Bayou Segnette
State Park

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By Day. . . Not far from the lively urban center of New Orleans lies this South Louisiana retreat—a unique and wonderful wetland area where recreational opportunities abound, as does the opportunity for one-of-a-kind nature-watching.

After you have splashed the day away in Bayou Segnette's popular wave pool or skipped across any one of the adjacent waterways by boat, you will be glad you took the time to sit back and watch nature at play—for the wildlife is abundant and the vegetation worth closer study.

The park is a meeting point of two types of wetlands—swamp and marsh. What was once swampland has been changed to marsh by the creation of canals. Saltwater intrusion coming into the canals from the Gulf of Mexico created the marsh and has yielded a remarkable habitat for plant and animal life. Alligators, nutria, armadillos, opossum, raccoon, mink, red-tailed hawks, Mississippi kites, red-winged blackbirds, bald eagles, and cardinals are some of the many species that you may happen upon at Bayou Segnette. So keep your eyes open and discover the reason why so many people remain fascinated with the Louisiana wetlands.
Boating is available for salt- and freshwater fishing because of the park's unique location. From the boat launch, you may explore many areas not readily accessible by overland routes. Catches of bass, catfish, bream, perch, redfish and trout are common in the area.

On land, picnic areas are available for the whole family, and the playgrounds will delight the children. Group shelters are a perfect spot for large groups to gather, and Bayou Segnette's group camp may also be rented for day use.

Perhaps you would prefer to escape quietly into the heart of the marsh, skimming through the waterways by canoe and enjoying a taste of nature that you might think would only exist in the most remote parts of the state. At the end of the day, from the water or from its edge, take the time to witness an unforgettable sunset on Bayou Segnette.

By Night . . .

The overnight accommodations available to you at Bayou Segnette State Park include 98 campsites with water and electrical hook-ups and a nearby comfort station, tent camping, twenty waterfront vacation cabins with air conditioning, heating, piers and screened porches, and a group camp that can sleep 120 people.

The overnight area features an added bonus—its own swimming pool—so visitors who may have traveled to Bayou Segnette for a relaxing getaway can recline among the moss-draped cypress trees and escape the excitement of the wave pool.

We also invite business meetings and group retreats to use the conference room, which is available at a reduced rate when an organization rents half of the cabins.

And All Year Long . . .

Bayou Segnette State Park offers the best of everything. Just a thirty-minute drive across the Mississippi River from
New Orleans, a multitude of recreational opportunities awaits visitors of all ages—boating, fishing, canoeing, picnicking, playgrounds and, of course, swimming in the wave pool, as well as an ecosystem that offers you the chance to spot plants, trees and wildlife from both swamps and marshland.

We invite you to explore the State Park and all it has to offer throughout the year. With each season, you will see how the natural world changes around you. Bayou Segnette State Park welcomes you again and again.

**Nearby Attractions:**

**St. Bernard State Park**—(18 miles southeast of New Orleans at Poydras)—Located on the Mississippi River, just minutes from New Orleans, the park features 51 improved campsites, a covered pavilion with grill, picnic tables, playground, swimming pool and nature trail in a tranquil and quiet setting.

**Fort Pike State Commemorative Area**—(adjacent to Old Spanish Trail/Old 90, approximately 23 miles east of downtown New Orleans)—This historic masonry fort was completed in 1827 to defend New Orleans. Stroll through arched casemates and stand overlooking the Rigolets as sentries once did, enjoy living history programs, visit the museum or picnic at the pavilion.

**Fairview Riverside State Park**—(12 miles east of Madisonville on LA Hwy. 22)—Nested among magnificent live oaks on the edge of the cool clear waters of the Tchefuncte River, this park features 81 improved campsites, excellent fishing, canoeing, and picnicking. A nearby boat ramp offers access to the park and Lake Pontchartrain.

**Fontainebleau State Park**—(South of I-12 and southeast of Mandeville on US 190)—Located on 2,800 acres on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain, the park offers 130 improved campsites, 180 unimproved campsites, nature trails, 3 group camps, a lodge, a swimming pool and beach, a playground and the ruins of a plantation brickyard and sugar mill situated among an alley of towering oaks.

**Louisiana State Museum**—(French Quarter, New Orleans)—One of New Orleans’ top ten attractions, the State Museum is comprised of the Cabildo, Presbytère, 1850 House and Old U.S. Mint.

**Barataria Preserve-Jean Lafitte National Historical Park & Preserve**—(7400 LA 45, Marrero)—Explore 20,000 acres of forest, swamp, and marsh on 8 miles of boardwalk, hard-surfaced trails, or over 20 miles of waterways managed by the National Park Service. A Visitor Center with exhibits is located on site.

**New Orleans and the Historic French Quarter**—Visit downtown New Orleans, museums, casinos, Aquarium of the Americas, the Riverwalk, or take a cruise on the Mississippi River.

**Mississippi River Road Plantations**—(Off LA 48 and 44 east of the Mississippi River and LA 18 on the west side)—Travel the River Road Scenic Byway and discover the charms of the antebellum South by visiting many restored plantation homes, creole cottages, centuries-old cemeteries and ferry boats located along the Great River Road, on both sides of the Mississippi River, north of New Orleans.

**Chalmette Battlefield-Jean Lafitte National Historical Park & Preserve**—(8606 W. St. Bernard Hwy., Chalmette)—This is the site of the Battle of New Orleans, an American victory over the British in the War of 1812. Visitors may also tour Beauregard House and Chalmette National Cemetery.

**Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge**—(20 minutes northeast of downtown New Orleans off I-10 east)—You can fish, hike, bike or canoe the wildest part of New Orleans in these scenic wetlands. There are free tours every weekend in this prime birding area.

**Isleño Cultural Center-Jean Lafitte National Historical Park & Preserve**—(Violet)—Managed by the National Park Service, the museum depicts the history of the Isleños, descendants of Spaniards from the Canary Islands, now living in St. Bernard.

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Bayou Segnette State Park
(7777 Westbank Expressway,
Westwego, LA 70094;
504-736-7140 or
1-888-677-2296) is located
across the Mississippi River from
New Orleans. With boat ramps,
a beautiful marsh environment, camping, cabins, a group
camp, swimming, fishing and playgrounds, this park offers
unforgettable outdoor experiences. There are three primary
routes to reach the park. (1) From I-10, take I-310 south.
Cross the Luling Bridge over the Mississippi River, and exit US
90 east (toward New Orleans). US 90 becomes the Westbank
Expressway. As you enter Westwego, look to your right. (2)
Alternatively, from I-10 (in Metairie), take the Clearview exit
south. Follow Clearview all the way to the Huey P Long
Bridge and cross the Mississippi River. Travel to the Westbank
Expressway (Business US 90). Again, look to your right off the
expressway. (3) Or, from New Orleans, follow I-10 to cross
the Greater New Orleans Bridge. Take the first exit onto
Business US 90, which is the Westbank Expressway. Follow
the Expressway for several miles; the park will be on your left.

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