Lake Claiborne
State Park

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Take your pick: swimming, fishing, birding, boating of all kinds, waterskiing, camping, hiking or just plain relaxing and enjoying unsurpassed natural beauty. It's all here ... at Lake Claiborne State Park.

From the moment you drive into this 620-acre recreational facility, the remarkable beauty of nature unfolds before you. The piney woods, the rolling hills, and the cool, clear waters of Lake Claiborne inspire the outdoor enthusiast in all of us.

The Creation of Lake Claiborne

The wooded shoreline bordering the magnificent lake presents such an unspoiled natural setting that visitors are surprised to learn that the lake itself was created not long ago by damming Bayou D'Arbonne. The land to be covered by water was carefully cleared of trees and structures to assure maximum skiing and boating pleasure for sportsmen. For fishermen, the lake was lavishly stocked with largemouth bass, bluegill sunfish, channel catfish, black crappie, striped bass, chain pickerel, bream, and white perch. The lake itself, at full reservoir level, has a surface area of 6,400 acres.
Campers are invited to hook up at one of the 87 campsites with water and electricity, picnic tables, and barbeque grills. Primitive group camping is also available, and a comfort station and laundry facilities will ensure that your stay is a pleasant one.

Fishermen and water sportsmen may enjoy an excursion on one of the available rental boats, or they can launch their own vessels from the boat ramp. A boathouse with restrooms and a fishing pier completes the waterfront facilities.

One of the most popular activities for visitors of all ages is swimming at the park's sandy beach. The beach is situated on an inlet of the lake, and is protected from boats and waterskiers. So work up an appetite for that fresh fish supper by taking a brisk swim in Lake Claiborne’s famous clear water. Ecologists and sportsmen alike hail the lake's excellent water quality, and you will too, once you’ve made the trip to Lake Claiborne.

The woods of Lake Claiborne are also home to a wide variety of wildlife. A lovely nature trail will allow you to appreciate the beauty of the area at your own pace. Or you may be interested in a variety of nature tours, offered on a regular basis.
If you prefer to relax among the towering hardwood trees along the shoreline or deeper within the rolling countryside, there are picnic areas with tables and grills, plus a large covered shelter with restrooms. Children will happily spend time at the playground, while you may choose another setting to suit your pleasure—with more than 600 acres at hand, you’re bound to find the perfect spot you’re looking for.

Nearby Attractions:

Chemin-A-Haut State Park—(East of LA 139, 10 miles north of Bastrop)—This 503-acre park is situated on a high bluff overlooking scenic Bayou Bartholomew along an old Indian trail once used for seasonal migrations. Chemin-a-Haut is French for "high road." Located near the Louisiana/Arkansas line, the park offers 26 improved campsites, six vacation cabins, a rally camping area, and a day use area with a swimming pool, picnic area, and two playgrounds. Two barrier-free nature trails and a conference room make this a popular area year-round.

Poverty Point State Commemorative Area—(East of Monroe and north of I-20 on LA 577 northeast of Epps)—The site is considered one of the most significant archaeological finds in the country. It has a complex of Native American ceremonial mounds built between 700 and 1700 B.C. A museum and guided tours interpret a culture that once flourished on the site.

Lake Bistineau State Park—(South of I-20 at Minden and 9 miles south of Doyline on LA 163)—This park features 13 cabins, 67 improved campsites, a lodge, 2 group camps with pools, 2 boat launches, hiking trails, playgrounds, and a lakefront beach in the heart of a beautiful pine forest.

Lake D'Arbonne State Park—(5 miles west of Farmerville on LA 2)—A fisherman’s paradise, this 655-acre state park on the shores of Lake D’Arbonne features 65 improved campsites, 50 picnic tables and grills, 3 fishing piers, a boat ramp, and a fish-cleaning station.

Historic Town of Homer—(North of I-20 on US 79)—The town offers classic examples of Greek Revival architecture in the antebellum courthouse and many historic antebellum and Victorian homes. It is one of only four antebellum courthouses still in operation.

Lincoln Parish Park—(Off LA 33, north of Ruston and I-20)—This 260-acre park has picnic pavilions, hiking trails, a swimming beach, playgrounds, and camping.

Kisatchie National Forest-Caney Lakes Recreation Area—(North of I-20 on LA 159)—This area offers picnicking, swimming, fishing, waterskiing, hiking/biking trails, boat launches, group picnic shelters, and 27 improved and 21 unimproved campsites. The 7.6-mile Sugar Cane National Recreation Trail circles upper Caney Lake and offers a forest ecosystem, views of the lake, and the visible remains of an old sugar cane mill.

Caney Creek Lake State Park—(Off LA 4 southwest of Chatham, on Lakeshore Drive and State Road 1209). Situated on an outstanding bass-fishing lake, the park offers camping, picnicking, 2 boat ramps, a fishing pier, swimming beach and is an ideal spot to launch biking expeditions.

Jackson Bienville Wildlife Management Area—(12 miles southwest of Ruston on LA 147)—Visitors may enjoy hunting, fishing, hiking, birding, and wildlife viewing on 33,460 acres of upland pine woods and stream bottoms.

Georgia Pacific Wildlife Management Area—(5 miles northwest of Bastrop on Parish Road 592)—Visitors and hunters may use this 28,000-acre area, managed primarily for timber.
Lake Claiborne State Park (P.O. Box 246, Homer, LA 71040; 318-927-2976 or 1-888-677-2524) is located in North Louisiana, seven miles southeast of Homer on LA 146. The park offers a multitude of recreational opportunities on and near the 6,400-acre Lake Claiborne.