Poteau-en-terre (post-in-ground) construction, only one of four such structures still in existence in the U.S.
- St. Augustine Catholic Church – first Roman Catholic Church established by and for people of color in the U.S.
- St. Augustine Church Fair – held annually the second weekend of October. Celebration of Creole culture with food, entertainment, and fun.



- Creole Culture Tour – includes authentic Creole cuisine, Badin-Roque House, St. Augustine Catholic Church (318) 379-2521

Take a Tour

Historic District Tours

Historic District Tours: Daily horse and carriage tours through the district, "Steel Magnolia" filming sites and other historic sites. Call for tour times. Streetcars available for groups and special events.

Church of Immaculate Conception:

613 Second Street circa, 1850s. Spiral staircase is significant in that it has no center support.

Kaffie Frederick General Mercantile:

758 Front Street. Louisiana's Oldest General Store. Open Mon. - Sat. 8 a - 5 p. Closed major holidays.

Spiral Staircase: 701 Front Street, Located behind Plantation Treasures, Prudhomme Building, circa 1825. Built in France and shipped to Natchitoches 1856.

National Historic Landmark District:

33 blocks of restaurants, shops, antique shops, arts & crafts, book stores, art galleries, historic homes, and more.

Walk of Honor: 145 rue St. Denis Street

Marble fleur de lis set in the sidewalk. Honors stars from the movies, as well as others who have made significant contributions to Natchitoches through sports, entertainment, the arts and cultural activities.

Fort St. Jean Baptiste: 155 rue Jefferson

Museum of 18th century artifacts and history with the intent of interacting with visitors, letting them experience the culture of everyday life, with interpretive center.

Prud'homme-Rouquier Home: Located in the National Historic Landmark District, a rare architectural example of life in Natchitoches during the 1800's. Call for tour times, (800) 889-7462.

Tours & Tour Guides Contact Numbers

Natchitoches
Cane River Transit
Carriage Tours/
Streetcar Tours
(318) 356-8687
(318) 729-8282

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

The Fun Tour
(318) 357-8744

Once Upon a Time Tours
(318) 357-8903

Tour Natchitoches
with Barbara
(318) 352-5469

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



Creole Plantation Tours

Tours & Tour Guides Contact Numbers

National Park Service:
(318) 356-8441
www.nps.gov/parks

Melrose Plantation:
(318) 379-0055

Oakland Plantation:
(318) 356-8441
www.nps.gov/cari

Magnolia Plantation
Complex:
(318) 356-8441
www.nps.gov/cari

St. Augustine Church
2250 Hwy. 484
Melrose, LA
(318) 379-2521

Oakland Plantation, Cane River Creole National Historical Park: built c. 1820. Interpretive themes include French Creole architecture, slavery, plantation life, reconstruction and evolving social practices. No admission charged during on-going restoration. Restroom facilities. Open daily.

Melrose Plantation:

National Historic Landmark. Built c. 1796. Includes Yucca House, African House, Big House. Home of famous primitive artist Clementine Hunter. Admission - Available for weddings and special occasions. Group rates 20+.

St. Augustine Catholic Church & Cemetery:

Founded by Augustine Metoyer in 1803. In the graveyard behind the church, epitaphs on the older stones are in French. Church is open to the public. Filming site for wedding scene in the movie "Steel Magnolias".

Magnolia Plantation Complex, Unit of the Cane River Creole National Historical Park:

Adjoining National Park site that includes the only wooden cotton press still in its original location along with rare masonry slave cabins. Open daily.



Oakland Plantation

Take a Tour

Alligators, Gardens & More

Grand Ecore Visitor Center:

Located overlooking Red River. Open daily.

Alligator Park & Show:

Hwy 1 North, 9 miles from downtown Natchitoches. See hundreds of alligators up close & personal. Feeding shows hourly. See, hold & feed them. Open daily April – mid August and weekends Labor Day through October. Group rates for 20+. www.alligatorpark.net

Campti Museum of History & Art:

Hwy 71 North located in the old City Bank building, circa 1900. Take a journey through yesteryear. A collection of antiques, memorabilia and snippets of history for the oldest town on the Red River. Call for hours.

Briarwood:

The Caroline Dorman Nature Preserve: Saline, LA 45 minutes from Natchitoches. Admission. Open weekends, March, April, May, Aug. and Nov., Sat. 9 am – 5 pm, Sun. 12 pm – 5 pm, or by appointment.

Tours & Tour Guides

Contact Numbers

Grand Ecore:
(318) 354-8770

Alligator Park & Show:
(318) 354-0001
(877) 354-7001

Campti Museum
of History & Art:
(318) 476-2990

Briarwood:
(318) 576-3379

El Camino Real

Designated as a National Historic Trail in 2004, the “El Camino Real de los Tejas” has existed for more than 300 years.

Keegan-Cook House:

Robeline, LA. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, circa 1855. Guided tour of beautiful historic home awarded with a preservation award for their efforts. Admission. Call for tour times.

Adai Caddo Living History Museum &

Historic Village: Robeline, LA. Step back into time as this museum and historical dwellings will show the time progress of the tribe's history. Indian arts and crafts are also on display. The museum is open 7 days a week. Admission. On the 3rd weekend in October is the annual Pow Wow in memory of their forefathers and celebrating their Indian heritage.

Los Adaes State Historic Site:

Robeline, LA. 18th Century Spanish fort and presidio site. Open Wednesday – Sunday.

Tours & Tour Guides

Contact Numbers

Keegan-Cook House:
(318) 472-8610

Adai Caddo Living
History Museum &
Historic Village:
(318) 472-1007
(877) 472-1007

Los Adaes:
(318) 472-9449
(888) 677-5378

www.elcaminorealtx.com

Tours & Tour Guides Contact Numbers

Natchitoches
Pecans, Inc.:
(800) 572-5925

Louisiana Pecans:
(800) 737-3226

National Fish Hatchery:
(318) 352-5324

Call for Harvest Times



Natchitoches Pecans, Inc.:

439 Little Eva Road, located on the Little Eva Plantation in Cloutierville, La. This plantation, originally called Hidden Hill half a century ago, is said to be the real location that inspired Harriet Beecher Stowe's classic novel, Uncle Tom's Cabin. Hidden Hill was also the birthplace of American Folk Artist Clementine Hunter. The farm also has a store selling many pecan products. www.natchitochespecans.com

Louisiana Pecans:

208 Little Eva Plantation, located in Cloutierville. The farm began in 1989 with about 1800 trees that were a little over 30 years old. In need of another building for the farm, Louisiana Pecans discovered an old abandoned train depot in Natchez, La. and moved it to the plantation and began renovations. The farm also has a store selling many pecan products. www.louisianapekans.com

National Fish Hatchery:

Aquarium open daily 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Hatchery tours by appointment.
www.natchitoches.fws.gov

Explore Louisiana North



While visiting Natchitoches don't miss your opportunity to explore some of the 'off the beaten path' places in our neighboring areas. Catch a glimpse of Louisiana's infamous political past, visit a working cotton plantation, climb the highest peak in Louisiana and play a round of championship golf – all within a short drive of Natchitoches. Visit www.exploreloouisiananorth.org for all the fun and fascinating things to discover in North Louisiana.

Art & Culture Tours

Grady Harper Exhibit:

Inside Kaffie-Frederick, 758 Front St., Local artist, specializing in watercolors of historic landmarks around Natchitoches.

Natchitoches Art Guild & Gallery:

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

Cane River Gallery:

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

Clementine Hunter Exhibits & Tours:

720 Front St., Plantation Treasures Gift Shop showcases some of Clementine Hunter prints. Open 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday – Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Prints for sale in gift shop.

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 12 to 4 p.m. Tuesday – Sunday. Prints for sale in gift shop.

Kaffie-Frederick
318-352-2525
877-865-6681

Art Guild
& Gallery:
318-352-1626

Cane River Gallery:
318-352-0034

Plantation Treasures:
318-354-1714

Melrose Plantation:
318-379-0055



Children's Activities

Fort St. Jean Baptiste
318-357-3101
888-677-7853

Grand Ecore
Visitor Center
318-354-8770

Alligator Park
877-354-7001

Cultural Center
318-472-1007

Country Lanes
318-352-9015

Movie Information
318-352-5109

Fish Hatchery
318-352-5324

Fort St. Jean Baptiste:

155 rue Jefferson. Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Grand Ecore Visitor Center:

106 Tauzin Island Road. Open daily 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Alligator Park:

380 Old Bayou Pierre Road. Open daily April through mid August and weekends only Mid-August – October from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Adai Indian Nation

Cultural Center:

4460 Hwy. 485, Robeline, La., Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Country Lanes

Bowling Center:

5200 Hwy. 1 North, Bowling alley with concessions and arcade. Call for hours.

Parkway Cinema:

1011 Keyser Avenue, Six screen theatre with concessions, small arcade area and party area. Call for movie times.

National Fish Hatchery:

615 South Drive, open daily 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Other activities:

- Feeding ducks on downtown riverbank
- Ask for directions to local city parks at the downtown visitors center.



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

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 two golf courses and tennis facilities: Demon Hills and the Natchitoches Country Club. Both golf courses are open from 8 a.m. to dusk. Call for information on tennis times at Demon Hills. Country Club tennis courts open from 8 am - 8 pm.

Demon Hills, located on Hwy. 1 Bypass, is an 18-hole golf course, rating 64.1

Golf: (318) 357-6300 Tennis: (318) 357-6300

Natchitoches Country Club, located on Hwy. 3191, is a nine-hole golf course, rating 67.6.

Golf: (318) 352-5538 Tennis: (318) 352-5538



Natchitoches Shooting Range

Located near Red River & Grand Ecore Bridge off Hwy. 6

(318) 356-9457

- 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

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

Red Bayou Recreation Facility

Red River Information
www.redriverwaterway.com

Follow signs from Cloutierville on LA Hwy 491.

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

Sibley Lake

Sibley Lake Patrol

(318) 357-3887

Municipal water supply and recreational area.

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

Festivals

February / March:

Mardi Gras

March:

Bloomin' on the Bricks
& Art Along the Bricks
Ashland Spring Festival – Ashland
Main Street Events



April:

Jazz / R&B Festival
Spring Fest at Rebel
State Historic Area

May:

Cane River
Green Market

June:

Cane River Green Market
Melrose Arts & Crafts Festival
Natchez Heritage Festival – Natchez

July:

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

September:

Cane River Zydeco Festival
Drake Salt Works Festival
- Goldonna (Labor Day Weekend)

September:

Meat Pie Festival
Good Ole Days Festival
- Marthaville
Meat Pie Triathlon

October:

Return to the 50's Classic Car Show
Heritage Festival- Robeline
Tour of Historic Homes
& Plantations
Caddo-Adai Pow Wow - Robeline
Witch Way to Main Street
St. Augustine Church Fair
Haunted History Tour

November:

Opening - Festival of Lights
Holiday Open House
Provençal Fall Festival – Provençal

December:

Christmas Festival- Louisiana's
premiere holiday celebration
since 1927; Night time barge
parade; Northwestern
Symphony Gala
Holiday Tour of Homes
Fireworks every Saturday
in December
Christmas in the Park
- Rebel State Historic Area

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



Partners in
Holiday Trail of Lights
www.holidaytrailoflights.com

Important Phone Numbers

FESTIVAL CONTACTS

Ashland Spring Festival • (318) 544-2546

Natchez Heritage Festival • (318) 332-8264

Cane River Zydeco Festival
(318) 652-1500 • 471-9960 • 354-1077

Drake Salt Works Festival
(318) 727-8770 • 727-8860

Marthaville Good Ole Days Festival
(318) 472-1654

Meat Pie Festival • (318) 652-0578
(318) 730-5543 • www.meatpiefestival.com

Meat Pie Triathlon • www.runwild.us

Robeline Heritage Festival • (318) 472-9914

Caddo-Adai Pow Wow • (318) 472-1007

Provençal Fall Festival
(318) 472-9667 • (318) 446-5457

Christmas in the Park –
Rebel State Historic Area • (318) 472-6255

Jazz / R&B Festival • (318) 352-5900
www.natchjazzfest.com

Christmas Festival • (800) 259-1714
Parade, Food & Vendor
info (318) 352-6894
www.christmasfestival.com

Bloomin' on the Bricks • (318) 352-2746

Art Along the Bricks • (318) 352-1626

Melrose Arts & Crafts Festival
(318) 379-0055

Natchitoches Main Street
(318) 352-2746 - Cane River Green Market
(866) 941-MAIN (6246)

For a list of churches around Natchitoches
(800) 259-1714

For a list of Realtors around Natchitoches:
(800) 259-1714 or visit
www.natchitoches.net.

HOSPITAL

Emergency Room • (318) 214-4266

GOVERNMENT

City of Natchitoches • (318) 352-2772
Chamber of Commerce • (318) 352-6894
Natchitoches Parish Police Jury
(318) 352-2714

Natchitoches Parish School Board
(318) 352-2358

Social Security Office • (318) 357-1818
Natchitoches Parish Tax Commission
(318) 357-8871

Veteran's Affairs • (318) 357-3106

UTILITIES

CABLE
Suddenlink • (318) 352-5883
CP-Tel • (318) 352-0006

ELECTRICITY

City of Natchitoches • (318) 357-3830
AEP/SWEPCO • (318) 352-3601
Vos Electric • (318) 379-0260

GAS

Atmos • (888) 852-2424
Southern LP Gas • (318) 352-5453
Ferrellgas • (318) 352-0752

WATER

City of Natchitoches • (318) 357-3830

MEDIA

Newspapers
Natchitoches Times • (318) 352-3618
The Real Views • (318) 356-0771

Radio
Elite Broadcasting • (318) 354-4000
Baldrige Communications • (318) 357-1007

AIRPORT

Natchitoches Regional Airport
(318) 352-0994; emergencies or after hours
(318) 560-5526 or (318) 471-1456



Miles to Natchitoches from:

New Orleans – 275 miles

Dallas – 255 miles

Lafayette – 140 miles

Houston – 230 miles

Lake Charles – 140 miles

Little Rock – 290 miles

Baton Rouge – 190 miles

Jackson – 230 miles

Shreveport – 70 miles

Oklahoma City – 435 miles

Monroe – 109 miles



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