THE MAIN HOUSE

BREC's Magnolia Mound Plantation, a historic house museum, is accredited by the American Association of Museums. The original section of the Main House was built c. 1791. The house was expanded to its present size at the beginning of the nineteenth century. During that particular time, details such as a rare cove ceiling and Federal accents were added.

Surrounded by many aged live oaks, the Plantation House has retained its Creole plan and character for over 200 years. It is constructed of cypress beams, with bousillage-entre-poteau, and the original cypress flooring. The furnishings are the finest example of Federal and Louisiana-made artifacts. They help illustrate how a French Creole plantation house would have been decorated in the early 19th century.

The Plantation consists of 16 acres of the original 900. In addition to the main buildings, the grounds include a vegetable-and-herb kitchen garden. The crop garden produces examples of the variety of cash crops grown during various time periods over the life of the plantation. The Pigeonnier c. 1825 housed young pigeons (squab), a delicacy in early America.

MUSEUM STORE

Magnolia Mound’s Museum Store hosts exhibits and a diorama that portrays the historic site as it was in the early 19th century. These displays show how Magnolia Mound plantation was built through an array of artifacts and maps. Magnolia Mound’s Museum Store also has many gift choices including work from Louisiana artisans. Handicapped Accessible.

OPEN HEARTH COOKING

The Magnolia Mound Plantation kitchen has been reconstructed at its original location on the property. It is set apart from the Main House because it was not customary to have the kitchen in or attached to the home. Costumed docents demonstrate open-hearth cooking using period implements and techniques on Tuesdays and Thursdays from October through May.

SLAVE QUARTER HOUSE

The c. 1830 Quarter House was originally located on River Lake Plantation, the birthplace of writer Ernest Gaines. It is now the focus of Magnolia Mound’s "Beyond the Big House" tour, which is available through reservation only.

OVERSEER'S HOUSE

Magnolia Mound’s Overseer's House c. 1870 is a double-sided house, original to the plantation. It was found a few blocks away and moved back to the plantation proper. The house is furnished as if the overseer and his family are still living there and includes an early 19th century sick room.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Hands-on learning activities are available for school groups of many ages as well as tours guided by costumed docents. These activities help students and special interest groups to immerse themselves in colonial plantation life. Students can cook in the open-hearth kitchen, experience life as a servant in the early 19th century, or create traditional folk arts and crafts such as weaving, candle dipping, tin punching or basket making. In addition, special events, summer camps and demonstration days are available throughout the year. Call the Education Curator for schedules and information.
Our historic setting is a great backdrop for any event, from company picnics to corporate meetings to weddings! We specialize in making your experience as casual or as elegant as you wish.

Our historic atmosphere and southern hospitality will help set the stage for your event.

For more information on how you can enjoy your next event at BREC's Magnolia Mound Plantation, please contact the Guest Services Coordinator at (225) 343-4955.

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Eastbound on I-10
Just after the Mississippi River Bridge, take Exit 155A Nicholson Drive/Highland Road. Veer right at the foot of the exit ramp to Terrace Ave. Take Terrace to the first light, which is Nicholson Dr. Go left on Nicholson/ mile. MMP is on the left.

Northbound on I-110
Take Exit 1A Government St./Centplex. Turn left onto Government St. Go about 1/2 mile to bottom of hill. Go left on St. Phillip St. St. Phillip will become Nicholson Dr. after crossing under the I-10 overpass. MMP is on the left about 1 mile from Government St.

Southbound on I-110
Take Exit 1A Government St./Centplex (left hand exit). Turn right onto Government St. Follow above directions.

Hours of operation
Monday-Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 1-4pm
Tours on the hour. Last tour at 3pm

• School and group tours must schedule in advance
• Admission charged
• Handicap access to Visitor's Center only