CHICOT STATE PARK
EVANGELINE PARISH
VILLE PLATTE, LA.

STATE OF LOUISIANA
STATE PARKS COMMISSION
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
The Boathouse and Harbor.

Concession Building
(Cold drinks and groceries may be purchased here)

One of the Ten Overnight Cabins
Which are completely furnished and equipped.

Upper End of Spillway.
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LOCATION: Chicot State Park is located in Evangeline Parish approximately eight miles from Viola and the parish seat. It is sixty-four miles from Alexandria, nineteen miles from Opelousas and eighty-five miles from Baton Rouge. The only highway that leads to the park terminates at the town of Viola.

DESCRIPTION: Chicot is one of the largest state parks in the south, comprising over 300 acres of rolling woodland of which 160 acres are flooded by a lake which is surrounded for fishing and boating. The wooded hills rise from the shoreline, long forming terraces and large lakes filled with cypress from the提供Chicot State Park. They are surrounded by the remains of a natural park, recognized by the Arkansas Fish and Game Commission as the state nature preserve. The preserve has been preserved so that they blend with nature and so that the land of man is not too noticeable.

Chicot State Park was first opened for public use on June 6, 1943. Present construction work is being held to a minimum because of the war, but will be resumed as soon as possible. The following facilities have been completed and are in use: entrance gateway, park road, superintendent’s residence, lock house, boat docking area, ten overnight cabins, recreation building, picnic area, double shelter, and barbeque pits, the bathhouse, sanitary facilities and of course the lake and swimming pool. The swimming pool will be opened in the near future.

VACATION OR OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS: There are overnight cabins available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Each cabin has two bedrooms connected by a living room which contains a fire place, cook stove, sink, dining table and chairs. Each cabin can comfortably accommodate four persons. Picnic tables and camp fires are also provided with each cabin for those who prefer to prepare and serve meals in the open.

DAY-USE FACILITIES: In the day-use area numerous picnic tables and camp fires are available for family picnics. For larger groups a picnic shelter and barbeque pits have been constructed.

At the bathhouse, fishing boats may be rented for $0.50 per day. The Department of Conservation has stocked the lake generously and many fish enthusiasts are being made. Fishing licenses for those who have overstocked obtaining them may be purchased from the same service stations in the park.

A concession building where cold drinks, ice and groceries may be purchased is conveniently located at the end of the parking area.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT: Although state park construction work has been halted due to the war, additional facilities will be provided as soon as conditions permit. The present group camp site is being graded so that camp sites will be available for the coming season of 1944. A well has been drilled in this area furnishing an adequate water supply. It is planned to erect eventually a complete organization group camp for the use of 4-H Clubs, Boy Scouts and similar organizations.

A lodge, additional picnic shelter, a beach and bathhouse and additional overnight and vacation cabin are scheduled for construction as soon as the war is over.

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION: Chicot is a public park maintained and operated by the State Parks Commission of Louisiana for the purpose of providing beautiful and wholesome outdoor recreational facilities. Although the area has been posted against any hunting, many other forms of outdoor sport such as camping, fishing, boating, photography, nature study, fishing, and eventually swimming can be enjoyed.

Cabin reservations should be made well in advance and addressed to the Cabin Custodian, Citoc State Park, Route 3, Box 174, Viola, Louisiana. The minimum charge is $2.50 per day for a party of two or less and $2.00 for a party of four. All fees are included in the above price.
MAP OF CHICOT STATE PARK SHOWING DEVELOPMENT TO DATE.

Location of Proposed Lodge

Chicot Lake

Boat House

Concession Building

Parking

Picnic Area

Shelter

Map Showing Orientation of Present Development.