The northern part of the heritage area offers an abundance of wildlife and nature. Annual migrations of waterfowl stop over in the several large wildlife reserves here, drawing flocks of birders, too. From the beginnings of European settlement in this part of the world, there has been tension between man and nature. Its ultimate symbol is the Old River Control Structure, one of the world's top engineering marvels. The purpose of this massive set of flood gates is to keep the Mississippi from wiping out New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and a lot more in times of high water. Here, most of the floodwaters get diverted to the Atchafalaya River, contained safely in levees.

Like the rest of the heritage area, the Upper Atchafalaya is culturally rich, too. On beautiful False River, the town of New Roads retains its French Creole character. In Marksville, the Tunka-Biloxi tribe operates an excellent small museum and hosts an annual pow wow. Just about every crossroads gas station offers local delicacies—boudin balls, and po'boys. If the timing of your visit is right, festivals abound—the popular Corn Festival in Bunkie is among the best.
THE ATCHAFALAYA HERITAGE AREA

Ferriday

FERRIDAY MUSEUM & DELTA MUSIC MUSEUM
218 Louisiana Avenue, Ferriday
Phone: 318-757-9999
The Ferriday Museum presents six-site exhibits, and honors such notable natives as musician Howard K. Smith. The Delta Music Museum exhibits Louisiana music memorabilia and the histories of famous Ferriday musicians Jerry Lee Lewis and Poo Wee Whistler. The museum also presents frequent live performances. Open Monday – Friday 9 am – 4 pm.

FROGMORE PLANTATION AND GINS
11054 Highway 84, Frogmore (just west of Ferriday)
Phone: 318-405-6057
This 1,800-acre working plantation tells the story of cotton from its cultivation to its harvesting and ginning. Exhibits include several buildings of hewn logs, dovetailed corners, and antique furnishings. Open Friday – Monday 9 am – 5 pm.

New Roads

POINT COUPEE BED & BREAKFAST, THE SAMSON HOUSE
405 Ritchey Street, New Roads
Phone: 225-638-6254
Today this 1823 house is a bed and breakfast where one can enjoy Caribbean gardens, a swimming pool & an outside brick fireplace.

MOREL’S RESTAURANT, INN, AND ANTIQUES
210 Morrison Parkway, New Roads
Phone: 225-618-2424
Fabulous Cajun and Creole foods created in New Roads' historic downtown. The restaurant is housed in an 1860s structure built as one of New Roads' first General Stores.

MA MAMA’S KITCHEN
124 W. Main Street, New Roads
Phone: 225-618-2424
Antiques on display are for sale, and the facility also operates a bed and breakfast.

SATTERFIELD’S RESTAURANT
108 East Main Street, New Roads
Phone: 225-638-7788
Go for the gift shops, beautiful antiques, and lakeside location; a must! Antiques on display are for sale, and the facility also operates a bed and breakfast.

TUNICA-BILOXI INDIAN MUSEUM
711 Paragon Place, Marksville
Phone: 1-800-486-6674
www.tunica.org
Exhibition of diorama, paintings, and items of tribal custom and legend. The museum is also the site of a Pow-Wow celebration in May. Open 9:30am – 4:30pm.

Morganza

The Village of Morganza
off of LA Highway 1
Visit the Pointe Courte Museum of this 18th century building of hewn logs, dovetailed corners, and antique furnishings.

For additional information contact:
Pointe Coupee Parish Office of Tourism 225-638-3998

Vidalia

OLD RIVER CONTROL PROJECT
US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
4342 Highway 15, Vidalia
Phone: 225-492-2169
One of the most vital man-made features that keeps the Mississippi flowing along its current course. While important as a flood control structure, Old River is also a scenic destination. Guided tours available by appointment. 9am to 3:30pm, Monday through Friday. Calling ahead is essential for those who wish to see the structure.

WHITEHALL PLANTATION
919 Highway 131, Vidalia
Phone: 318-336-9553
Located along the Mississippi River in the Historic District, Whitehall was once a prosperous cotton plantation and is one of the few remaining Antebellum homes in Concordia Parish. Whitehall is a full-service bed & breakfast also offering tours. Visitors are also welcomed to enjoy an evening cocktail in this beautiful setting.

SANDBAR RESTAURANT
106 Carter Street, Vidalia
Phone: 318-336-5773
Recommended for its fresh and fabulously prepared seafood.

For additional information contact:
Concordia Parish Tourism Commission (www.VidaliaWelcomeCenter.com) 318-326-7000

Jarreau

BERGERONS ON THE BAYOU CAMPGROUND
4895 Zach Road, Jarreau
Phone: 225-627-7716
Enjoy this campground on False River (a large oxbow lake) that offers fishing and a boat launch.

For additional information contact:
Pointe Coupee Parish Office of Tourism 225-638-3998

Bunkie

BAILEY HOTEL
200 West Magnolia, Bunkie
Phone: 318-346-7111 or toll free 1-866-346-7111
Established in 1907, the Bailey has recently been restored to its original function as a full-service hotel serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Its mid-town location makes it excellent for antique hunting.

BUNKIE TRAIN DEPOT AND WELCOME CENTER
110 Northwest Main Street, Bunkie
Phone: 318-346-2575
The friendly folks at the Bunkie Chamber of Commerce are deservedly proud of their office and tourist information center in the restored 1920's Texas & Pacific Railroad Depot.

For additional information contact:
Avoyelles Parish Commission of Tourism 318-233-0853 or 800-833-4195

Marksville

MARKSVILLE STATE HISTORIC SITE
827 Martin Luther King Jr Drive, Marksville
Phone: 318-253-6083
Pre-Columbian earthworks here indicate the one-time presence of American-Indian settlement. A museum on the site exhibits artifacts and offers cultural interpretation. Visitors may tour the park on their own or with a guide, as well as participate in one of their special programs. Open 8am-5pm Tuesday through Saturday, admission fee.

TULICA-BILOXI INDIAN MUSEUM
711 Paragon Place, Marksville
Phone: 1-800-486-6674
www.tulica.org
Exhibition of diorama, paintings, and items of tribal custom and legend. The museum is also the site of a Pow-Wow celebration in May. Open 9:30am – 4:30pm.

Jarreau

BERGERONS ON THE BAYOU CAMPGROUND
4895 Zach Road, Jarreau
Phone: 225-627-7716
Enjoy this campground on False River (a large oxbow lake) that offers fishing and a boat launch.

For additional information contact:
Pointe Coupee Parish Office of Tourism 225-638-3998

Bunkie

BAILEY HOTEL
200 West Magnolia, Bunkie
Phone: 318-346-7111 or toll free 1-866-346-7111
Established in 1907, the Bailey has recently been restored to its original function as a full-service hotel serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Its mid-town location makes it excellent for antique hunting.

BUNKIE TRAIN DEPOT AND WELCOME CENTER
110 Northwest Main Street, Bunkie
Phone: 318-346-2575
The friendly folks at the Bunkie Chamber of Commerce are deservedly proud of their office and tourist information center in the restored 1920's Texas & Pacific Railroad Depot.

For additional information contact:
Avoyelles Parish Commission of Tourism 318-233-0853 or 800-833-4195

Morgana

THE VILLAGE OF MORGANZA
off of LA Highway 1
Visit the Pointe Courte Museum of this 18th century building of hewn logs, dovetailed corners, and antique furnishings.

For additional information contact:
Pointe Coupee Parish Office of Tourism 225-638-3998

GRAND COTE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
401 Island Road, Marksville
Phone: 318-253-4238
The refuge is open for public use during daylight hours year-round. Grand Cote offers excellent opportunities for wildlife observation and photography along its walking trails. The refuge is also open for fishing. Nearby Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge allows hunting of small game, deer, and waterfowl in season. Hunters and fishermen should allow several days or a minimum of five days notice for permits.

For additional information contact:
Avoyelles Parish Commission of Tourism 318-233-0853 or 800-833-4195

Call 225-342-2181 or visit www.atchafalaya.org