



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

US 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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*Photo by Lane LeFort*

### Driving Directions

The most popular hiking trails on Indian Bayou can be accessed from the main parking area. Please follow the driving directions listed below.

From Interstate 10 take the Butte La Rose exit (exit 121) and follow the levee road north 5.6 miles to the sixth parking area on the left.

From LA Hwy 190 exit at Krotz Springs and take LA Hwy 105 south 11.5 miles to the fifth parking area on the right.



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# Hiking on Indian Bayou



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## HIKING ON INDIAN BAYOU



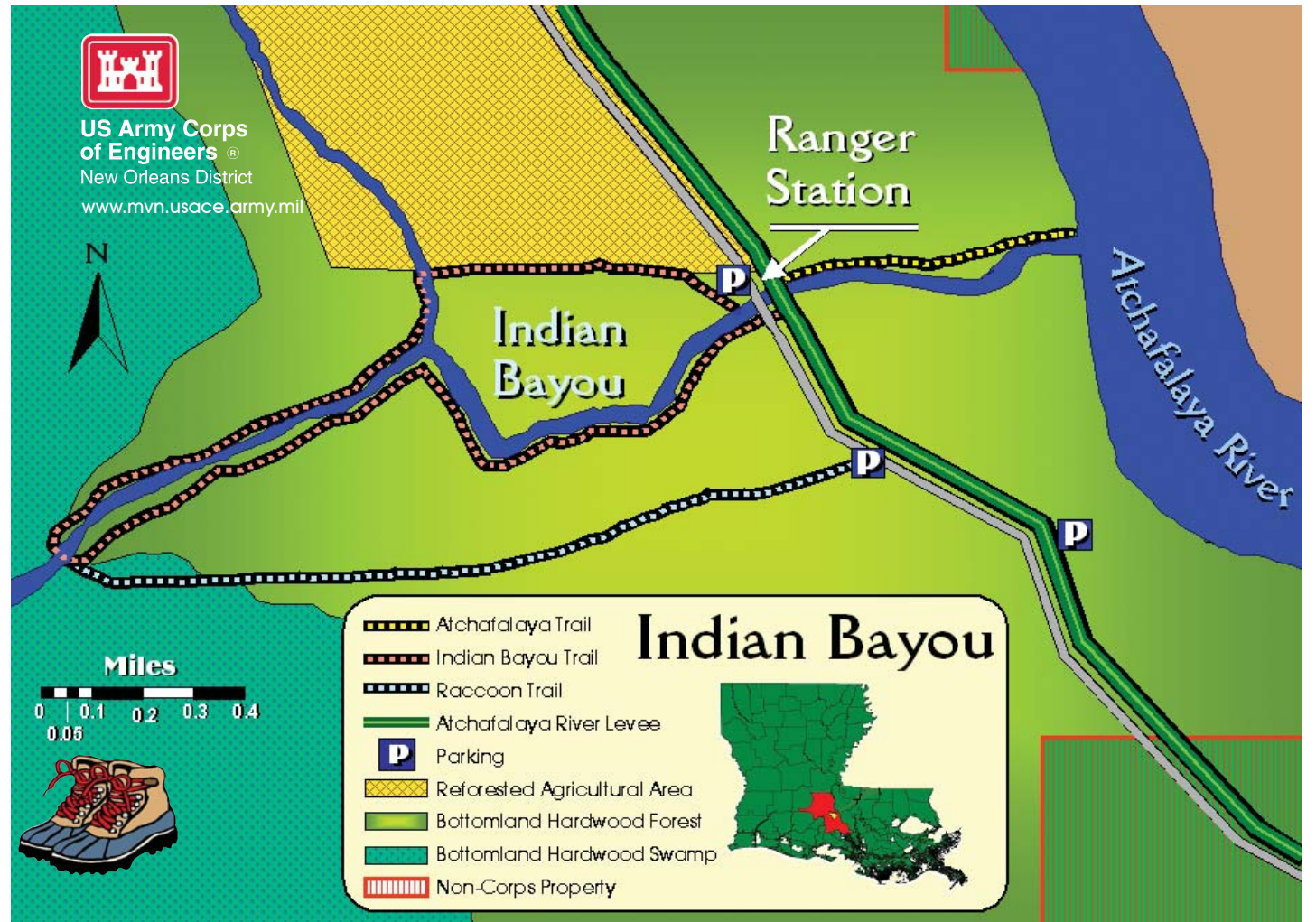
Indian Bayou contains some of the country's most productive wildlife habitat. It's a paradise for hunters, fishermen, boaters, nature photographers and outdoor enthusiasts. Now Indian Bayou is a place for hiking enthusiasts, too, who can enjoy part of the world's largest freshwater swamp wilderness.

As managers of these public lands and waters for recreation and enjoyment, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District,



welcomes and invites you to experience Indian Bayou firsthand. So grab your hiking gear and visit Indian Bayou Hiking Trails.

The Corps of Engineers has mapped out a network of about 25 miles of trails throughout Indian Bayou. Of these, 13 miles of trails are designated specifically for hiking. These trails are clearly marked



in green on the color photographic map available at the project web page:

[www.mvn.usace.army.mil](http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil)  
(click "Recreation" then click "Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System.")

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 great egret. Waterfowl, such as mallards and wood ducks, can also be found in abundance. Numerous species of reptiles and amphibians are common. Be cautious, you may run into an American alligator!

To ensure your enjoyment and safety, please observe posted rules and regulations and all safety precautions when using the hiking trails. Be mindful of other activities in the area. Visitors should be alert to the natural hazards of wildlife,

logs, stumps and rocks along the trails. Don't forget, this is South Louisiana. Please also make sure that someone knows where you are hiking, in case you need assistance.

