Welcome y’all to Cotile Lake and Recreation Area, located about 14 miles west of Alexandria. The area is one of the best all round outdoor recreation grounds in the South. The lake is basically part of a parishwide watershed program sponsored by the Rapides Parish Police Jury and the Lower West Red River Soil and Water Conservation District, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Soil Conservation Service.

Camping, fishing, hunting, swimming, picnicking, boating or just plain sightseeing - there’s something for everyone at Cotile.

There are 100 picnic sites with tables and barbeque pits at each. You pick the menu, we’ll supply the sweet, fresh pine air and scenic topography. For the large get-togethers, there are two pavilions with electricity and lights; one has an old-fashioned fireplace for cool weather cooking or heating. Food, gasoline, fishing supplies, ice and washateria facilities are available nearby.
The swimming area, located between the camp grounds and the boat docks, has complete bath house facilities and a sandy white beach.

Ski boats, sail boats and fishing boats are easily launched at the hard-surfaced Cotile Lake Boat Ramp. Docks are available free of charge adjoining the launching ramp. There are more than 400 acres of smooth, clear water for the yachtsman or skier. Fishermen delight in the 1,375 acres of wooded water area with easy access provided by four 75-foot boat lanes.

The charisma of Cotile is very evident in the camping grounds. There are over 100 spaces with hook-ups for camper units and tents. Some of the basic facilities offered in the campground of whistling pines include: Sewerage disposal facilities . . . sub-surface garbage disposal facilities . . . electricity . . . extremely clean tiled rest room and hot shower facilities . . . sanitation dumping . . . water hook-ups . . . free fire wood . . . hard surfaced roads . . . picnic tables and barbeque pits.

From motor home dwellers to tent campers, everyone agrees that the facilities at Cotile are the best.

Hot Wells Health Spa, with its mineral waters, restaurant, motel and additional campground is within a mile of Cotile.

We know you will enjoy the Cotile Lake and Recreation Area and its charisma. Contact the park manager at 318 / 793-8995 or the Alexandria - Pineville Conventions Commission, at 318 / 442-6671 or write P. O. Box 992, Alexandria, LA 71301.

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TRADE DAYS ON COTILE

Held last weekend in March under canopy of Dogwoods. Old fashioned trading and selling of art, animals and antiques. Jewlery, junk and miscellaneous.