The Atchafalaya Swamp is many things to many people...

First, the Basin is a delta plain... containing rivers... and lakes... with willow covered islands in endless chain. "Blue Hole"... the view, as well as the name, is full of enchantment. "Billy Little's Lake" gets you away from it all... particularly as you lose yourself in the adjoining bayous. "Pat's Throat" invites explorers... and loses them in a winding watercourse. "Lost Lake", near Butte LaRose, is only minutes away from your car. "Mystic Crew Bayou", similarly, is near a landing... yet you feel you are in another era. Most of the cypress is second growth... about a century old. Occasionally, however, a Methuselah is found whose beginning was even before Western civilization.

To those who suffered in the 1927 flood, the Basin means flood control. To the sportsman it means prime fishing... and crawfishing... it also means a habitat for deer (the Basin deer are the largest in the Southern United States)... and squirrel... and mallards, wood duck and a multitude of other game birds. To the naturalist it means the habitat of abundant and varied wildlife... including alligator and plantlife... from our traditional moss to hundreds of varieties co-mingled... topped by blazes of color. As a wilderness it provides a pioneer locale for exploring... for camping... for hiking... and for boating...

The potential for recreation development is limitless. The overwhelming scenic beauty is the greatest asset to those who love the outdoors. The Basin is not only a wilderness providing recreation for the sportsman and a laboratory for the naturalists; it means a livelihood for thousands of people who live nearby.

See Louisiana's Great Atchafalaya Basin Swamp Wilderness.

It's for everyone... a place to get from the daily life... to commune with nature and recreate the spirit.
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BUFFALO COVE

One of the most beautiful concentrated areas in the Atchafalaya Basin Swamp is Buffalo Cove. Efforts are now being made to retard siltation and provide more circulation to this natural area. We are charged with preserving the swamp ecosystem of annual flooding and de-watering in its present form for as long a period as human integrity can preserve it, and the Buffalo Cove plan is the pilot program in this field.

ATTAKAPAS ISLAND OUTDOOR RECREATION AREA