Wilderness Centre Will Offer Glimpse

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Did you ever wonder what life in an 1890's farm village was like? Or dream of sipping juleps on a plantation porch? You can't travel back in time, but... 

Wilderness Centre is completed.

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Each village will feature crafts (made on the scene by local craftsmen), and entertainment (provided by USL Speech and Drama majors).

The centre will provide 200 permanent jobs, about 100 temporary construction jobs, as well as projected hotel, motel and shopping center developments around the area.

Wilderness Centre will include five "theme villages", as well as a section of land to be left in its natural state.

The Welcome Center will be an information point as well. "Here the visitors can learn about the centre's attractions, and time schedules for entertainments.

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Entertainment will also be available in the plantation area, where a showboat theater will be docked. Skits and minstrel shows like those seen when the showboat docked twice yearly, will be enacted.

Also in the plantation area are those elements which kept the plantation running with the wooden oil derrick and quarters building in Oil Town. Close by is Skidder Town, a place where bark was removed from trees. It will include a barroom and ice house, as well as a saw mill.

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