New boat docks and cabins are available for reservation now at Cypremort Point State Park.

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Added attraction

New cabins add to Cypremort Point's bayside site

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CYPREMORT POINT — Until this month, Cypremort Point State Park was a great place to spend the day basking in the sun or catching the breeze from Vermilion Bay — but you needed a camp of your own if you planned to stay overnight.

That will change on Thursday, May 27, when six new two-bedroom cabins will be opened to the public.

"It was a bit of a struggle getting them open," according to BoBoehringer of the Office of State Parks. "We had them under construction when Lili struck (in October 2002). That set us back about nine months."

But they are completed now, adding a new attraction to one of Acadiana's busiest summer places.

The 185-acre park is off La. Hwy. 319 some 24 miles south of Jeanerette on Vermilion Bay — an hour's leisurely drive from Lafayette — and is one of the few places near the Gulf of Mexico between Grand Isle and Cameron that can be reached by car.

Picnic tables, grills, pavilions and restrooms are available for day use. Vermilion Bay is an arm of the Gulf of Mexico and can be reached by boat from boat launches on the Quintana Canal just outside the park entrance.

For those interested in fishing from the shore, a 100-foot fishing pier pushing into the bay is an excellent place to cast a line for redfish, flounder, or speckled trout, or to drop a crabbing line.

The beach area is surrounded by marsh and, according to the State Park office, "the quiet observer may happen upon nutria, muskrat, alligator, or a number of bird species native to the state."

They were built in response to demand," Boehringer said. "This was one of the last state parks where we did not have overnight facilities."

Cabins include full kitchen and bathroom facilities and a wrap-around deck.

Cabin users will have access to boat docking facilities adjacent to the cabin area.

Reservations are now being accepted for the six new cabins at the park, Boehringer said. The public is invited to ribbon-cutting ceremonies at 2 p.m. May 27. There will be a tour of the cabins after the ceremony.

The two-bedroom cabins will rent for $65 per night. Each sleeps up to eight guests.

Want to go?

Cypremort Point State Park is 24 miles south of Jeanerette off La. Hwy. 83. Continue south on Hwy. 83 and turn right onto La. Hwy. 319.

Reservations for cabins or picnic pavilions can be made by calling toll free (877) 226-7652 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For general information call (888) 867-4510.

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