Chitimacha Indian Reservation
Charenton, La.
70523
History of the Chitimacha's

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The Chitimacha Indian Reservation located in Charenton, La. on Hwy. 326 is filled with Indian culture both past and present.

The Tribal Museum displays a variety of Chitimacha artifacts and other items of interest. The museum hours are Mon.-Fri. from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Chitimacha crafts both beautiful and practical are available at the museum or from local craftsmen.

Visitors are always welcome at the Chitimacha Day School. Prior notice is requested.

The Chitimacha Trading Post is open daily from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. where visitors can purchase supplies.

Campground facilities are available nearby.

The Chitimacha Indian Fair held on the Fourth of July weekend is always an exciting event. Favorite features are the Western Indian Dances and the Jewelry and Crafts sales.
For more Information
Write or Call
Chitimacha Tribal Center
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