In the Heart of a Forest, on the Edge of a Lake

Piney forests, rolling hills, three fishing piers, and a beautiful lake draw visitors to this quiet, majestic state park. Designed to keep the focus on nature, park facilities blend with the natural landscape to enhance the outdoor experience of this 655-acre park.

Picnic tables are scattered among the trees in the wooded day use area, and 65 improved campsites invite visitors to enjoy a beautiful afternoon excursion or a quiet overnight retreat.

Fishing piers and boat docks attract visitors to Lake D'Arbonne, the marvelous 15,250-acre centerpiece of the park. Recreation on Lake D'Arbonne is tremendously popular among locals and visitors, and record catches of bass and crappie make Lake D'Arbonne a fishing haven. Wide open areas of the lake, about seven miles from the park, appeal to water skiers and pleasure boaters. The boat launch at the park opens up all of these opportunities to outdoorsmen.

Lake D' Arbonne State Park offers great fishing opportunities on this 400' fishing pier.
Lake D'Arbonne State Park

Natural Beauty

Tree stands in the lake captivate photographers, as do the towering pines on land and the rich diversity of wildlife and birds that make the park their home. Bring your binoculars and camera to capture the wonders of the natural world.

Cyclists will enjoy the challenge of the rolling hills of the park as a starting point for biking excursions into the steep inclines and scenic beauty of North Louisiana. Return for a picnic under the canopy of pine trees and celebrate the magnificence of nature preserved.

**Under the Stars**

Memorable sunsets viewed from the water or from the shore are matched only by Lake D'Arbonne at night. Away from the crowded skylines of major urban centers, the stars and moon reflect on the lake with dazzling brilliance for the park’s overnight guests.

The park’s 65 campsites are all equipped with water and electricity to make your visit to Lake D'Arbonne pleasant and comfortable. The camping area is nestled in the woods near the lake and has its own fishing pier.

If you love pristine pine forests, camping, fishing, picnicking, boating, waterskiing, cycling, or photography, you will find a welcome spot at Lake D'Arbonne State Park.
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. and a museum, and guided tours interpret a culture that once flourished on the site.

**Lake Claiborne State Park**—(7 miles southeast of Homer on LA 146)—Located on the banks of a 6,400-acre lake. With steep ravines and rolling hills, the park features excellent picnicking, pavilions, 87 improved campsites, a swimming beach, boat launch, fishing pier, and nature trails.

**Kisatchie National Forest-Corney Lakes Recreation Area**—(Off LA 9, 18 miles north of Homer)—This beautiful 2,300-acre lake is set in the Kisatchie National Forest. There are excellent areas for fishing, waterfowl hunting, camping, picnicking, and a boat ramp.

**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 campsites.

**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.

**Handy Brake National Wildlife Refuge**—(6 miles North of Bastrop on Cooper Lake Road)—Wildlife viewing is made easy with an observation tower. The site is open daylight hours only.

**Louisiana Purchase Gardens (Bernstein Park)**—(Standifer Road off US 165 south, Monroe)—Formal gardens, moss-laden trees, winding paths, and lagoons surround naturalistic habitats of many rare and exotic animals that live in the zoo. Tour by boat and train.

**Tensas National Wildlife Refuge**—(Off I-20 via US 65 [Tallulah Exit] or off I-20 via LA 577 [Waverly Exit])—This refuge encompasses 57,000 acres of bottomland forest. Hunting, fishing, hiking, wildlife viewing, canoeing, interpreted trails, a boardwalk, and educational programs abound. A Visitor Center contains brochures, exhibits, species lists, and regulations.

**Bienville Trace Scenic Byway**—Links significant natural, cultural, and recreational attractions and activities in the northeast part of the state.
Lake D’Arbonne State Park (P.O. Box 236, Farmerville, LA 71241; 318-368-2086 or 1-888-677-5200) is located in North Louisiana, approximately five miles west of Farmerville on LA 2. From I-20 at Ruston, take LA 33 north to Farmerville, then west on LA 2 to the park. The park features rolling hills, towering pine trees, camping, three fishing piers, picnicking, and a boat launch on beautiful Lake D’Arbonne.

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