

Natchitoches

Pronounced "Nack-a-tish"

LOUISIANA



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About Natchitoches

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www.natchitoches.com



Welcome to Louisiana's Oldest City

- Visitors to historic Natchitoches are frequently heard stumbling over the city's name (pronounced Nack-a-tish). It is a Caddo Indian word meaning the "Chinquapin eaters."
- Natchitoches, the original French Colony in Louisiana, was founded by Louis Juchereau de St. Denis in 1714.
- Natchitoches is located in Central Louisiana off Interstate 49.
- It's the oldest city in Louisiana and home to the Cane River National Heritage Area, one of only two in the state of Louisiana.
- Natchitoches commemorated its 300th anniversary in 2014, making it the oldest permanent settlement in the entire Louisiana Purchase.



Top Things to do in Natchitoches

- Shop & Dine in the National Historic Landmark District and snack on a famous Natchitoches Meat Pie
- Enjoy guided tours of Creole Plantations
- Interpretive tour of Fort St. Jean Baptiste State Historic Site, one of three State historic sites in the area
- Carriage tours of historic sites and Steel Magnolia filming sites
- Stroll along the scenic Cane River Lake
- See alligators up close and personal
- Experience the charm with a bed and breakfast stay
- Visit Kaffie-Frederick General Mercantile, Louisiana's oldest general store
- Visit Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame & Northwest Louisiana History Museum

Come discover the little



Natchitoches Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

780 Front St., Suite 100
Natchitoches, LA 71457
Mon. - Sat.: 9am - 5pm
Closed Sundays
(800) 259-1714
Natchitoches.com

Natchitoches
Area Chamber
of Commerce
(318) 352-6894
NatchitochesChamber.com

City of
Natchitoches
(318) 352-2772
Natchitochesla.gov

Natchitoches
Main Street
(318) 352-2746

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city with a big history!

Northwestern
State University
(800) 327-1903
Nsula.edu

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Our History

Three Centuries of Culture & Architecture

Three hundred years ago, Louisiana was an exotic and somewhat unforgiving wilderness that adventurer and entrepreneur Louis Juchereau de St. Denis saw as an alluring opportunity. In 1714, he established a trading post on the banks of the Cane River making Natchitoches the first European settlement in the entire Louisiana Purchase.

As Louisiana's original French colony and the oldest city in the Louisiana Purchase, Natchitoches is a unique blend of French, Spanish, African, American Indian and Creole which is reflected in the culture and architecture.

Natchitoches is a favorite destination for visitors from around the world. Located in Northwest Louisiana, Natchitoches is a one-of-a-



kind community full of culture, history, recreation, shopping and more!

At the heart of Natchitoches lies the National Historic Landmark District that serves as a shopping and dining paradise and a bed & breakfast lover's dream.



Stretched along the banks of the beautiful Cane River, Natchitoches is home to three state historic sites, Creole plantations, and museums all within the boundaries of the Cane River National Heritage Area.



Come discover the little city with a big history, Natchitoches, Louisiana! Visit www.Natchitoches.com to plan your trip today!

Cane River

National Heritage Area

A Unique Creole Heritage

Cane River National Heritage Area located in Natchitoches is a largely rural, agricultural landscape known for its historic plantations, Creole architecture and multicultural legacy. Historically, this 116,000 acre region lay at the intersection of French and Spanish colonial realms. Today, it is home to a unique blend of cultures, including French, Spanish, African, American Indian and Creole.

Experience the stories of this region as you travel the Cane River National Heritage Trail, a Louisiana Scenic Byway. Stretching from the Spanish presidio of Los Adaes to the southern tip of Natchitoches Parish, the highways and byways of the Cane River region will engage you whether your interest is in historic plantations, military history, Creole culture and cuisine, or the scenic beauty of the area's lakes, rivers and forest.



Cane River Creole National Historical Park

Discover Our Plantations

Cane River Creole National Historical Park consists of Oakland Plantation and the outbuildings at Magnolia Plantation. These plantations are two of the most intact Creole plantations in the United States. Both the plantations were established in the 1700s and were owned and operated by the same families for the next 200 years. Today, the landscapes contain 65 historic structures

surrounded by 200 year old live oak trees. Visitors to both sites will experience the evolution of plantation culture.

The park is open seven days a week from 8am-4pm, except on all federal holidays. For more information call 318 356-8441 or visit our website at <http://www.nps.gov/cari/>

Oakland Plantation

4386 Hwy. 494, Natchez, LA 71456

- Cane River Creole National Historical Park

Oakland has 17 of its original outbuildings still remaining. Outbuildings still on the plantation include two pigeoniers, an overseer's house, massive roofed log corn crib, carriage house, mule barn (that was originally a smokehouse,) carpenter's shop and cabins. The historic property is a National Bicentennial Farm, only one of two such Farms west of the Mississippi River, both of which are in Natchitoches Parish. Part of the Cane River Creole National Historical Park, Oakland was acquired by the National Park Service in 1998. Open daily 8 am to 4 pm, closed all federally recognized holidays.

Admission is free.
(318) 356-8441.
www.nps.gov/cari.



Oakland Plantation

Magnolia Plantation Complex

5549 Hwy. 119, Derry, LA 71416

- Cane River Creole National Historical Park

The Magnolia Plantation Complex, 18 acres of outbuildings, is open to the public and free to tour as a unit of Cane River Creole National Historical Park. The Park includes a blacksmith shop, plantation store, gin barn, eight cabins, and former slave hospital that at various times housed the owners and overseer. The gin barn houses a wooden screw-type cotton press, the last such press remaining in its original site in the United States. (318) 356-8441. Open daily 8 am to 4 pm with self-guided tours, closed all federally recognized holidays. Admission is free.



Association for Preservation Historic Natchitoches

Melrose Plantation

3533 Hwy. 119, Melrose, LA 71452

Marie Thérèse Coin-Coin, an enslaved woman, and Claude Thomas Pierre Metoyer, her French owner had many children together. On land acquired by land grants, the Yucca House and the African House were built. The Yucca House remained the large structure on the plantation until 1833 when the main house, known as Melrose, was built.



After 1884, Melrose Plantation became a hub of art and education under the ownership of John Hampton Henry and Miss Cammie Garrett Henry.

Miss Cammie, as she became known, made Melrose a haven for artists and writers.

At the time there was a field hand and cook at Melrose who also became known as a renowned artist. Clementine Hunter, one of the South's premier primitive artists, began painting the people, life, and scenes of Cane River. Hunter was in her 50's when she began painting and continued until a few months before her death in 1988. Clementine is Louisiana's most famous folk artist, and her paintings are on display at the plantation. Melrose Plantation hosts the longest running arts and crafts festival in the state of Louisiana every Spring. (318) 379-0055. Open Tues. - Sun., 10 am - 5 pm. \$5 grounds, \$10 house, 5 and under FREE, half price for students with a valid ID. www.aphnatchitoches.net, info@melroseplantation.org, www.melroseplantation.org.



Photo Courtesy of: Thomas Whitehead

City of Lights

Natchitoches Christmas

Named as the third best holiday light show in America by Yahoo.com, Natchitoches has been called the "City of Lights" since 1926, when the city's chief electrician, Max Burgdorf, decided to string Christmas lights along the brick Front Street. To complement the lights, Burgdorf and Charlie Solomon built the first set piece, an 8-foot-tall Christmas star. His gesture has evolved into a six-week-long "Festival of Lights" event in Natchitoches.

In November, Natchitoches is transformed into a holiday wonderland with over 300,000 brightly-colored Christmas lights, more than 100 Christmas set pieces made by the City's utility department and fireworks that light up

the skies along the riverbank every Saturday for six weeks beginning the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Join us on the first Saturday in December for the annual Natchitoches Christmas Festival.



Photo Courtesy of: Karen L. Hoyt

For more information visit
NatchitochesChristmas.com



Photo Courtesy of: Cole Gentry

On Location in Natchitoches Steel Magnolias

In 1988, Natchitoches achieved national spotlight with the premiere of the classic southern movie

Steel Magnolias.

It is important for you to know that this movie was based on a true story about the citizens of Natchitoches.

Mr. Robert Harling, a native of Natchitoches, wrote about the bond among a group of women surrounding the family experience with the death of Harling's sister, Susan Harling Robinson in 1985. The title suggests the main female characters can be both as delicate as the magnolia and as tough as steel. In 1988, filming began in Natchitoches with A-list actors such as Sally Field, Julia Roberts, Shirley MacLaine, Dolly Parton, Olympia Dukakis and Daryl Hannah.



The movie was filmed on location at Oakland Plantation now a National Park along the historic Cane River region. In the early 90's, Academy Award winning actress Reese Witherspoon made her acting debut in **The Man On The Moon.**



Natchitoches has been the site for other movies such as the 1959 war film **The Horse Soldiers** starring John Wayne, Constance Towers and William Holden.

Natchitoches Louisiana Film Commission

780 Front Street, Suite 100
Natchitoches, LA 71457
1-800-259-1714
www.Natchitoches.com
media@natchitoches.com

Tour Historic Natchitoches



Home to 300 years of history, Natchitoches Parish is home to three fort sites, numerous Creole Plantations homes, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum, Kistatchie National Forest, an alligator park,

a nature preserve and a 33 block National Landmark Historic District featuring shopping, dining and tours.

National Historic Landmark District

At the heart of Natchitoches lies the "National Historic Landmark District" that serves as a shopping and dining paradise and a bed & breakfast lover's dream. This enchanting 33-block downtown historic

district is a classic show-and-tell of nearly 300 years of Louisiana French colonial history. It encompasses more than 50 restored homes, churches and buildings, as well as unique spots like the American Cemetery.



Open Tues. - Sat. 9a - 5p
Closed major holidays

155 rue Jefferson,
Natchitoches, LA 71457

(318) 357-3101
(888) 677-7853

Fort St. Jean Baptiste State Historic Site

Experience the French Colonial life as you are guided through the fort by costumed interpreters. The site, obtained for the replication of Fort St. Jean Baptiste, is located on Cane River Lake (formerly the Red River), a few hundred yards from the original fort site, set up by Louis Antoine Juchereau de St. Denis in 1714. Nearly 2,000 treated pine logs form the palisade and approximately 250,000 board feet of treated lumber went into the construction of the buildings. All of the hinges and latches were handmade at a nearby foundry.

crt.state.la.us/parks/iftstjean.aspx



Open Tues. - Sat.
10a - 4:30p, Sun. 1p - 5p

800 Front St.
(318) 357-2492

Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame & Northwest Louisiana History Museum

Visit the dazzling \$23-million museum complex in historic downtown Natchitoches. The Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame's collections celebrate the achievements of more than 300 Louisiana athletes, coaches and other sports figures. Other exhibits and interactive media trace the history and importance of sports to life in Louisiana.

The Northwest Louisiana History Museum explores the unique cultural traditions from early native-American civilizations to the present. The building itself, designed by Trahan Architects of New Orleans, evokes the region's rivers and plowed fields.

lasportshall.com/museum

Take a Tour

Scenic Tours

Natchitoches Carriage Company

Guided tours through the historic district and "Steel Magnolias" filming sites. Available for weddings and special events. Street car rides are also available around historic Natchitoches for large groups.

Follow us on facebook.

NatchitochesCarriageCompany.com



Natchitoches Carriage Co.
(318) 214-7733

Downtown Historic District

Call for tour times

Kaffie Frederick General Mercantile

Established in 1863, the Kaffie-Frederick General Mercantile store of Natchitoches, Louisiana is not only the oldest general store in the state, but it's an important landmark for the entire community. The original freight elevator still works, and the 1910 cash register is not only in great condition, it is still used!

- Classic toys, Kitchenware, Home & Garden, Hardware & Tools
- Shop At the Top – Christmas Store
- Grady Harper Gallery

OldHardwareStore.com



Open Mon. – Sat. 8a - 5p
758 Front St.

(318) 352-2525
(877) 865-6681

Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Church

The church was established in 1728 and consecrated as a cathedral 1854. Many of the fixtures inside the church were imported from European Christendom. French and German arts are evident in the hand-painted Stations of the Cross and the magnificent stained glass. On January 10, 2010, the church was dedicated a Minor Basilica, the second to be named in Louisiana and one of 63 across the nation.



613 Second Street
Natchitoches,

(318) 352-3422



Open Daily

100 Rue Beauport
P.O. Box 37
Natchitoches, LA 71458

(318) 352-2746

Beau Jardin Garden & Water Feature

Explore the City of Natchitoches' newly constructed water feature and garden area on the downtown riverbank overlooking Cane River Lake. This intimate outdoor setting is perfect for weddings, family photos, picnics and other outdoor events. Call the Natchitoches Main Street Office at 318-352-2746 for more information.

NatchitochesWeddings.net



145 rue
St. Denis Street
Natchitoches

Walk of Honor

Marble Fleur de Lis set in the sidewalk honor stars from the movies, as well as others who have made significant contributions to Natchitoches through sports, entertainment, the arts and cultural activities.

Other Attractions Around Natchitoches



(318) 354-0001 • (877) 354-7001

April – Mid Aug. (Open Daily)
Mid Aug. – Oct. (Open Weekends)

Park Hours: 10a - 5p

Alligator Park

Explore the unique and exciting world of the American Alligator with a trip to Bayou Pierre Alligator Park. The ten acre park is home to hundreds of alligators who'll entertain you with hourly feeding shows. You can feed them, touch them and have your picture taken with a baby gator. The park is located 8 miles north of Natchitoches at 380 Old Bayou Pierre Road.

- Five acre park
- Feeding Zoo • Bird Sanctuary
- Reptile Habitat • Jungle
- Take a souvenir photo with an alligator
- Site includes Gator Bite Snack Shop & gift shop

AlligatorPark.net

Take a Tour

Grand Ecore Visitors Center

From an 80-foot-high bluff, the J. Bennett Johnston Waterway Grand Ecore Visitor Center offers extraordinary views of the winding Red River. Visitors can stroll the grounds for a glimpse of native wildlife and see Civil War entrenchments.

- 4 miles north of Natchitoches
- Interactive displays & historic exhibits
- Pavilion, picnic area and hiking trails



Call for Times
(318) 354-8770

106 Tauzin Island Rd.

Rebel State Historic Site & LA Country Music Museum

Step back in time with the Louisiana Country Music Museum at Rebel State Historic Site. The Museum, shaped like a stringed instrument, houses a wide collection of Country music.

- Costumes, music, memorabilia of Louisiana legends
- Outdoor amphitheater
- Annual Louisiana State Harmonica Championship
- Call for special programs & demonstrations



Tues. - Sat. 9a - 5p
Closed Major Holidays

1260 Hwy. 1221,
Marthaville, LA 71450

(318) 472-6255
(888) 677-3600

crt.state.la.us/parks/irebel.aspx

Los Adaes State Historic Site

This site was the capital of the province of Spanish Texas for more than 40 years. Today, the site outlines where the presidio once stood.

- On the El Camino Real de las Tejas National Historic Trail
- Tours by appointment only

crt.state.la.us/parks/iLosAdaes.aspx



6354 Hwy. 485,
Robeline, LA 71449

Call for Times
(318) 357-3101



Kisatchie Ranger District

229 Dogwood Park Rd.
Provencal

Located 16 miles
west of Hwy. 6 West

(318) 472-1840

Kisatchie National Forest

The forest is made up more than 604,000 acres and spreads across seven parishes in Louisiana. Come visit Louisiana's only national forest! Twelve miles of wilderness hiking trails.

- Visit Kisatchie Bayou
- 50 miles of multiple-use trails
- 17 mile National Scenic Byway
- Panoramic vistas
- Primitive camping areas
- Offers swimming, fishing, hiking, biking, horseback riding, picnicking, ATV trails
- National Red Dirt Wildlife Management Area
- Bathroom facilities available at several sites

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/kisatchie/>



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Sat. 9a – 5p &
Sun. 12p – 5p during
March, April, May,
August & November.

Appointments during
the week throughout
the year.

216 Caroline
Dormon Rd., Saline

(318) 576-3379

Briarwood: Caroline Dormon Nature Preserve

The Caroline Dormon Nature Preserve is located at the Northeast corner of Natchitoches Parish in the Kisatchie National Forest. This area was named after Caroline Dormon, the first woman employed in forestry in the United States and leader in the designation of Kisatchie as a National Forest.

Tip: April to May is a great time to visit the Nature Preserve when most of the wildflowers are in bloom.

GPS: N3207.969 - W9258.697

Take a Tour

Adai Caddo Indian Nation Cultural Center

Experience a day in the life of the Adai Indian.

- Visit historic dwellings
- Explore the Cultural Center
- View the historical artifacts found on the site
- Visit historic St. Anne's Catholic Church, mass held each Sunday
- Site offers food court and arts and crafts shop
- Traditional Indian dances
- Admission - Group Rates

Tip: Join us for our Pow-Wow - 3rd weekend in October.

www.AdaiIndianNation.com



Mon. - Fri. • 9a - 5p

4460 Hwy. 485, Robeline

(318) 472-1007

(877) 472-1007

Cane River Lake

Cane River Lake is a beautiful, meandering body of water 35 miles long. It began as Red River and was the head of navigation for the Mississippi River/Red River route for many years. A massive natural log jam just upstream from the present location of Natchitoches prevented any further progress by boat making the route through Natchitoches less and less navigable causing dams to be built to separate "Cane River Lake" from Red River.



National Fish Hatchery & Aquarium

One of 69 Federal fish hatcheries located across the United States, and is the only Federal fish hatchery located in Louisiana. Opened in 1931, the hatchery has raised many different species of fish over the years.

- 16 tank Aquarium
- Wood duck display
- Replica Caddo Indian Village diorama
- Mock archaeology dig site exhibit
- Group tours available and call for special events
- Hatchery tours available if staff permits

fws.gov/natchitoches



Open 8a – 3p Daily
Closed Federal Holidays

615 South Dr.,
Natchitoches

(318) 352-5324



Open Daily

**Located on Second
St. behind the Old
Courthouse Museum**

(318) 357-3106

Natchitoches Veterans Memorial Park

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1962 and the Natchitoches Parish Veterans and Memorial Park Committee have partnered to develop a site in Historic Downtown Natchitoches to honor our service men and women. This place of honor provides the community not only an area for private reflection but a small gathering place for events honoring the fallen as well.



Roque House

Built by a freed slave named Yves in 1803, this unique structure is a fine example of French Creole architecture. The house was built with the traditional materials used by the earliest settlers of the area, cypress half-timbers and bousillage infill which is a mixture of mud, Spanish moss, and deer hair. The house was constructed on

Yves 91-acre farmstead about 22 miles south of Natchitoches along Cane River. Later the house was moved to historic district in downtown Natchitoches where it sits on the riverbank of Cane River Lake.



**20 miles south of
Natchitoches
2250 Hwy. 484, Melrose**

(318) 379-2521

St. Augustine Catholic Church & Cemetery

The church is the cultural center of Cane River's historic Creole community. The church was founded in 1803 by freed slave Nicolas Augustin Metoyer. St. Augustine is celebrated as the first church built by and for free people of color in Louisiana and the second oldest in the United States.



El Camino Real

Designated as a National Historic Trail in 2004, the "El Camino Real de los Tejas" has existed for more than 300 years. From Natchitoches to Old Mexico, El Camino Real has its easternmost beginning in Natchitoches and runs from Piney Woods through rolling hills to the arid lands of Old Mexico. An abundance of historic cities await visitors on the Texas stretch of El Camino Real including San

Antonio, Bastrop, Crockett, Alto, Nacogdoches and San Augustine. For More information visit www.ElCaminoRealTx.com.

Our Tourism Partners



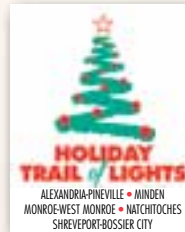
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www.ExploreLouisianaNorth.org

El Camino Real
de los Tejas

www.ElCaminoRealtx.com



www.HolidayTrailofLights.com

Tours & Tour Guides Contact Numbers

Tours of Natchitoches
(972) 741-2996
(318) 352-2021

Natchitoches Carriage Company
(318) 214-7733
Amystours@yahoo.com
(318) 356-8687

The Fun Tour
(318) 357-8744

Once Upon a Time Tours
(318) 357-8903

Tour Natchitoches with Barbara
(318) 663-5468

Tours by Jan
(318) 471-9505
(318) 352-2324
(662) 418-8800

Bed & Breakfast

Natchitoches Historic District

| Property Name | # of Rooms | Pets | Description |
|---|---------------|------|--|
| **Andre's Riverview Bed & Breakfast 612 Williams Ave. (318) 581-0287 www.andresriverview.com | 3 | No | Overlooking Cane River Lake across from the downtown historic district. Private entrance, balconies, whirlpool baths. |
| Andrew Morris House 422 Second St. (318) 352-9206 (800) 441-8343 www.andrewmorrishouse.com | 4 | No | Antebellum Historic District Home offering: Early check-ins, WIFI, two person Jacuzzis. Complimentary beverages, two-course gourmet breakfast. |
| Bayou Amulet House 202 rue Poete (318) 238-2049 (866) 201-3910 www.bayouamulet.com | 5 | No | Elegant home surrounded by gardens. Swimming pool, home-cooked breakfast. Within walking distance of the downtown historic district. Single and double jacuzzis. |



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| **Cabin on Cane River 614 Williams Ave. (318) 527-9709 • (318) 214-9470 www.cabinoncaneriver.com | 1 | No | Log cabin house. Equipped kitchen and accommodations for two. On the banks of the Cane River Lake - downtown historic district. |
| Chez des Amis 910 rue Washington (318) 352-2647 www.chezdesamis.com | 3 | No | 1923 bungalow. 2 guest rooms and cottage. Internet, full breakfast, private baths. One block from downtown historic district. |

**Located on Cane River Lake.

Bed & Breakfast

Natchitoches Historic District

| Property Name | # of Rooms | Pets | Description |
|--|------------|------|---|
| **Creole Cottage on Cane River 319 rue Jefferson (318) 352-3957 • (318) 729-7700 www.creolecottagebandb.com | 4 | No | Located on Cane River in the historic district. Amenities galore, private entrances, private baths, king beds and full breakfast. |
| Ducournau Townhouse 752 Front St. (318) 352-1774 www.ducournautownhouse.com | 4 | No | Historic townhouse with balcony overlooking Front St. and Cane River Lake. Antique beds, private baths and breakfast. |
|  | | | |
| Good House B&B 314 Rue Poete (318) 228-8217 or (504) 554-8412 www.Goodhousebandb.net | 4 | No | Circa 1930, queen beds & Jacuzzi tubs. Furnished with antiques, pool and patio, Continental breakfast. |
| Green Gables & Camellia Cottage 201 Pine St. (318) 352-5580 www.virtualcities.com/la/greengables.htm | 3 | No | Queen Anne Victorian House. Camellia Cottage is a perfect romantic retreat. Large porches, full breakfast and other amenities. |
| **Jefferson House 229 rue Jefferson (318) 352-5834 (866) 254-7279 www.jeffersonhousebandb.com | 5 | Yes | In the historic district on Cane River Lake. Antique furnishings, King size beds; Private baths; Plantation style breakfast. No children. |

**Located on Cane River Lake.

Bed & Breakfast

Natchitoches Historic District

| Property Name | # of Rooms | Pets | Description |
|---|------------|------|---|
| Jefferson Street Townhouse 230 rue Jefferson (318) 352-3957 • (318) 332-8471 www.jeffersontownhouse.com | 5 | No | 1920s bungalow, pool, gardens, perfect for parties and weddings. Full breakfast, cable TV; walking distance to downtown. |
| Judge Porter House 321 Second St. (318) 352-9206 (800) 441-8343 www.judgeporterhouse.com | 5 | No | 1912 B&B offering: Early check-ins, WIFI, cable TV, queen beds, Jacuzzis. Complimentary beverages, gourmet breakfast. |
| La Maison Louisiane B&B 332 Jefferson St. (318) 581-3138 www.lamaisonlouisiane.com | 5 | No | Built in the 1880's in Queen Anne style architecture. Multi-course breakfast; cable TV; WIFI; antiques; private bath; private cottage sleeps up to six. |
| The Parsonage B&B 307 Percy St. (318) 214-9607 www.parsonagebedandbreakfast.com | 1 | No | Located in the heart of the historic district within walking distance of downtown. Gourmet breakfast, private entrance and bath. Couples preferred. |
| **Pierson-Lee River House B&B 630 Williams Ave, (318) 352-2005 piersonleeriverhouse@cp-tel.net | 3 | No | Located on Cane River Lake in the Historic District. Gourmet breakfast on the balcony over looking the lake. No children or pets. |
| Queen Anne 125 Pine St. (318) 352-9206 (800) 441-8343 www.queenannebandb.com | 5 | No | Queen Ann style in Historic District: Early check-ins, WIFI, cable TV, king & queen beds, Jacuzzis. Free beverages, gourmet breakfast. |
| Rusca House 124 rue Poete (318) 356-7118 • (318) 238-2049 www.ruscahouse.com | 4 | No | 1910's bungalow. Multi-course breakfast; gardens; courtyard with fountain; private entrances; cable TV; private baths; Jacuzzi tubs. |
| Samuel Guy House 309 Pine St. (318) 354-1080 (800) 984-1080 www.samuelguyhouse.com | 5 | No | Historic home, circa 1830; Cable; private baths, Jacuzzi tubs; multi-course breakfast; weddings and parties; catering available. |

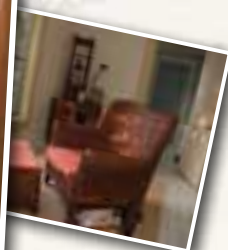
**! Located on Cane River Lake.

Bed & Breakfast

Natchitoches Historic District

| Property Name | # of Rooms | Pets | Description |
|--|---------------|------|---|
| Steel Magnolia House 320 rue Jefferson (318) 238-2585 (888) 346-4095 www.steelmagnoliahouse.com | 5 | No | Historic home featured in movie Steel Magnolias; breakfast; amenities; WIFI; gardens, pool; antiques; private baths, TV/VCR. |
| Sweet Cane Inn 926 Washington St. (225) 226-8820 www.sweetcaneinn.com | 5 | No | Victorian home, circa 1890s. Children welcome, walking distance to downtown, pool, full breakfast, room with two queen beds. |
| The Cottage Guest House 824 Second St. (214) 908-1537 | 2 | No | Suites have access to living, dining room and kitchen. One block from Front St. and next door to Events Center. Whole house rental. |
| **Vera's Guest House 907 Washington St. (318) 609-0110 www.verashouse.com | 2 | No | 2 BR, 1 bath cottage, circa 1865. Hardwood floors with modern flair. The quaint cottage is a short stroll from the shops on Front Street. |
| **Violet Hill 917 Washington St. (318) 357-0858 • (866) 357-0858 www.violethillbandb.com | 6 | No | Elegantly furnished: Early check-ins, WIFI, cable TV, queen beds, 2 BR with Jacuzzis. Beverages & breakfast. Porch swing. |

**Located on Cane River Lake.



Bed & Breakfast

Natchitoches Non-Historic District

| Property Name | # of Rooms | Pets | Description |
|---|---------------|------|---|
| **Birds Nest on the Cane 1015 Parkway Drive Natchitoches, LA 71457 (318) 527-9709 • (318) 214-9470 | 3 | No | Accommodations for up to 5 people, 3 beds, 1.5 baths, kitchen, spacious living and dining area, spectacular wraparound porch. Located on beautiful Cane River. Yes to Pets & Children. |
| **Cane River Cottage and Guest House 228 Pratt Lane (318) 663-8239 www.canerivercottage.com | 6 | No | Located about nine miles south of downtown historic Natchitoches. Two unique well furnished homes with three bedrooms each and fully equipped kitchens, outdoor gazebo and grill area located on the Cane River Lake. |
| **Riverbend Bed & Breakfast 3141 Highway 494 (318) 352-6500 • (318) 446-0027 www.riverbendbedandbreakfast.com | 3 | No | Overlooking Cane River Lake, 10 min. from historic downtown. 1-3 couples with private baths, kitchen, den and sunroom. Quiet. |
| **Starlight Plantation 2228 Highway 494 (Cane River Road) (318) 352-3775 | 2 | No | On Cane River Lake; 2 suites with private hot tubs; plantation breakfast, boat pier; TV/VCR; 6.25 miles from downtown district. |
| The Cabins of Horseshoe Hills Ranch 240 Bayou Pierre Cut Off Road Natchitoches, LA 71457 (318) 352-2920 www.horseshoehillscabins.com | 6 | No | 6 Cajun Style Cabins with a bedroom and a loft. It's located just 5 minutes from downtown Natchitoches. Over 40 acres of beautiful scenery with nature trails, boat launch, great fishing...a great getaway. |
| Thorny Hill Cabin 2575 Posey Rd. (318) 472-6903 | 1 | No | Cottage with wood burning stove, queen sofa bed, pine floors & ceiling fans. Wildlife & bird watching. Complimentary beverages. |

**Located on Cane River Lake.



Hotel/Motels

We suggest that groups, conferences, etc. call the local telephone numbers to negotiate rates and reserve a room during the holiday season. Please note that local rates are very affordable; rates do increase during the busy Christmas season and there are some weekends when there is a 2-night minimum. Enjoy your visit.

| PROPERTY | # | Pe | B | P | M/R | I | DESCRIPTION |
|---|----|----|---|---|-----|---|--|
| Best Western 5131 University Pkwy (318) 352-6655 (800) 528-1234 www.bestwestern.com | 64 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Conference facilities available. HBO, HC accessible. Adjacent to restaurants, 6 miles to downtown historic district. Major credit cards accepted. |
| Church Street Inn 120 Church St. (318) 238-8888 (800) 668-9298 www.churchstinn.com | 20 | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | Located in Landmark Historic District; upscale property with amenities offered; Suites decorated with Louisiana themes; HBO, HC accessible; New Orleans style patio; adjacent to restaurants and shopping. |
| College Inn 1000 University Pkwy (Across from NSU) (318) 352-4426 (800) 329-7466 | 60 | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | HBO, HC accessible; One mile to downtown historic district. Major credit cards accepted. |
| Comfort Suites 151 Hayes Ave. (877) 424-6423 (318) 228-8816 | 80 | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Located off I-49, just minutes from local businesses and attractions. Close to Northwestern State University. |
| Days Inn 5135 University Pkwy (318) 352-0783 | 65 | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | HBO, HC accessible. Adjacent to restaurants, 6 miles to downtown historic district. Major credit cards accepted. |
| Econo Lodge & Suites 5335 University Pkwy (318) 214-0700 (800) 4-CHOICE www.econolodge.com | 70 | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | HBO, HC accessible. Adjacent to restaurants, 6 miles to downtown historic district. Suites offer microwave & refrigerator. Major credit cards accepted. |

= Number of Rooms • Pe = Pets • B = Breakfast • P = Pool • M/R = Microwave/ Refrigerator • I = Wireless Internet

| PROPERTY | # | Pe | B | P | M/R | I | DESCRIPTION |
|--|-----|----|---|---|-----|---|---|
| Fairfield Inn & Suites 150 Hayes Ave. (318) 354-8007 www.Marriott.com/FairfieldInn | 74 | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Six miles to downtown historic district, with complimentary wireless, complimentary on-site parking, Fitness Center. Major credit cards accepted. |
| Hampton Inn 5300 University Pkwy (318) 354-0010 (800) HAMPTON www.hamptoninn.com | 74 | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Conference facility, fitness facility. HBO, HC accessible. Adjacent to restaurants, 6 miles to downtown historic district. Major credit cards accepted. |
| Holiday Inn Express & Suites 5137 University Pkwy (318) 354-9911 (800) HOLIDAY www.ichotelsgroup.com | 80 | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Conference facility. HBO, HC accessible. Adjacent to restaurants, 6 miles to downtown historic district. Major credit cards accepted. |
| Natchitoches Inn 7624 Hwy 1 Bypass (318) 357-8281 (888) 252-8281 | 144 | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | HBO, HC accessible. 3.5 miles to downtown historic district. Major credit cards accepted. |
| Quality Inn 5362 University Pkwy (318) 352-7500 (800) 4 CHOICE www.choicehotels.com | 59 | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Cable/Satellite TV. 6 miles to downtown Natchitoches. Major credit cards accepted. |
| Riverview Inn 1316 Washington St. (318) 357-0423 (800) 960-2267 www.riverviewinnjt.com | 33 | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | Overlooking Cane River Lake; HBO, HC accessible. .5 mile to downtown historic district. Major credit cards accepted. |
| Super 8 5821 Hwy 1 Bypass (318) 352-1700 (800) 800-8000 www.super8.com | 42 | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | HBO, HC accessible. Adjacent to restaurants, 1.5 miles to downtown historic district. Major credit cards accepted. |

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Campgrounds & RV Parks

| PROPERTY | # Sites | Pets | DESCRIPTION |
|--|---------|------|--|
| Black Lake's Country Heaven RV Park 5780 Hwy 9, Creston, LA (318) 875-2288 | 28 | Yes | Located on Black Lake, Cabins, RV Coverins, Boat Launch, Boat Dock, and Full Hookups. |
| Chandlers Camp RV Heaven 5779 HWY 9, Creston, LA (318) 875-2222 | 15 | Yes | Located on Black Lake. Includes a motel, camping, RV sites, and a lodge for groups. |
| Christel Park, LLC Black Lake, at 152 Jim Bell Rd. Campti, LA (3 miles north off Hwy.9) (318) 875-2888 | 80 | Yes | Full hookups. Bath house and washer-dryers. Boat launch on site to Black Lake. |
| Country Living RV Park 1115 Hwy 174 (I-49 @ Ajax Exit) (318) 796-2543 Email: countryliving@cp-tel.net | 27 | Yes | Full hookups. Stocked pond. Bath house facilities with washer/dryers. Picnic tables. 17 miles from downtown historic district. |
| Kisatchie National Forest 229 Dogwood Park Rd. (16 miles south of Hwy. 6 on Hwy. 117) 472-1840 www.fs.fed.us/r8/kisatchie | 6 | Yes | Scenic overlooks, 12 miles of hiking trails 17-mile National Scenic Byway. Primitive camping, tent (318) sites, restrooms, picnic areas, trash disposal. Call for details and rates. |
| Magnolia Hill RV Park 143 Bills Rd. (1.5 miles west of I-49) (318) 471-3010 • (318) 471-6126 www.magnoliahillrvpark.com | 20 | Yes | Lots of shade, private and secluded, daily, weekly, and monthly rates. Washer/dryer, showers and bathrooms. |
| Morgan's Landing & RV Park 909 Tauzin Island Rd. (318) 352-9160 | 50 | Yes | Private boat launch. Quiet, clean and spacious, 4 miles to downtown historic district. Water, electricity, and sewage hookups available. |
| Nakatosh RV Park & Campgrounds 5428 Hwy 6 (318) 352-0911 • (318) 352-2055 www.nakatoshcampgrounds.com | 41 | Yes | Good Sam Park. Tent sites. Rec. building, picnic tables, bath house w/washer-dryers. Adjacent to truck stop with restaurant, free RV dump, 4.5 miles to historic district. |
| Nakatosh Campground #2 5906 Hwy. 1 Bypass • (318) 352-0911 | 27 | Yes | |
| Plantation RV 2588 Old King Hill Rd. (I-49 @ Allen Exit) (318) 214-7190 | 25 | Yes | Full hookups. Bath house with washer-dryers and bath. Quiet, clean, wooded area. Offer daily, weekly and monthly rates. |
| St. Luke RV Park 181 St. Luke Church Rd. Located off Posey Road Exit (318) 332-0164 • (318) 352-1481 | 24 | Yes | 30 to 50 amp sites, full hookups, bath house, washer-dryer. |

Cuisine

HISTORIC DISTRICT DINING

All historic district restaurants are locally owned and operated serving authentic Creole, Cajun and Southern dishes. All restaurants in Louisiana are smoke free.

The Breakfast Nook

105 Church St. - (318) 352-4491

- » *Anytime is Breakfast Time;*
also serving daily lunch specials

Cane Brake Café

584 Front St. #103 - (318) 238-3030

- » *Coffee house atmosphere, free wifi,*
espresso drinks, lunch, amazing desserts.

Cane River Bar & Grill

1125 Washington St. - (318) 352-2600

- » *Specializing in BBQ and Cuban*
sandwiches. Deck overlooking Cane River.

Hana Japanese Sushi Bar & Grill

750 Front St. - (318) 356-0989

- » *Features traditional Japanese cuisine*
and sushi. Open lunch and dinner.

Landing Restaurant

530 Front St. - (318) 352-1579

- » *Featuring Creole, Cajun and southern*
cuisine. Live jazz every Wednesday
evening. Catering available, groups
and private parties.
www.thelandingrestaurantandbar.com

Lasyone's Meat Pie Restaurant

622 Second St. - (318) 352-3353

- » *Home of the Famous Lasyone's Meat Pie*
and Cane River Mud Pie; open for breakfast
and lunch. Catering available, groups and
private parties welcome. www.lasyones.com

Magilieux's on the Cane

805 Washington St. - (318) 354-7767

- » *Fine dining experience featuring Italian*
style food with a Creole spin, including
steaks and seafood.



Mama's Oyster House

608 Front St. - (318) 356-7874

- » *Authentic Louisiana food; groups and*
private parties welcome; live music
Friday nights. Patio dining available.
www.mamasoysterhouse.com

Merci Beaucoup

127 Church St. - (318) 352-6634

- » *Known for their Cajun Baked Potato*
and bread pudding; casual dining; catering,
groups and private parties welcome.
www.mercibeaucouprestaurant.com

Papa's Bar & Grill

604 Front St. - (318) 356-5850

- » *Casual dining offers a wide variety*
of sandwiches, poboys, fried seafood
and steaks. www.papasbarandgrill.com

Pioneer Restaurant & Pub

812 Washington St. - (318) 352-4884

- » *Casual dining in historic 1830s building;*
imported and domestic beer; live
entertainment every Thursday
evening. Open major holidays.
www.pioneerpubtime.com

Shipley Donuts

400 Second St. - (318) 357-1703

- » *Enjoy the best in homemade pastries*
and coffee at this local establishment.

Cuisine

DINING AROUND TOWN

Almost Home

5820 Hwy. 1 Bypass – (318) 352-2431

» Overlooking Sibley Lake; home-style buffet dining, Friday night catfish buffet, open for lunch. Groups and private parties welcome.

Chef Wok

311 South Dr. – (318) 356-0006

» Casual dine in or take out available; oriental favorites, drive through window.

Chili's Bar & Grill

932 Keyser Ave. – (318) 357-0972

El Patron Mexican Restaurant

109 South Dr. – (318) 352-2990

El Nopal

117 South Dr. – (318) 214-0219

» South of the border favorites.
Groups and private parties welcome.

Grayson's Barbeque

– located in Clarence

(7.5 miles east of downtown Natchitoches)
5849 Hwy. 71 – (318) 357-0166

» It's been there for 50 years and for good reason - named one of Southern Living Magazine's Pit Stops for the best Southern barbecue.



Hana Seafood & Hibachi Grill

814 Keyser Ave. – (318) 352-6658

» Casual dining with hibachi grill and seafood menu

Half Shell Seafood

401 Texas St. – (318) 228-8761

» Cajun catering, seafood plates and more.

Huddle House

5306 University Parkway – (318) 352-7711

» Casual dining. Serving any meal, any time.

IHOP

5119 University Parkway – (318) 228-8860

Lakewood Inn Restaurant

– Creston, LA (17.3 miles east of downtown Natchitoches) 5675 Hwy. 9 – (318) 875-2263

» Casual dining serving southern specialties, catfish, steaks, expanded salad bar. Groups and private parties welcome. Open nightly for dinner and Sunday brunch.

Lucky Village

929 Keyser Ave. – (318) 352-8588

» Super buffet serving Chinese and oriental cuisine. Groups and private parties welcome.

Mariner's Seafood & Steakhouse

5948 Hwy. 1 Bypass – (318) 357-1220

» Fine dining on Sibley Lake. Cajun/Creole, fresh seafood and certified Angus Beef. Casual outside dining on The Docks, live entertainment every Friday and Saturday in Cove Lounge. Groups and private parties welcome.

www.marinersrestaurant.com



Magee's Patio Café

536 University Pkwy. – (318) 352-7200

- » Natchitoches Meat Pies, hamburgers, steak & chicken baskets, ice cream treats and more. Convenient drive through.

Nicky's Mexican Restaurant

4108 University Pkwy. – (318) 352-1538

- » Casual dining. Open lunch and dinner. Groups and private parties welcome.

Peggy's Homemade Pizza

4116 University Parkway – (318) 356-9200

- » Pizza, calzones, and pasta. Private parties welcome. Delivery available.

Red's Ribs

501 Texas St. – (318) 214-0901

- » Casual dine in or take out. Barbeque ribs, sausage and chicken dinners available. Catering available.

Sam's Southern Eatery

303 South Dr. – (318) 352-6213

- » Seafood of all kinds, burgers, poboys. Parties and groups welcome. Carry-out available.

San Luis Mexican Restaurant

302 South Dr. – (318) 354-6696

- » Casual dining. Open lunch and dinner. Groups and private parties welcome.

Sea & Sirloin Restaurant

Campti, LA

(located 15.34 miles east from downtown Natchitoches) 6454 Hwy. 9
(318) 875-2229

- » Casual dining serving Southern cuisine; fried catfish, steaks, salad bar. Groups and private parties welcome.

Trail Boss Steakhouse

301 South Dr. – (318) 352-2080

- » Casual dining serving lunch and dinner. Groups and private parties welcome.



Shopping

HISTORIC DISTRICT SHOPPING

Brenda's Clothing & Accessories

584 Front St., Ste. 104 – (318) 356-0422

» Fashionable clothes and accessories.

Beau & Molly's

780 Front St., Ste. 104 – (318) 238-3844

» Embroidery, accessories, clothing, and flags.

Cane River Gallery

558 Front St. – (318) 352-0034

» Custom framing, original artwork & prints.



Cane River Kitchenware

732 Front St. – (318) 238-3600

» Kitchen gifts plus regional sauces, spices and mixes. Call for special cooking classes.

Cora's Antiques & Gifts

754 Front St. – (318) 354-7900

» Candles and gifts, tea towels and Natchitoches items.

Dickens & Company

524 Front St. – (318) 352-1993

» Louisiana and Natchitoches items, fleur de lis gifts.

Front Street Antiques & Collectables

512 Front St. – (318) 228-8216

» Beautiful and unique antiques and collectables.

Georgia's Gift Shop

626 Front St. – (318) 352-5833

» Largest selection of Natchitoches and Louisiana gifts and souvenirs!

Follow us on Facebook at Georgia's Gift Shop

Gift's Galore & More

113 rue St. Denis – (318) 352-3831

» Over 40 local artists and crafts under one roof. Gifts and jewelry, paintings & more.

Gunter's Shoe Repair

502 Front St. – (318) 352-4001

» In business over 50 years, provides wide variety of repair services on shoes, boots and purses.

Hall Tree

600 Front St. – (318) 352-4177

» Fashionable clothing for men and women; gifts and accessories.

Hello Dolly

520 Front St. – (318) 352-5828

» Lots of variety! In-style clothes and accessories for all ages.

Kaffie Frederick General Mercantile

758 Front St. – (318) 352-2525

» Louisiana's oldest general store, hardware, housewares, gifts and nostalgic toys; Shop The Top for wedding and gift registry, Grady Harper gallery. Seasonal Christmas shop. Shipping available. www.oldhardwarestore.com

Louisiana Purchase

550 Front St. – (318) 352-0117

» Fresh fudge & creamy pralines made daily. Louisiana products, gifts, souvenirs, & more. www.LouPurchase.com

Mary Lou's Flowers & Gifts

117 rue St. Denis – (318) 357-1160

» Fresh flowers and silk arrangements, balloons and gifts.

Merci Beaucoup Gifts

584 Front St., Suites 106-107

– (318) 352-6624

- » Located in historic hotel, exclusive decorative gifts, candles.

Nakatosh Tattoo

119 Rue St. Denis

– (318) 238-6824

- » Art gallery and tattoo shop.

Natchitoches Art Guild

Heritage Gallery

584 Front St., Ste 102 – (318) 352-1626

- » Local original paintings & sculptures for sale. www.natchitochesartguild.org

Olivier's Creole Cypress Furniture

117 Second St. – (318) 352-1427

- » High quality custom Louisiana cypress furniture and bowls since 1965.
www.olivier-ww.com

Plantation Treasures

720 Front St. – (318) 354-1714

- » Clementine Hunter prints; Lampe Berger lamps, and fine gifts. Historic staircase.
www.plantationtreasures.com

Razzle Dazzle Unique Boutique

584 Front St. – (318) 354-9886

- » Boutique featuring clothing, accessories, wreaths, and décor.

The Rocking Horse Toy Store

628 Front St. – (318) 357-8889

- » Fun, educational and nostalgic toys and games, baby and children's gifts.

Southern Necessities

624 Front St. – (318) 354-8808

- » Designer handbags, luggage, men & women's watches, jewelry & decorations.

Tres Bien Antiques

132 St. Denis – (318) 228-8815

- » Resale, art, and consignment shop.
www.tresbienantiques.com

Vintage Magnolia

780 Front St., Suite 102 – (318) 238-3870

- » Modern boutique with children and women's clothing and accessories.



SOUVENIRS & GIFTS AROUND TOWN

Neebo Bookstore - NSU Apparel

912 University Pkwy. – (318) 352-9965

- » Northwestern State University clothing and gifts, educational items, balloons and gifts. www.neebo.com/nsula

New To You Flea Market

113 Boyd St. – (318) 352-0046

- » Buys and sells most anything.

Nellanne's Hallmark

319 Dixie Plaza – (318) 352-9140

- » Hallmark cards and gifts, Louisiana souvenirs, wedding and bridal shop.

Natchitoches Pecans, Inc.

at Little Eva's Plantation, Cloutierville, LA
(800) 572-5925

- » Homemade pecan products, gifts; seasonal opening.
www.natchitochespecans.com



Retirement

Make Natchitoches Home

"That quaint and perky town in the movie "Steel Magnolias" is real." *Vacations Magazine*

Whether for a weekend or a lifetime, you'll enjoy everything Natchitoches has to offer. The natural sensations of a clear, fresh southern morning offer an invitation to life like no other. Here, in an area steeped with tradition, sunrise signals the awakening of a particularly unique community spirit – a spirit that embraces people and potential with a quality of life unmatched in America.



If you are searching for a quiet, peaceful place to retire, where there are an amazing number of diversions to occupy one's time, where the weather is moderate year-round, where housing is affordable and the cost of living is roughly 15% below the national average...then you may well discover that Natchitoches is the perfect answer.

There are plenty more reasons...Natchitoches is Naturally Perfect...come and visit and find out why.

For a free retirement guide call 1-800-259-1714 or visit us online at www.natchitoches.com.

Entities and programs within the Natchitoches Parish area have been publicly recognized for their efforts in heritage tourism, historic preservation and retirement development.

- Ten Bargain Retirement Spots in the United States, *U.S. News & World Report*
- One of Louisiana's state-certified retirement communities
- *Preserve America Presidential Award* for Heritage Tourism, President George W. Bush
- Great American Main Street Award winner, National Trust for Historic Preservation
- One of the United States' Dozen Distinctive Destinations National Trust for Historic Preservation
- Natchitoches area was named as a Preserve America community
- One of the Eight Great Tax Friendly Towns, *Where To Retire Magazine*
- One of the Top 100 Places to Retire, *Where to Retire Magazine*
- One of the Twelve Great Road Trips, *National Geographic Traveler*
- One of the Top 100 Places to Retire, *Where to Retire Magazine*
- One of the Top Six Places to Retire in the United States, *Kiplinger Magazine*
- Featured in *Where To Retire Magazine*





Natchitoches Events Center

The Natchitoches Events Center, located in the heart of the Historic District, welcomes meetings, small to medium conventions, trade shows, weddings, and much more.

The Events Center is comprised of nearly 40,000 square feet of space including a 15,000 square foot Exhibit Hall capable of being divided into smaller breakout areas, three 1,200 square foot meeting rooms, and a 900 square foot board room capable of seating 25 individuals.

The Events Center staff can assist with planning any event to the last detail, from arranging layout to caterers. Tours of the Natchitoches Events Center are available daily by calling the Marketing /Sales Coordinator and scheduling an appointment.

Please visit our website www.natchitocheseventscenter.com or call (877) 238-7502 for more information about the Events Center.

City of Natchitoches

The City of Natchitoches, established in 1714 by Louis Juchereau de St. Denis, is the oldest permanent settlement in the Louisiana Purchase. Lying in the heart of the City is Natchitoches' National Historic Landmark District, one of only two such districts in the state of Louisiana.

- **Best Historic Attraction of Louisiana 2014**
Media World USA
- **Best Travel Destination in Louisiana for 2104**
CNN Travel
- **All American City Nomination 2013**
- **SmartMoney.com March 2012**
Retire Here, Not There: Louisiana.
Natchitoches named one of three in state
- **Best Small Towns in America**
Southern Living Magazine, Oct. 2010
- **Community Achievement Award**
2010 - Louisiana Municipal Association
- **Great Towns of America**
2009 by David & Joan Vokac
- **Louisiana Main Street Community**
Main Street, (318) 352-2746
www.downtownnatchitoches.com
Beau Jardin, (318) 352-2746
www.natchitochesla.gov



For more information on the City of Natchitoches, please visit www.natchitochesla.gov or call the Mayor's Office at (318) 352-2772.

Facilities Conference & Wedding

Beau Jardin Garden & Water Features

781 Front St. • (318) 357-3822
Outdoors, overlooking Cane River Lake.
Capacity up to 100.

Church Street Inn

120 Church St.
(318) 238-8888 • (800) 668-9298
www.churchstinn.com
Landmark Historic District. Capacity
up to 50. Outside patio area included.

Lasyone's Restaurant

622 Second St. • (318) 352-3353
Capacity up to 115. www.lasyones.com

Mama's Oyster House & Blues Room

608 Front Street • (318) 356-5850

Martin Luther King

Recreation Center
660 Martin Luther King Dr. • (318) 357-3892
Large conference facility up to 1700.

Merci Beacoup

127 Church St. • (318) 352-6634
www.mercibeacouprestaurant.com
Capacity up to 100.

Natchitoches Conference Center

5131 University Pkwy. • (318) 352-6655
Located beside Best Western &
Holiday Inn Express & Suites. Capacity
up to 250 with catering available.

Natchitoches Country Club

955 Hwy. 3191 • (318) 352-5538
Overlooking swimming pool and
golf course. Kitchen facilities and
catering available. Capacity up to 200.

Natchitoches Events Center

750 Second St. • (877) 238-7502
www.natchitocheseventscenter.com
Large exhibition hall and breakout rooms.
Kitchen facilities and catering available.
Capacity up to 1000.

Northwestern State University

(318) 357-6511
Several locations on campus can
accommodate events of every size.
Auditoriums, meeting rooms,
coliseum, ballrooms.

Prudhomme Rouquier House

446 rue Jefferson • (318) 352-6723
Landmark Historic District; circa 1790 home.
Owned and operated by the
Service League of Natchitoches.
Capacity up to 300.



Photograph provided by Daniel Graves

St. Charles Borromeo Chapel

Bermuda, Louisiana • (318) 357-8504
Historic 1908 church located on
Cane River Lake. Capacity up to 85.

Steel Magnolia House

320 rue Jefferson
(318) 238-2585 • (888) 346-4095
www.steelmagnoliahouse.com

The Landing Restaurant

530 Front St. • (318) 352-1579
Capacity up to 150.

Community Libraries

450 Second St.
(318) 357-3280
www.youseemore.com/natchitoches
Mon.- Fri. 9a-6p and
Saturday 9a-5p

Natchitoches Parish Library

Natchitoches' community library offers internet services to the public. Look for the Matt DeFord art display on the second floor and the art exhibit in the back entrance foyer provided by the Natchitoches Art Guild & Gallery.

3rd Floor – Watson
Memorial Library
913 University Pkwy.
(318) 357-4403
www.nsula.edu/watson_library/CGHRC.HTM
Open Mon.-Thurs. 8a-5p,
Fri. 8a-noon

Cammie Henry Research Center & Archives

Louisiana books, rare books, archival materials, the NSU Archives, microfilm, maps, newspapers, and oral history tapes. Located in Watson Memorial Library.

2nd Floor Old
Courthouse Museum
600 Second St.
(318) 357-2235
Open Tues.-Sat. 9a-5p

Natchitoches Genealogy & Historical Association

Includes French records dating back to 1776, marriages, conveyances, mortgages and books; Natchitoches Parish Census records 1820 through 1920; miscellaneous census records for other Louisiana parishes and states; IGI records, and Natchitoches Times microfilm records for March 1903 - Oct 1996.



Northwestern State University

Northwestern was established in 1884 in the old Bullard Mansion atop a hill overlooking the bustling river port city of Natchitoches. The campus grew as the school expanded from a two-year degree for teachers at Louisiana State Normal School to the four-year education degree at Louisiana Normal College in 1921. In 1944, the school became Northwestern State College and Northwestern State University in 1970.

Today over 125 years later, three columns remain of the original structure on what is now called Normal Hill in a National Historic District, the oldest continually occupied site for higher education in Louisiana.

Northwestern State University of Louisiana stands on ground that has been dedicated to learning for one hundred twenty-five years. Although, primarily a regional institution, Northwestern also offers an opportunity for education at other satellite locations. Specifically, distance learning is available in Leesville, Shreveport, Alexandria, and Jonesville.



General Information:

(318) 357-6011

www.NSULA.edu

Admissions Office:

(318) 357-4078 • (800) 426-3754

Alumni Affairs:

(318) 357-4414 • (888) 799-6486

Athletic Department:

(318) 357-5251

Creative & Performing Arts:

(318) 357-4522

Recreation Complex:

(318) 357-6300



Northwestern State Sports

Great Tradition, Brighter Future

Competing at the highest level of intercollegiate athletics, Northwestern State fields 14 NCAA Division I sports teams in the Southland Conference. The Demons and Lady Demons play football, women's volleyball, women's soccer, men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's indoor/outdoor track and field, and women's tennis. NSU Athletics (NSUDemons.com) uses the motto "Great Tradition, Brighter Future" pointing to outstanding achievements including producing Olympic athletes,



Academic All-Americans, dozens of pro football, basketball and baseball players, and a steady stream of NCAA postseason tournament and championship teams and athletes.

Event information: (318) 357-5251
NSUDemons.com

Folklife Center/Williamson Museum

The Louisiana Folk Life Center, an agency of Northwestern State University of Louisiana, was established in 1976. The center works closely with the Louisiana Folk Life program.



The Williamson Museum serves as a repository for archaeological collections for the region.

Louisiana Creole Heritage Center was established to promote, foster and engage in activities and endeavors that relate to Louisiana Creoles and their culture.

Keyser Hall, NSU Campus

Louisiana Folklife Center
(318) 357-4332
www.nsula.edu/folklife

Louisiana Creole Heritage Center
(318) 357-6685
www.nsula.edu/creole

Williamson Museum
(318) 357-4364

Rural Communities

Ashland - 71002

When the L&A Railroad came through the area in 1899 a turntable was built on land that was subdivided by Mr. A. R. Johnson. He named the little community in 1901 after a former home in Wisconsin. The date of first incorporation is 1963.

- BRIARWOOD: Caroline Dormon Nature Preserve
- Ashland Village Hall
- Masonic Lodge Hall

Annual Events: Ashland Spring Festival
– last weekend in March.

Located 35
miles north of
Natchitoches on
LA State Hwy. 153

Population: 291

City Hall
(318) 544-0044

Annual Events:
Ashland Spring
Festival – last
weekend in March.

Clarence - 71414

Historic Harrisonburg Road in Clarence was once an important link between the Natchez Trace and the El Camino Real. This road was traveled by pioneers and founders of settlements in Western Louisiana and Eastern Texas.

- Grayson Barbeque - 5849 Highway 71,
(318) 357-0166
- Natchitoches Parish Port: Port Commission
(318) 356-9686

Located 13
miles east of
Natchitoches on
Harrisonburg Rd

Population: 577

City Hall
(318) 357-0440



Located 20
miles south of
Natchitoches on
Highway 1 South

Population: 497

Cloutierville - 71416

Alexis Cloutier founded Cloutierville between 1805 - 1809. He built the town on his Plantation which was later owned by Kate Chopin and was the Kate Chopin House and Bayou Folk Museum. The Kate Chopin house was destroyed by a fire in October 1, 2008.

- circa 1900 bank
- St. John Catholic Church and cemetery
- Natchitoches Pecans
- Boat Launches - Red Bayou

Located 9 miles
north of downtown
Natchitoches on
Hwy. 1 South

Population: 185

Village Hall
(318) 352-8549

Powhatan - 71066

Powhatan was named after the Indian chief from Virginia who was the father of Pocahontas. Powhatan translates as hill of the medicine man. The village itself was originally called Irono and was created when the Texas and Pacific Railroad was built through the area.

Located 11
miles south of
Natchitoches

Population: 434

Town Hall
(318) 352-1414

Natchez - 71456

This village, southeast of Natchitoches, was the last home of the Natchez Indians after they were defeated by the French in 1731. A gateway to the Cane River National Heritage Area

- Natchez Heritage Festival – June
- Oakland Plantation National Park Service
- Magnolia Plantation Complex National Park Service
- Oaklawn Plantation (*Private Home*)
- Cherokee Plantation (*Private Home*)
- Beaufort Plantation (*Private Home*)
- Magnolia Plantation (*Private Home*)

Rural Communities

Robeline - 71469

In 1717, Louis Juchereau de St. Denis led a band of missionaries and Spanish soldiers to this site only twelve miles from the French post to initiate trade to initiate trade with the Spanish and fix the border between Mexico and Louisiana at Rio Hondo (Deep Creek).

In 1721, a more substantial fort was constructed on the same site, and Los Adaes, as it was called by the Spanish, was established as the first capital of Spanish Texas. It would remain so for nearly half a century. Los Adaes State Historical Site is maintained at the site today.

- Los Adaes State Historic Site
- Adai Indian Nation Cultural Center
- El Camino Real de Los Tejas
- Cane River National Historic Trail
- Robeline Heritage Festival
- Adai Caddo Pow Wow



Located 13 miles west of Natchitoches on Hwy. 6

Population: 149

Village Hall
(318) 472-6121

Goldonna - 71031

First occupied by the Indians in the area, the village was the home of salt licks who were named after Rueben Drake when the French arrived. Drake Salt Works is the site of one of the oldest salt wells in Louisiana. The Indians made use of the wells, and it was a major salt supply for Confederate forces during the War Between the States.

Once a Louisiana and Arkansas Railway, the outdoor Louisiana recreational trail links many towns in Winn and Webster Parishes.

- Drake Salt Works Festival
– Labor Day Weekend
- Louisiana Trails (Old Tank Pond)
(225) 343-8132 • (318) 727-8860
- Saline Lake & Bayou

Located 33 miles east of Natchitoches on Highway 156

Incorporated
July 13, 1898

Population: 417

Drake Salt Works
Festival contact:
(318) 727-8860
(318) 727-8770





Located 21 miles
west of Natchitoches
on Highway 6

Population: 1,000

The town was
incorporated in 1884.

Marthaville - 71450

The town was first inhabited by the Rains family in 1851. A school was built in 1853 which became the official pride of the town. The first post office opened in 1855, and the town was named Marthaville in honor of Rains' wife, Martha. Marthaville's main economic source is the timber industry. The town was incorporated in 1884.

- Good Ole Days Festival
- Third weekend in September
- Rebel State Historic Park
- Louisiana Country Music Museum
- Crump's Hill Historical Museum
(318) 472-9033



Located
21 miles west of
Natchitoches on
Highway 6

Population: 1,057

City Hall
(318) 476-3321

Campiti - 71411

The oldest settlement on the Red River. The first written record of the town's existence was in 1745. After the "Great Raft", the Red River log jam, Captain Henry Miller Shreve cleared the way for incoming French settlers to prosper on the ideal river banks of Campiti. The moving of the dam, however, did not expand the population. Upstream, Shreveport began to grow instead.

- Lakewood Inn - 5675 Hwy 9 (318) 875-2263
- Sea & Sirloin - 6454 Hwy 9 (318) 875-2229
- Campiti Historic Museum
- Nativity Catholic Church founded in 1831
- Area fishing lakes: Clear Lake, Black Lake, Red River, Saline Bayou, Saline Lake

Rural Communities

Provencal - 71468

The town of Provencal originated around 1880 while the railroad was under construction. The village grew from a trading post and mercantile business to two hotels, three business houses, a depot, and two saloons. The village was first incorporated in the 1890's as the Provencal Land Grant Corporation. The village was wiped out on April 13, 1913 by a tornado. What now exists as Provencal is what was rebuilt.

Located 12 miles southwest of Natchitoches on Highway 117

Population: 538

City Hall
(318) 472-8767

- Kisatchie National Forest, 229 Dogwood Park Rd. (318) 472-1840
- Provencal One Stop Restaurant 4556 North Blvd. (318) 472-9707
- Fall Festival - Third Saturday in November

Melrose / Isle Brevelle - 71452

The community known as Isle Brevelle was established by the descendants of an early Creole family from the blood lines of Marie Thérèse Coin-Coin, an enslaved woman, and Claude Thomas Pierre Metoyer, a Frenchman.

- Badin-Roque House – only one of four such structures still in existence in the US today.
- St. Augustine Catholic Church – first Roman Catholic Church established for people of color in the US.
- St. Augustine Church Fair – held annually the 2nd weekend of October.
- Creole Culture Tour – includes Creole cuisine, Badin-Roque House, St. Augustine Catholic Church. (318) 379-2521
- Tour Creole Locations (318) 357-6685
- Home to Melrose Plantation



Located 15 miles south of Natchitoches on LA Highway 484

Art & Culture Tours

**Kaffie-Frederick
General Mercantile**
318-352-2525
(877) 865-6681

Grady Harper Exhibit:

Inside Kaffie-Frederick General Mercantile, 758 Front St.,
Local artist, specializing in watercolors of historic
landmarks around Natchitoches.

**Art Guild
& Gallery:**
(318) 352-1626

Natchitoches Art Guild & Gallery:

584 Front Street, Suite 102, Displays works by area
artists. Open 10 am to 5 pm Monday – Saturday and
11:30 am to 3 pm Sunday.

Cane River Gallery:
(318) 352-0034

Cane River Gallery:

558 Front St., Custom framing, prints & artwork.

Plantation Treasures:
(318) 354-1714

Plantation Treasures:

720 Front St., Plantation Treasures Gift Shop showcases
some of Clementine Hunter cards, platters, originals and
prints. Open 9:30 am to 5:30 pm Monday – Saturday and
10 am to 3 pm Sunday. Prints for sale in gift shop.

Melrose Plantation:
(318) 379-0055

Melrose Plantation

3533 Hwy. 119, Cane River. Melrose Plantation was the
home to renowned folk artist, Clementine Hunter. Her
artwork is on display at the Plantation. Open Tuesday –
Sunday. Prints for sale in gift shop.

**Campti Museum
of History & Art:**
(318) 476-2990

Campti Museum of History & Art

Hwy 71 North located in the old City Bank building, circa
1900. Take a journey through yesteryear. A collection
of antiques, memorabilia and snippets of history for the
oldest town on the Red River. Call for hours.

**Orville Hanchey
Gallery**
75 Sam Sibley Dr.
Natchitoches
(318) 357-5476

Orville Hanchey Gallery at Northwestern State

University Located at Northwestern State University,
the gallery is a responsive, student-oriented institution
serving the residents of Louisiana and the world. In
2013, the world's largest beaded mosaic was
constructed at the gallery.

**Mon-Thurs 8a-4:30p
Fri. 8a-noon**

Outdoor Activities

Fishing

Fishing in Natchitoches Parish is an enjoyable experience with many fishing areas from which to choose. Whether you want to stay close to Natchitoches or venture into the outer lying areas of the parish, there is a place to drop your fishing pole.

This area's wildlife, bird watching, canoeing, and swimming in one of the parish's clear fresh water rivers or slow moving bayous attract campers. Trapping, fishing and hunting are available in the many rivers, streams, bayous and lakes. There are 129,174 acres of Kisatchie National Forest contained in Natchitoches and Winn Parishes.

Fishing and hunting licenses may be purchased at certain retail stores or parish sheriff's offices.

Boat Launches:

- Washington St. – Hwy 6, 1 mile north of downtown.
- Commercial ramps @ Point Place Marina, south of Pratt's Bridge, east side of the Lake; gas available at lake-side.
- East side Bermuda Bridge. LA Hwy. 119; dam at south end of Cane River Lake.

Natchitoches fishing spots:
Cane River Lake
Sibley Lake
Red River
Black Lake

Cane River Waterway
(318) 379-2878

Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries
(888) 765-2602
www.wlf.state.la.us.

Red River Waterway
(800) 874-9431
www.redriverwaterway.com

Golf & Tennis

Natchitoches is home to two golf courses and tennis facilities: Demon Hills and the Natchitoches Country Club. Both golf courses are open from 8 am to dusk. Call for information on tennis times at Demon Hills. Country Club tennis courts open from 8 am - 8 pm.

Northwestern Hills, located on Hwy. 1 Bypass, is an 18-hole golf course, rating 64.1
Golf: (318) 357-6300 Tennis: (318) 357-6300

Natchitoches Country Club, located on Hwy. 3191, is a nine-hole golf course, rating 67.6.
Golf: (318) 352-5538 Tennis: (318) 352-5538



Located near
Red River & Grand
Ecore Bridge off
Hwy. 6

(318) 356-9457

Natchitoches Shooting Range

- Affiliated with NRA, NSCA, and NSSA
- Rifle, pistol and archery range
- Sporting clays, lighted skeet, and trap
- Shotgun practice and instruction
- Hunting courses offered
- Guns available for rental



Grand Ecore Landing

- 4 miles north of Natchitoches on Red River
- Two lane boat launch
- 100 parking spaces
- Picnic area
- Boat dock & Bank fishing
- Fishing license required

Red River Waterway Commission: (800) 874-9431

Hwy. 494, 8
miles south of
Natchitoches on
Red River

Natchitoches - Hampton Recreation Area

- Two lane boat launch
- 80 ft. Boat dock
- Picnic facilities with grills & fire rings
- 25 parking spaces

Follow signs from
Cloutierville on LA
Hwy 491.

RedRiverWaterway.
com

Red Bayou Recreation Facility

- 28 miles south of Natchitoches on Red River in Cloutierville
- Two lane boat launch
- Picnic facilities with grills
- Boat dock & Bank fishing
- Fishing license required

Sibley Lake Patrol
(318) 357-3387

Sibley Lake Park
5906 Highway 1
Bypass
Natchitoches, LA
71457

Sibley Lake

Municipal water supply and recreational area.

- Fishing
- Bank fishing
- Public access boat launches
- Fishing license required
- Fishing fee accessed for lake

Festivals/Events

February / March:

Mardi Gras

March:

Bloomin' on the Bricks
& Art Along the Bricks
Ashland Spring Festival
Main Street Events

April:

Cane River Green Market
Jazz / R&B Festival
Spring Fest at Rebel
State Historic Area
Melrose Arts & Crafts Festival

May:

Cane River Green Market
Fleur de Lis Arts & Crafts Festival
Natchitoches Fishing Expo

June:

LA Sports Hall of Fame
Induction Ceremony
Cane River Green Market
Cookin' on the Cane
Natchez Heritage Festival
Girls Weekend Getaway

July:

Cane River Green Market
Celebration on the Cane
Natchitoches/NSU Folk Festival

September:

Cane River Zydeco Festival
Goldonna Drake Salt Works Festival
(Labor Day Weekend)
Meat Pie Festival
Marthaville Good Ole Days Festival

October:

Return to the 50's Classic Car Show
Robeline Heritage Festival
Tour of Historic Homes
& Plantations
Adai-Caddo Pow Wow - Robeline
Witch Way to Main Street
St. Augustine Church Fair
Haunted History Tour

November:

Opening - Festival of Lights
Christmas Season
Historic Landmark District
Holiday Open House
Fleur de Lis Arts & Crafts Show
Provencal Fall Festival

December:

Natchitoches Christmas
Festival of Lights
Holiday Tour of Homes
Fireworks every Saturday
in December
Christmas in the Park
- Rebel State Historic Area
Visit Santa Claus Nightly
Fete de Hiver Christmas Celebration



For specific festival information
please visit www.natchitoches.com
or call (800) 259-1714.



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Lafayette – 140 miles

Lake Charles – 140 miles

Baton Rouge – 190 miles

Shreveport – 70 miles

Alexandria – 58 miles

Monroe – 109 miles

Dallas – 255 miles

Houston – 230 miles

Little Rock – 290 miles

Jackson – 230 miles

Oklahoma City – 435 miles



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