

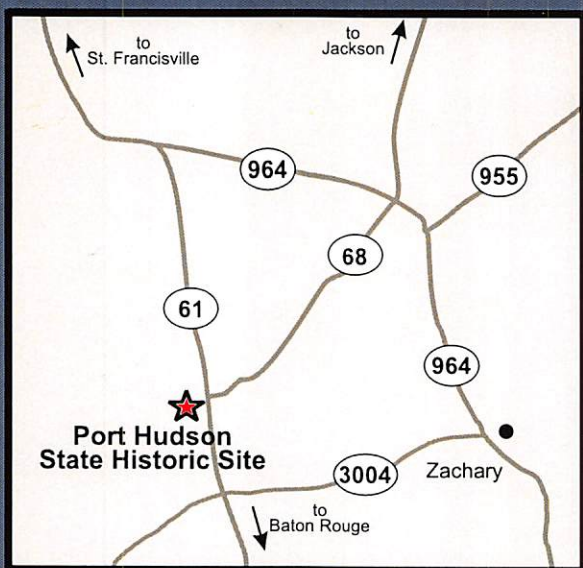
PORT HUDSON STATE HISTORIC SITE

When New Orleans fell to Federal troops in late April 1862, Confederate control of the Mississippi River was in jeopardy. The Confederate army had already fortified the river bluffs at Vicksburg, Mississippi. The bluffs near a small town of Port Hudson presented a perfect site for the river batteries. These bluffs were the first high ground upstream from Baton Rouge and overlooked a severe bend in the river.

The siege of Port Hudson began on May 23, 1863. Roughly 30,000 Union troops were pitted against 6,800 Confederates. The ensuing battles constituted some of the bloodiest and most severe fighting in the entire Civil War. After 48 days and thousands of casualties, the Union army entered Port Hudson. The siege became the longest in American military history.

In 1974, the battlefield was designated a National Historic Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior.





Port Hudson State Historic Site
236 La. Hwy. 61
Jackson, La. 70748
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Site Offerings

- Annual reenactment
- Nature trail
- Museum
- Picnic area
- Interpretive programs

Port Hudson State Historic Site, located outside of Jackson along La. Hwy. 61, is open Wednesdays through Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The site is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.



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