

*A Visitor's Guide to:*



# **NATCHITOCHEES**

**Louisiana**  
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# Authentic Culture

## Natchitoches Parish

**N**atchitoches, 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 plantations.

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
  - Four sites open daily
- 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.ci.natchitoches.la.us

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*Tip: While in Natchitoches, watch the Natchitoches Preview Tour on local Channel 17 at 6 p.m. daily and 8 a.m. Saturday morning for a quick preview of all the town has to offer.*



# Cane River National Heritage Area

## A Cultural Journey

**C**ane 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
- Los Adaes State Historic Site
- Fort St. Jean Baptiste State Historic Site
- Fort Jesup State Historic Site
- National Historic Landmark District
  - Old Courthouse Museum
  - Bishop Martin Museum
  - Landmarks in Time Exhibit
- Cane River Heritage Scenic Byway

Cane River National Heritage Area Commission  
452 Jefferson St., Suite 150  
Natchitoches, LA 71457 • 318-356-5555  
[www.caneriverheritage.org](http://www.caneriverheritage.org)  
Email: [info@caneriverheritage.org](mailto: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



**N**atchitoches Parish is home to three fort sites, numerous Creole plantation homes with four open for tours, museums, historic homes and churches, an alligator park, a fish hatchery, and many recreational outdoor activities including fishing, hiking, touring pecan plantations, or walking through a nature preserve. Every day is filled with things to do around Natchitoches.

# Attractions

## Fort St. Jean Baptiste

**E**xperience 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
- \$2 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](http://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



## William R. Atteridge Civil War/Naval Ship Museum of Natchitoches

- Handcrafted wooden naval ship replica
- Civil War era
- \$5 admission/\$2 children under 10
- Open Thurs. - Mon.
- (318) 652-0236

*Tip: If you have a group, the Museum offers special rates.*

200 rue Jefferson  
Natchitoches, LA  
71457



## Old Courthouse Museum *Branch of the Louisiana State Museum*

**F**eatures special changing exhibits on Louisiana's history & culture. Special events held throughout the year.

Admission: \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for seniors, students & military. Children 12 & under admitted free.

*Tip: If you have children, the Museum offers a Second Saturday educational program for children of all ages.*

Open Mon. - Sat.  
9a - 5p

(318) 357-2270

Call for Special  
Events & Exhibits

## Natchitoches Cane River Transit Company

(318) 356-8687

Call for tour times



### Carriage Tours

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

[www.natchitochestours.com](http://www.natchitochestours.com)

## Kaffie Frederick General Mercantile

Open Mon. – Sat.

(877) 865-6681



**L**ouisiana’s Oldest General Store. Established in 1863, this store offers anything and everything.

- Classic toys
- Shop At the Top – Christmas Store
- Shop on-line

[www.oldhardwarestore.com](http://www.oldhardwarestore.com)

## National Fish Hatchery & Aquarium

Open 8a – 3p Daily

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

[www.fws.gov/natchitoches](http://www.fws.gov/natchitoches)

## Cane River Boat Tours

Houseboat Adventures  
(318) 458-4680  
Call for Reservations  
[www.redriverhouseboats.com](http://www.redriverhouseboats.com)

LA Outdoor Excursions  
(318) 419-8089

**G**uided tours of Cane River Lake and Red River. Seasonal cruises during Festival of Lights, private parties, and fishing trips.

# Attractions

## Alligator Park

**F**rom 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](http://www.alligatorpark.net)

(877) 354-7001

April – mid August  
Open Everyday

Mid August – October  
Open Weekends Only

Park Hours: 10a - 6p

8 miles north of  
Natchitoches on  
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
- Pavilion, Picnic area and Hiking trails

Open daily  
(318) 354-8770

Red River Waterway  
Commission  
(800) 874-9431

## Adai Indian Nation Cultural Center

**E**xperience a day in the life of the Adai Indian.

- Visit historic dwellings
- Explore the Cultural Center
- Watch the buffalo roam
- 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 - performed daily
- Admission

*Tip: Join in the traditional dances!*

[www.AdaiIndianNation.com](http://www.AdaiIndianNation.com)

Open Daily • 9a - 5p

4460 Hwy. 485,  
Robeline, LA 71469

(318) 472-1007

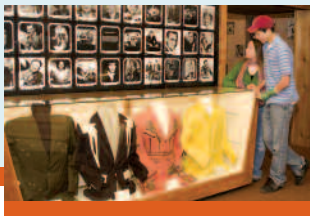


## Rebel State Historic Site & LA Country Music Museum

Open Daily • 9a - 5p  
Closed Major Holidays

1260 Hwy. 1221,  
Marthaville, LA  
71450

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



**S**tep 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.

- Louisiana Country Music Museum with costumes, music, memorabilia
- Outdoor amphitheater
- Annual Louisiana State Harmonica Championship
- Call for special programs & demonstrations
- \$2 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](http://www.crt.state.la.us/parks/irebel.aspx)

## Los Adaes State Historic Site

Open Daily • 9a - 5p  
Closed Major Holidays

6354 Hwy. 485,  
Robeline, LA 71449

(318) 472-9449



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**T**his 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 National Historic Trail
- Changing displays
- Guided tours of the grounds
- Hosts historical demonstrations and special programs throughout the year
- Walking trail is available

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

[www.crt.state.la.us/parks/iLosAdaes.aspx](http://www.crt.state.la.us/parks/iLosAdaes.aspx)

## Ft. Jesup State Historic Site

Open Daily • 9a - 5p  
Closed Major Holidays  
32 Geoghagan Rd.  
Many, LA 71449

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

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

[www.crt.state.la.us/parks/iFtjesup.aspx](http://www.crt.state.la.us/parks/iFtjesup.aspx)

# Attractions

## Kisatchie National Forest

**T**welve miles of wilderness hiking trails

- Over 20 miles for canoeing down 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
- Includes National Red Dirt Wildlife Management Area

*Tip: Known as the Little Grand Canyon, the Loneleaf 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

**T**he Caroline Dormon Nature Preserve is located at the Northwest 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](http://www.cp-tel.net/dormon)

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

- *Cane River Creole National Historical Park*

Oakland has 17 of its original outbuildings still remaining. Outbuildings still on the plantation include two pigeonniers, 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](http://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. Tours by reservation only. (318) 379-2221 Admission.

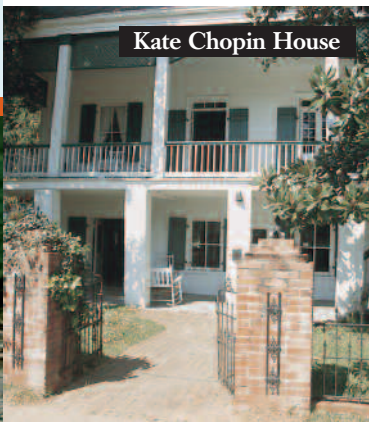


Magnolia Plantation

## MAGNOLIA PLANTATION COMPLEX

- *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

## KATE CHOPIN HOUSE

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 includes a restored blacksmith shop, a building that served as a doctor's office, and also houses the Bayou Folk Museum, which features among its contents many agricultural implements. (318) 379-0055 by reservation only.

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## MELROSE PLANTATION

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 was 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 most 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. [www.preservenatchitoches.org](http://www.preservenatchitoches.org)

## 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.*



### Spas & Massage Therapists

Advanced Cosmetic Techniques  
(318) 352-4983  
[www.permanentmakeupstudio.com](http://www.permanentmakeupstudio.com)

Billy O'Con LMT • (318) 352-3971

La Petite Maison  
(318) 352-5335

Lotus in the Pines • (318) 472-9484  
[www.lotusinthepines.com](http://www.lotusinthepines.com)

Rejuvenation, The Medical Spa  
(318) 352-2250  
[www.rejuvenationmedicalspa.com](http://www.rejuvenationmedicalspa.com)

# Bed & Breakfast

## Natchitoches Hospitality

Property Name	# of Rooms	Pets	Description
<b>*Andre's Riverview</b> 612 Williams Ave. (318) 357-0423 • (800) 960-2267 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.
<b>*Bayou Amulet House</b> 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.
<b>*Blessed House</b> 318 Nelken St. (318) 356-9977 • (866) 253-7347 www.blessedhouse.com	3	No	Circa 1836 Creole raised cottage. Private breakfast and gardens, wireless internet. Children welcome. Within walking distance of historic downtown district & scenic Cane River Lake.



<b>Blind Faith Ranch &amp; Cabins</b> 240 Bayou Pierre Cutoff Rd. (318) 352-2920 • (318) 652-1311 www.blindfaithranch.com	6	Yes	Children welcome, beautiful scenery, 6 private waterfront cabins with decks, kitchen, kitchen, bedrooms, cabins sleep up to 6. Overlooking Bayou Pierre, only 5 minutes from downtown.
<b>*Breazeale House</b> 926 Washington St. (318) 352-5630 • (800) 352-5631	5	No	Charming Victorian home, circa 1890s. Children welcome, walking distance to downtown, swimming pool, full breakfast.

### \*Landmark Historic District

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Property Name	# of Rooms	Pets	Description
<b>*Cabin on Cane River</b> 614 Williams Ave. (318)357-0520 • (318) 352-6494 www.cabinoncane.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.
<b>Cane River Cottage</b> 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.
<b>Casa Rio</b> 1326 Williams Ave. (318) 356-5698 www.casariobandb.com	2	No	Casual elegant comfort overlooking the beautiful Cane River Lake, only minutes from the downtown historic district. Private entrances, private baths, cable TV, full breakfast.



<b>*Chaplin House</b> 434 Second St. (318) 352-2324 • (318) 471-9505 www.natchitoches.net/chaplin	1	No	Continental breakfast in the guest quarters. Accommodations include a full bath, and a sitting area with television. Gardens and a tour of historic 1890 home included with reservation.
<b>Chateau d' Terre</b> 109 Jamar Dr. (318) 354-7929 • (888)798-6566 www.chateaudterre.com	2	No	Overlooking scenic Sibley Lake, cottage nestled in secluded setting; front porch, third floor sitting room with lake views. Continental breakfast on weekdays and Southern breakfast on the weekends.

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<b>Property Name</b>	<b># of Rooms</b>	<b>Pets</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>*Chez des Amis</b> 910 Washington St. (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.
<b>Creole Rose Estates B&amp;B</b> 3798 Hwy. 119 Natchez, LA 71456 (318) 332-1785 www.creoleroseestates.com	3	No	Located on the banks of Cane River Lake just minutes from plantations. Private baths, full breakfast, Cable TV, fishing dock. Private parties and groups welcome.
<b>*Ducournau Townhouse</b> 752 Front St. (318) 352-1774 www.ducournautownhouse.com	3	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.
<b>*Fleur de Lis Inn</b> 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.
<b>*Good House</b> 314 rue Poete St. (318) 352-9206 • (800) 441-8343 www.goodhouse.com	4	No	Exclusive 1930 English cottage overlooking Bayou Amulet. Heavy continental breakfast, pool, private baths, double Jacuzzi tubs, wireless internet available, TV/VCR, coffee pots in room.
<b>*Green Gables &amp; Camellia Cottage</b> 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.
<b>*Jefferson House</b> 229 Jefferson St. (318) 352-5834 • (866) 254-7279 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.

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Property Name	# of Rooms	Pets	Description
<b>*Jefferson Street Townhouse</b> 230 Jefferson St. (318)352-8481 • (800)342-3957 www.jeffersontownhouse.com	4	No	1920s bungalow, pool, gardens, perfect for private parties and weddings, catering kitchen available. Full breakfast, cable TV; walking distance of downtown.
<b>*Judge Porter House</b> 321 Second St. (318) 352-9206 • (800) 441-8343 www.judgeporterhouse.com	5	No	Elegant 1912 townhouse; private baths, double Jacuzzi tubs, wine & coffee, gourmet breakfast; DSL connection; TV/VCR; within walking distance to downtown historic district.
<b>Keegan-Cook House</b> 143 Chaplin Loop – Robeline, LA (318) 472-8610 • (866) 472-8610	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.



<b>*La Louisiane</b> 104 rue Poete (318) 356-0007 • (800) 392-8232 www.lalouisianeb-b.com	3	No	Luxurious inn available for families, family reunions, weddings and special occasions. Private baths, breakfast & other amenities. Walking distance to historic downtown. Children allowed.
<b>La Maison de Aloha</b> 220 Ragan St. voicemail phone (318) 219-5686 www.thehouseofaloha.com	2	No	Historic district home with private guest quarters, separate bath, decorated in semi tropical style, queen-sized bed, elegant linens and an island decor. Continental breakfast. Children allowed.

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Property Name	# of Rooms	Pets	Description
<b>*Levy East House</b> 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.
<b>Louisiana Gallery B&amp;B</b> 1042 Washington St. (318) 352-8232 www.louisianagallerybandb.com	2	No	Louisiana and Island themed rooms with private baths. Homemade cheesecake and social hour. Home-style breakfast. 2 blocks from downtown historic district. Children allowed depending on age.
<b>*Maison Louisiane</b> 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.
<b>*Parsonage</b> 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.
<b>*Queen Anne</b> 125 Pine St. (318) 352-9206 • (800) 441-8343 www.queenannebandb.com	5	No	Historic home furnished with antiques. Private baths with double Jacuzzi; high speed wireless internet available, cable, gourmet breakfast in formal dining room.
<b>*Rusca House</b> 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.
<b>*Samuel Guy House</b> 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.

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Property Name	# of Rooms	Pets	Description
<b>Starlight Plantation</b> 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.
<b>*Steel Magnolia House</b> 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.
<b>*Tante Huppe Inn</b> 424 rue Jefferson (318) 352-5342 • (800) 482-4276 www.tantehuppe.com	3	No	Three suites with kitchen. Each will accommodate four persons. One block from Front Street. Private entrances and contemporary furnishings. Tour home during your visit. Continental breakfast in suite, swimming pool.
<b>Thorny Hill Cabin</b> 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.
<b>*Violet Hill</b> 917 Washington St. (318) 357-0858 • (866) 357-0858 www.violethillbandb.com	6	No	Historic 1880s home with gazebo overlooking Cane River Lake. Beautifully furnished and decorated. Breakfast served in formal dining area.
<b>*Wheelwright Inn</b> 216 College Ave. (318) 356-9175 www.wheelwrightinn.com	4	No	Craftsman style house, 1915; across from NSU Main Entrance; family suite available; private baths; gourmet breakfast; amenities; customize occasion; landscape yard and deck. Perfect for private parties.
<b>*Winbarg Cottage</b> 210 Jefferson St. (318) 354-2846 www.winbargcottage.com	2	No	Guest rooms upstairs; Queen beds, private baths with whirlpool tubs, internet service, cable TV/DVD. Continental Breakfast in the French blue breakfast room or the glassed-in porch downstairs.

# 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
<b>Best Western</b> 5135 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.
<b>Church Street Inn</b> 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.
<b>Days Inn</b> 1000 College Ave. (Across from NSU) (318) 352-4426 (800) 329-7466	60	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	HBO, HC accessible; Two (2) miles to downtown historic district. Major credit cards accepted.
<b>Econo Lodge &amp; Suites</b> 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.
<b>Hampton Inn</b> 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.

# Hotel/Motels

PROPERTY	#	Pe	B	P	M/R	I	DESCRIPTION
<b>Holiday Inn Express &amp; Suites</b> 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.
<b>Quality Inn</b> 5362 University Pkwy (318) 352-7500 (800) 4 CHOICE www.choicehotels.com	59		✓	✓	✓	✓	Meeting room. Cable/Satellite TV. 6 miles to downtown Natchitoches. Major credit cards accepted.
<b>Ramada Inn</b> 7624 Hwy 1 Bypass (318) 357-0423 (888) 252-8281	144	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Full service property with restaurant, lounge, meeting and banquet rooms. HBO, HC accessible. 3.5 miles to downtown historic district. Major credit cards accepted.
<b>Riverview Inn</b> 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.
<b>Super 8</b> 801 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.
<b>Travel Express Inn</b> 5135 University Pkwy (318) 352-0783 www.travelexpressinn.com	65		✓	✓	✓	✓	HBO, HC accessible. Adjacent to restaurants, 6 miles to downtown historic district. Major credit cards accepted.

# Campgrounds & RV Parks

PROPERTY	# Sites	Pets	DESCRIPTION
<b>Country Living RV Park</b> 1115 Hwy 174 (I-49 @ Ajax Exit) (318) 796-2543	27	Yes	Full hookups. Stocked pond. Bath house facilities with washer/dryers. Picnic tables. 17 miles from downtown historic district.
<b>Dogwood Ridge</b> 5060 Hwy 3278 (318) 352-8619	30	Yes	5 tent sites, wooded lot, 4 miles from the downtown historic district.
<b>Kisatchie National Forest</b> 229 Dogwood Park Rd. (16 miles west of Hwy. 6 on Hwy. 117) (318) 472-1840 <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/kisatchie">www.fs.fed.us/r8/kisatchie</a>	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.
<b>Nakatosh RV Park &amp; Campgrounds</b> 5428 Hwy 6 (318) 352-0911 <a href="http://www.nakatoshcamp.com">www.nakatoshcamp.com</a>	41	Yes	Good Sam Park. Tent sites available. Rec. building, picnic tables, bath house w/washer-dryers. Scenic lots. Adjacent to 24-hr restaurant, free RV dump, 4.5 miles to downtown historic district.
<b>Sibley Lake RV Park</b> Hwy 3110 North Bypass (318) 352-6708 <a href="http://www.unitedcampgrounds.com">www.unitedcampgrounds.com</a>	30	Yes	Located on Sibley Lake behind convenience store, propane supplies, bath house with washer/dryers. 3 miles to downtown historic district.

## Retirement

### Make Natchitoches Home



**N**amed 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.

Lieutenant Governor Mitch Landrieu designated Natchitoches Parish as a Redefine Life. Retire in Louisiana. Certified Retirement Community for 2007-2008.

[www.retirenatchitoches.com](http://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](http://www.antoonsrestaurant.com)*

### Cane River Bar & Grill:

1125 Washington Street - (318) 352-2600

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

### Ducournau Restaurant

750 Front St. - (318) 352-3836

» *Fine dining in 1830s historic building; patio; lounge; live jazz music every Friday evening. Catering available, groups and private parties welcome.*

### La Cocina de Nakatosh

584 Front St., Ste. 105A

(318) 238-TACO (8226)

» *Located in historic Nakatosh hotel serving breakfast and lunch. Groups and private parties welcome.*

### 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](http://www.thelandingrestaurantandbar.com)*

### Lasyone's Meat Pie Restaurant

622 Second St. - (318) 352-3353

» *Home of the Famous Natchitoches Meat Pie and Cane River Mud Pie; open for breakfast and lunch. Catering available, groups and private parties welcome. [www.lasyones.com](http://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.mamasosterhouse.com](http://www.mamasosterhouse.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 lunch only except during Christmas season.*

### Mr. Johnny's Coffee & Bistro

584 Front St., Ste. 103 - (318) 238-3030

» *Specialty coffee shop and homemade desserts. Call for special events, music, poetry readings and art shows.*



### 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](http://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.*

**Royal Tea – Tea Room  
& Gift Shop**

212 Second St. – (318) 332-5089

» *Casual dining in elegant atmosphere; specialty teas, salads and desserts, private parties welcome, catering available. Lunch only.*

**Shipley Donuts**

400 Second St. – (318) 357-1703

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

**Tin House BBQ**

400 St. Denis – (318) 352-6164

» *Southern smoked meats; groups and private parties welcome; catering available.*

**DINING AROUND TOWN**

**Almost Home**

5841 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.*



**Café St. Denis**

– located inside Ramada Inn

7624 Hwy. 3110 Bypass – (318) 357-8281

» *Daily lunch buffet. Groups and private parties welcome. Catering available. Large banquet and meeting rooms available.*

**Chef Wok**

299 South Dr. – (318) 356-0006

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

**Cheng's Garden**

303 South Dr. – (318) 356-0011

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

**Chuckwagon Cafe**

109 South Dr. – (318) 356-0777

» *Homestyle dining in casual atmosphere. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. 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.*

# Cuisine

## **Grayson's Barbeque**

– located in Clarence  
(7.5 miles west 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.*

## **Huddle House**

5306 University Parkway  
(318) 352-7711  
» *Casual dining. Serving any meal, any time.*

## **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**

700 Hwy. 3110 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](http://www.marinersrestaurant.com)*

## **Magee's Patio Café**

536 College Ave. – (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**

Campti, 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](http://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.*

### Full of Grace

502 Front St. – (318) 352-4676  
» *Christian gifts, rosaries & more.*  
<http://stores.ebay.com/fullofgracegifts>

### Georgia's Gift Shop

626 Front St. – (318) 352-5833  
» *Largest selection of Natchitoches and Louisiana gifts and souvenirs!*  
[www.georgiasgiftshop.com](http://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.*

### 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](http://www.oldhardwarestore.com)

### Le Le's

504 Front St.  
– (318) 357-8995  
» *Children's clothing, gifts, baby linens, all occasion invitations and more.*

### Les Saison's

516 Front St. – (318) 238-2026  
» *Homemade fudge, candies, candles and specialty kitchen items.*

### Louisiana Purchase

584 Front St. # 101  
– (318) 352-0117  
» *Fresh fudge & creamy pralines made daily. Louisiana products, gifts, souvenirs, & more.*  
[www.LouPurchase.com](http://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 Coffee & Gifts

584 Front St., Suites 105-106  
– (318) 352-6624  
» *Located in historic hotel, exclusive decorative gifts, candles and specialty coffee.*



# Shopping

## **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](http://www.natchitochesartguild.org)

## **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-ww.com](http://www.olivier-ww.com)

## **Paper Magnolia**

504 Front Street, (318) 238-6000

» *fun and whimsical gifts; souvenirs and party supplies.*

## **Pink Magnolia**

132 rue St. Denis – (318) 352-4488

» *Antiques, gifts and books, seasonal ornaments and decorations.*

## **Plantation Treasures**

720 Front St. – (318) 354-1714

» *Clementine Hunter originals and prints; Lampe Berger lamps, and fine gifts. Historic staircase, circa 1850s located in rear of store.*  
[www.plantationtreasures.com](http://www.plantationtreasures.com)

## **Robin's Nest Gift Shop**

– located inside Wheelwright Inn

215 College Ave. – (318) 356-9175

» *Cachet candles, Boyd's Bear collection and other fine gifts and accessories.*  
[www.wheelwrightinn.com](http://www.wheelwrightinn.com)

## **The Rocking Horse Toy Store**

628 Front St. – (318) 357-8889

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

## **Southern Necessities**

624 Front St. – (318) 354-8808

» *Designer handbags, luggage, men and women's watches, jewelry, and home decorations.*  
[www.southernnecessities2.com](http://www.southernnecessities2.com)



## **SOUVENIRS & GIFTS AROUND TOWN**

### **Campus Corner**

912 College Ave. – (318) 352-9965

» *Northwestern State University clothing and gifts, educational items, balloons and gifts.*  
[www.campuscornerinc.com](http://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](http://www.fancystitchesonline.com)

### **Louisiana Gallery**

1042 Washington St. – (318) 352-1734

» *Custom framing and prints.*

### **Louisiana Pecans**

(800) 737-3226

» *Store located in old train depot selling many pecan products.*  
[www.louisianapekans.com](http://www.louisianapekans.com)

### **Nellanne's Hallmark**

319 Dixie Plaza – (318) 352-9140

» *Hallmark cards and gifts, Louisiana souvenirs, wedding and bridal shop.*  
[www.campuscornerinc.com](http://www.campuscornerinc.com)

### **Natchitoches Pecans, Inc.**

439 Little Eva Rd., Cloutierville

(800) 572-5925

» *Homemade pecan products, gifts; seasonal opening.*  
[www.natchitochespecans.com](http://www.natchitochespecans.com)

### **Pampered Soul**

337 South Dr., (318) 356-9699

» *Christian items, music, gifts, candles, and wedding invitations.*

# 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.natchitochesevents-center.com](http://www.natchitochesevents-center.com) or call 877-238-7502 for more information about the Events Center.

**T**he 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.

- 2007 U.S. News and World Report *Ten Bargain 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
- Named a Top Retirement Destination
- Named a Top Tax Haven for Retirees



*For more information on the City of Natchitoches, please visit [www.ci.natchitoches.la.us](http://www.ci.natchitoches.la.us) 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.

## **Creole Rose Estates on Cane River**

(318) 332-1785  
www.creolroseestates.com  
Capacity up to 100

## **Hampton Inn**

5300 University Pkwy. • (318) 214-0700  
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) 352-4911  
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**

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

## **Natchitoches Arts Center**

716 Second St.  
(318) 238-7500 • (800) 238-7502  
Landmark Historic District. Audio/video equipment available. Capacity up to 200.

## **Natchitoches Conference Center**

5135 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.

## **Ramada Inn**

7624 Hwy. 1 Bypass  
(318) 357-8281 • (888) 252-8281  
www.the.ramada.com/13713 • Full service hotel with meeting and breakout rooms; capacity up to 300, catering available.

## **Samuel Guy House**

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

# Northwestern

State University

Telephone Numbers:

Information

(318) 357-6361

Admissions Office

(318) 357-4503

(800) 426-3754

Alumni Affairs

(318) 357-4414

Athletic Department

(318) 357-5251

Creative and

Performing Arts

(318) 357-4522

Recreation Complex

(318) 357-3207

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by Gary Hardamon*

**N**orthwestern 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](http://www.nsula.edu)



# Northwestern State University

## Sports

**N**orthwestern 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](http://www.nsudemons.com)

NSU is home to the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, honoring our state's long list of individuals who have excelled in competitive sports throughout Louisiana and the world. Call (318) 357-6467 to schedule a tour.

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



## Folklife Center / Williamson Museum

**T**he 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](http://www.nsula.edu/folklife)

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

Louisiana Creole Heritage Center  
(318) 357-6685  
[www.nsula.edu/creole](http://www.nsula.edu/creole)  
Hosts annual Heritage Celebration in Oct.

Williamson Museum  
(318) 357-6195 for guided tour  
Hosts annual basket day the 1st Sat. in Dec.



*Photograph provided by Creole Heritage Center, NSU*

# 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 and third floors and the art exhibit in the back entrance foyer provided by the Natchitoches Art Guild & Gallery.

3rd Floor - Watson  
Memorial Library  
913 College Ave.  
(318) 357-4585  
www.nsula.edu/watson\_li  
brary/CGHRC.HTM

### 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

### 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

**W**hen 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.

In 2001, Ashland celebrated its' Centennial Celebration with a Spring Festival, and is continuing the festival annually the last weekend of March. Miss Ashland Spring Festival Queen is crowned during the Ashland Spring Festival Pageant. Population: 291. City Hall (318) 544-0044

### Annual Events:

Spring Festival – Last Weekend in March

### Attractions:

- **BRIARWOOD:**  
Caroline Dormon  
Nature Preserve

## Clarence

**C**larence 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

### Attractions:

- Kate Chopin House & Bayou Folk Museum
- Louisiana Pecans, Inc.
- Natchitoches Pecans

### Boat Launches:

Red Bayou  
– picnic areas  
and grills.

**A**lexis Cloutier founded Cloutierville. He built the town on his Plantation, which was later owned by Kate Chopin and is now the Kate Chopin House and Bayou Folk Museum. 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

### Attractions:

- Alligator Park

**T**his 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

### Attractions:

- Oakland Plantation
- Magnolia Plantation Complex

### *(Private Homes)*

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

**T**his 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

**I**n 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:

--Missy’s Diner, 9055 Texas Street, Robeline  
(318) 472-9909

--The Plowhorse, 9031 Texas Street, Robeline  
(318) 472-9224

### Annual Events:

Robeline Heritage Festival,  
– First weekend in October  
[www.robelineheritage.org](http://www.robelineheritage.org)

Adai Caddo Pow Wow  
– Third Weekend in October  
[www.AdaiIndianNation.com](http://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](http://www.elcaminorealtx.com)



## Goldonna

### Attractions:

- Louisiana Trails  
(Old Tank Pond)  
(225) 343-8132

[www.louisianatrails.org](http://www.louisianatrails.org)

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

Saline Lake /  
Saline Bayou

Goldonna Central  
Office

(318) 727-8860

[www.louisianatrails.org](http://www.louisianatrails.org)

Downtown Goldonna  
(318) 727-9200

*Seafood, "Boondocks Spud,"*  
☞ *"Swamp Bottom Dessert"*

**F**irst 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. After the Great Depression and World War II, the railroad ceased operations. Where the tracks once lay, now lays the L&A Trail, 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. Mayor's Office (318) 727-4444

### Annual Events:

Drake Salt Works Festival

– First Saturday in September



# Rural Communities

## Marthaville

**T**he 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

### Restaurants

T.C.'s Chuckwagon (318) 472-3906

### Attractions:

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



## Campti

**C**ampti 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

## Provençal

### 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

**T**he town of Provençal originated around 1880 while the railroad was under construction. The town 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 Provençal Land Grant Corporation. The village was wiped out on April 13, 1913 by a tornado. What now exists as Provençal is what was built after the tornado. Population: 538. City Hall (318) 472-8767

## Melrose / Isle Brevelle

**T**he 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.

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- 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 guided streetcar or horse and carriage tours through the district, “Steel Magnolia” filming sites and other historic sites. Call for tour times.

**Old Courthouse Museum:**

*Branch of Louisiana State Museum*

600 Second Street Built in 1896 Louisiana’s only courthouse museum. Open Mon-Sat. 9 am - 5 pm. Closed major holidays. Admission. Time: 45 min.

**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. 7 am - 5 pm. 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.

### Contact Numbers

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

Buzzin’ with Betty Tours  
(318) 352-3774

The Fun Tour  
(318) 357-8744

Once Upon a Time Tours  
(318) 357-8903

Real Scoop Tours  
(318) 352-5342  
(800) 482-4276

Prud’homme-  
Rouquier Home  
(800) 889-7462

Tours by Jan  
(318) 352-2324



## Creole Plantation Tours

### Contact Numbers

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

Melrose Plantation:  
(318) 379-0055  
[www.preservenatchitoches.org](http://www.preservenatchitoches.org)

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

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

Magnolia Plantation:  
(318) 379-2221

Kate Chopin House &  
Bayou Folk Museum:  
(318) 379-0055  
[www.preservenatchitoches.org](http://www.preservenatchitoches.org)

**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:

One of two bicentennial farms west of the Mississippi River. Main House has 27 rooms including Catholic chapel. Tours by reservation only. Admission.

### 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.

### Kate Chopin House & Bayou Folk Museum:

Built by Alexis Cloutier between 1805-1809, it was the home of Kate Chopin in the 1880s. Today, she is an acclaimed 19th century American writer and storyteller. Admission. Group rates 15+. By reservation only.



# 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](http://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. Museum hours  
Tues. – Fri. 11 am – 2 pm

### **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.

## 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:**

**40** Robeline, LA. 18th Century Spanish fort and presidio site. Open daily.

### Contact Numbers

Grand Ecore:  
(318) 354-8770

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

Campti Museum  
of History & Art:  
(318) 476-2065  
(318) 476-2605

Briarwood:  
(318) 576-3379

### Contact Numbers

Keegan-Cook House:  
(318) 472-8610

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

Los Adaes:  
(888) 677-5378

[www.elcaminorealtx.com](http://www.elcaminorealtx.com)

### 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](http://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](http://www.louisianapekans.com)

### National Fish Hatchery:

Aquarium open daily 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Hatchery tours by appointment. [www.natchitoches.fws.gov](http://www.natchitoches.fws.gov)



# Art & Culture Tours

## **Grady Harper Exhibit:**

Inside Kaffie-Frederick, Too! 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 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

## **Cane River Gallery:**

558 Front St., Offers frames, custom framing, prints & artwork.

## **Clementine Hunter Exhibits & Tours:**

720 Front St., Plantation Treasures Gift Shop showcases some of Clementine's works for viewing and purchasing. Open 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday – Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Works for sale in gift shop.

## **Melrose Plantation**

3524 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. Works for sale in gift shop.

## **Kate Chopin House & Bayou Folk Museum:**

Once the home of Kate Chopin, author of "The Awakening." 243 Hwy. 495. By reservation only.

## **Creole Culture Tour**

Tour of Creole structures and food including Badin-Roque House, St. Augustine Catholic Church, and authentic Creole cuisine.

Kaffie-Frederick's,  
Too! 318-352-5252

Art Guild &  
Gallery: 318-352-  
1626

Cane River Gallery:  
318-352-0034

Plantation Treasures:  
318-354-1714

Melrose Plantation:  
318-379-0055

Kate Chopin House:  
318-379-0055

Creole Culture Tour  
318-357-7927,  
318-527-9802



# Children's Activities

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

Grand Ecore:  
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 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## **Alligator Park:**

380 Old Bayou Pierre Road. Open daily April through mid August and weekends only Labor Day – October from 10 a.m. to 6 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.

## **Fish Hatchery:**

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

## **Other activities:**

- Pedal boats on Cane River Lake
- Feeding ducks on downtown riverbank
- Ask for directions to local city parks at the downtown visitors center.



# Outdoor Activities

## Fishing

**F**ishing 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 establishments 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](http://www.wlf.state.la.us)

## Golf & Tennis

**N**atchitoches 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) 357-3207 Tennis: (318) 357-4272

Natchitoches Country Club, located on Hwy. 3191, is a nine-hole golf course, rating 67.6.  
Golf: (318) 352-5538 Tennis: (318) 352-5532



## 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
- Two lane boat launch
- 100 parking spaces
- Picnic area
- Boat dock & Bank fishing
- Fishing license required

## Natchitoches Port

Marina Info:  
Cane River  
Red River

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

## Sibley Lake

Sibley Lake Patrol

(318) 357-3887

**M**unicipal 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:

Blooming on the Bricks  
& Art on the Bricks  
Ashland Spring Festival – Ashland  
Sacred Places Tour  
Brown Bag Concerts



## April:

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

## May:

Cane River  
Green Market  
Brown Bag Concerts

## June:

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

## July:

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

## August / September:

Cane River Zydeco Festival  
(Labor Day Weekend)

## September:

Drake Salt Works Festival  
- Goldonna  
Meat Pie Festival & Meat Pie  
Triathlon  
Good Ole Days Festival  
- Marthaville  
Boogie on the Bricks follows  
every NSU home football game.

## October:

Heritage Festival- Robeline  
Tour of Historic Homes  
& Plantations  
Caddo-Adai Pow Wow - Robeline  
Witch Way to Main Street  
Boogie on the Bricks  
St. Augustine Church Fair

## November:

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

## 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](http://www.natchitoches.net)  
or call (800) 259-1714.**



Partners in  
Holiday Trail of Lights  
[www.holidaytrailoflights.org](http://www.holidaytrailoflights.org)

# Important Phone Numbers

## **FESTIVAL CONTACTS**

Ashland Spring Festival • (318) 544-2546

Natchez Heritage Festival • (318) 352-6640

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

Drake Salt Works Festival  
(318) 727-8770 • 727-8860  
(225) 343-8132

Meat Pie Festival • (318) 256-6943  
(318) 527-6626 • [www.meatpiefestival.com](http://www.meatpiefestival.com)

Meat Pie Triathlon • [www.runwild.us](http://www.runwild.us)

Good Ole Days Festival  
(318) 472-1879 • (318) 472-1654

Robeline Heritage Festival • (318) 472-9914

Caddo-Adai Pow Wow • (318) 472-1007

Provencal Fall Festival  
(318) 472-1006 • (318) 472-6107

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

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

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

Bloomin' on the Bricks • (318) 238-7500

Art on the Bricks • (318) 352-1626

Melrose Arts & Crafts Festival  
(318) 379-0055

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](http://www.natchitoches.net).

## **HOSPITAL**

Emergency Room • (318) 214-4266

## **GOVERNMENT**

City of Natchitoches • (318) 352-2722

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

Valley Electric • (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

KZBL • (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:

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New Orleans—250 miles

Dallas—255 miles

Lafayette—140 miles

Houston—230 miles

Lake Charles—140 miles

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