

News Release

**Department of the Interior / U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex
Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge
1428 Highway 27, Bell City, LA 70630
Telephone 337-598-2216 / FAX 337-598-2492**

For Immediate Release:
November 9, 2005

Contact:
Diane Borden-Billiot, Outreach Coordinator
337-598-2216 or cell 912-2189

Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge Re-Opening the Wildlife Drive and P & H Fishing Pier Saturday, November 12, 2005.

Lake Arthur, LA- Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge Manager, Larry Narcisse, announces that the Wildlife Drive and its observation tower, located off Illinois Plant Road, inside Lacassine Pool, will re-open this Saturday, November 12, 2005 for wildlife observation and photography. In addition, the P & H Fishing Pier at the end of Streeter's Road will re-open for the public to fish in the Mermentau River. These areas will be open daily an hour before sunrise until an hour after sunset. All other areas of Lacassine Refuge remain closed. Refuge Law Enforcement officers remind visitors that there is no hunting, fishing or firearms permitted within the Lacassine Pool.

Restroom facilities that were located in these areas are no longer available. The only restrooms available on the refuge are located in the Refuge Office at 209 Nature Road, Monday through Friday, from 7:00 am -4:00 pm. Additional facilities may be found in the surrounding towns of Lake Arthur, Welsh, and Lowry . If you have further questions regarding Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge, please call 337-774-5923 or stop by the office.