CHICOT STATE PARK

EVANGELINE PARISH
VILLE PLATTE, LA.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

MAY 23, 1945
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 Villa Picola, the parish seat. It is only forty-two miles from Alex-
andria, seventeen miles from Hoxie, twenty-five miles from Opelousas and eighty
miles from Edon Rouge. Straditional highway signs lead to the park entrance.

DESCRIPTION: Chicot is one of the largest state parks in the south, comprizing over
five thousand acres of rolling woodland of which twenty acre areas are
founded by a lake which is excellent
for fishing and boating. wooded hills rating from the shoreline, long lasting pine trees
and large beak with epsiexi excee provide Chicot a water body with a
scenic beauty well adapted to the development of a recreational
park. Recognizing this
advantage, the State Parks Commission has planned and executed a
series of developments in the developed area so that they blend with nature and so that the land of man
is not too obtrusive.

Chicot State Park was first opened for public use on June 6, 1934. Present
construction work is being held to a minimum because of the war, but will be re-
sumed as soon as possible. The following facilities have been completed and are
now open: entrance gateway, park road, superintendent’s residence, equipment,
boating area, ten overnight cabins, concession building, picnic area, picnic shelters
and barbeque pits, the bathhouse, sanitary facilities and of course the dam and spillway
which created the lake.

VACATION OR OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS: Ten overnight cabins have been
built near the lake. They are completely furnished and equipped with sanitary facil-
ities, cooking stoves and linens. Each cabin has two bedrooms connected by a
hallway which contains an ice box, coal stove, sink, dining table and chairs. Each
cabin will 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
have been provided for family picnics. For larger groups a picnic shelter
and barbeque pit has been constructed.

At the boathouse fishing boats may be rented for $1. The Department of Con-
version has stocked the lake generously and many fish enthusiasts are being made
fishing licenses for those who have overlooked obtaining them may be purchased
from the game wardens stationed at the lake.

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 major construction work has been halted due
to the war, additional facilities will be provided as soon as possible. The
park plans to provide a group camp site in the vicinity of the camping area. The
area is sufficient to accommodate a group of visitors for a week or more.

MOUNT AND OPERATION: Chicot is a public park maintained and operated by the State Parks Commission of Louisiana for the purpose of providing
healthful

and wholesome outdoor recreational facilities. Although the area has been posted
against any hunting, many other forms of outdoor sport such as camping, hiking,
boat, photography, nature study, fishing, and eventually swimming can be enjoyed.

Cabin reservations should be made well in advance and addressed to the Cabin
Commission, Chicot State Park, Route 2, Box 171, Villa Picola, Louisiana. The mini-
mum charge is $2.50 per day for a party of two or less and $2.00 for a party of four.
All sites are included in the above price.
Map Showing Orientation of Present Development.