



There are alligators and snakes here! Please also make sure that someone knows where you are paddling and your intended route, in case you need assistance. Remember, common sense goes a long way in keeping you and your family safe.

Please be aware Indian Bayou is a very popular hunting area. For your safety please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the hunting dates and other safety notices which are posted on bulletin boards throughout the area.

Your safety is our concern.



Emergency Contact Numbers:

Acadian Ambulance
911

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Office
112 Speck Lane
Port Barre, LA 70577
(337) 585-0853

LADWF Game Warden
Baton Rouge Office
(800) 442-2511

The Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System is designed to protect southern Louisiana from Mississippi River floods by diverting, if necessary, up to one half of the combined flows of the Red and Mississippi rivers to the Gulf of Mexico via the Atchafalaya.

The overall system, called the Mississippi River & Tributaries Project, is designed to do this while at the same time retaining and restoring the long-term natural productivity of the Atchafalaya Basin.

Project features to provide public access, environmental protection, developmental control and recreational opportunities were authorized by Congress in conjunction with flood control.

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DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO BAYOU COURTABLEAU PADDLING TRAIL

Take U.S. 190 six miles west of Krotz Springs or 12 miles east from Opelousas to Spillway Road. (Look for sign.) Take Spillway road south one mile to a private landing on the left. There is a fee of \$2 for launching.

For more information on Bayou Courtableau Canoe Trail and other area trails please visit: <http://atchafalayapaddletrails.org>



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Paddling Trails on Indian Bayou



PADDLING ON INDIAN BAYOU



As managers of these public lands and waters for recreation and enjoyment, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, strives to provide you, our visitor, the unique ability to view Indian Bayou in a whole new way. So grab up your canoe or kayak and visit Indian Bayou Paddling Trails.

The Corps of Engineers, in partnership with Atchafalaya Paddling Trails (APT), the state of Louisiana and citizen volunteers have mapped out a network of water trails throughout Indian Bayou. Indian Bayou offers a great opportunity to view scenic areas of hardwood forests, cypress swamps and bayous.



The area also contains forested wetlands and shallow lakes that provide excellent feeding and resting areas for wading birds like the great blue heron and the great egret. Waterfowl, such as mallards and wood ducks, can also be found in abundance. Numerous

species of reptiles and amphibians are common, including the American alligator and western cottonmouth. Indian Bayou contains some of the country's most productive fish and wildlife habitat. It is a paradise for hunters, fishers, boaters, nature photographers and outdoor enthusiasts. Indian Bayou, a part of the world's largest freshwater swamp wilderness, is now a home for paddling enthusiasts.



Marking the trails, you will see reflective white on blue directional signs at major turning points. The signs allow paddlers to navigate the trail without a guide.

Included in this brochure is a paddling map with GPS coordinates. These coordinates were taken at approximately one mile intervals to further enhance your paddling experience on Indian Bayou.



To ensure your enjoyment and safety, please observe posted rules and regulations and all safety precautions when boating, canoeing or kayaking.

Visitors should be alert to underwater hazards like submerged logs, stumps and rocks which may be present but not usually visible. And don't forget, this is South Louisiana.

