Lake Fausse Pointe State Park occupies a 6,000-acre site which was once part of the Atchafalaya Basin. Prior to the 20th century, the Basin was a vast swamp enclosed by the natural levees of Bayou Teche and the Mississippi River. The construction of the east and west protection levees isolated the former Atchafalaya swampland; the park site lies within this isolated swamp, bound on the east by the protection levee and on the west by the natural levee of the Teche.

The area surrounding the park was formerly the home site of the Chitimacha Indians. From the middle 1700's, the region was dominated by French and Acadian farmers and trappers, although the Spanish were in control of the land from 1763 until 1802. It was during this period that a major influx of Spaniards and Canary Islanders (called Isleños) emigrated to the New Iberia area, contributing to the cultural diversity of this section of Louisiana.
State Park

Agriculture was the major industry of the area, and in 1830, sugar cane became the dominant crop. After the Civil War, continual difficulties with flooding brought a decline to all farming, and the Basin region developed as a commercial hunting, fishing and lumbering center.

Lake Fausse Pointe State Park, at the edge of a beautiful water wilderness, is a perfect point from which to explore the natural and cultural heritage of South Louisiana. Combine your wilderness adventure with a tour of nearby historic areas such as the city of St. Martinville and Longfellow-Evangeline State Commemorative Area. A stay at Lake Fausse Pointe State Park will be remembered as an introduction to the remarkable diversity of South Louisiana.

The quiet waters of Old Bird Island Chute are the “front yard” of the park's fully furnished vacation cabins. Each pair of cabins shares a pier, and some feature boardwalk ramps for visitors using wheelchairs.

Recreation in the Heart of French Louisiana

Situated in the heart of a thriving French culture, Lake Fausse Pointe State Park is adjacent to one of the great natural wonders of North America, the Atchafalaya Basin.

When writers describe Louisiana’s rich natural resources, they have in mind places like Lake Fausse Pointe. This park truly has a great diversity of recreational activities, especially those related to water, and maintains a peaceful, relaxing atmosphere in the midst of rare outdoor beauty.

Fishing and boating opportunities abound. A boat launch gives visitors easy access to the labyrinth of waterways that winds through the Basin. A visitor center complex...
features a boat dock with rentals, and a country store provides the extras for a delightful stay at the park.

A large group pavilion sits upon stilts over the edge of Old Bird Island Chute, and picnic areas for small groups to large family reunions are also available. A conference room with a fully outfitted commercial kitchen is perfect for business retreats and group activities. A quiet nature trail invites curious nature enthusiasts to explore the unique environment of the wetlands.

There are 50 units for camping in tents or trailers, each equipped with water and electricity. A primitive group campsite is also available. Eighteen waterfront vacation cabins featuring screened porches, air conditioning and piers are enormously popular throughout the year.

Nearby Attractions:

**Cypremort Point State Park**—(24 miles south of Jeanerette, off LA 319)—This 185-acre park offers access to the Gulf of Mexico. A man-made beach offers fishing, sailing, windsurfing and other water sports. Picnic pavilions, tables, a bathhouse, and fishing pier, sailboat ramp and boat ramp adjacent to the park offer easy access to the water. Large populations and varieties of birds and animals attract nature enthusiasts.

**Longfellow-Evangeline State Commemorative Area**—(LA Hwy. 31, St. Martinville)—Situated on the banks of Bayou Teche, this 157-acre park interprets the history of the French-speaking peoples of Louisiana. The park features Maison Olivier, built circa 1815, and an Acadian farmstead and house. The visitor may see livestock, crops, kitchen and herb gardens, living history and interpretive programs, the Visitor Center, a picnic pavilion, and an outdoor classroom.

**Historic Town of St. Martinville**—The third oldest town in Louisiana. Here you’ll find many buildings and homes with beautiful architecture, historic St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, and the Evangeline Oak made famous in Longfellow’s poem of Evangeline.

**Historic Town of New Iberia**—Its historic district features plantation homes along Bayou Teche and the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany.

**Plantations along Bayou Teche**—The rich and colorful heritage of South Louisiana is kept alive in the stately plantation homes, churches and unique historic structures along Bayou Teche.
Lake Fausse Pointe State Park
(5400 Levee Road, St. Martinville, LA 70582; 318-229-4764 or 1-888-677-7200) is located south of I-10, approximately 18 miles southeast of St. Martinville on the West Atchafalaya Levee Road. To access the Levee Road in St. Martinville, take LA 96 to LA 679, then to LA 3083. Turn right onto Levee Road for 7 miles.