

Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve

May 2009

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>For more information or upcoming months, visit www.nps.gov/jela/planyourvisit/events.htm</p> | | | | <p>May is American Wetlands Month---celebrate with activities, programs, and exhibits marked with a *</p> | <p>1 jazz choir concert 2:30-3:30pm FQ</p> | <p>2 *canoe trek 9:30am BP Daisies program 10:00-11:00am PACC folklife demonstrations 3:00-6:00pm PACC Rendez-vous des Cajuns 6:00pm PACC</p> |
| <p>3</p> | <p>4 oil painting demonstration 4:00-6:00pm WACC delta music jam 5:30pm WACC</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>7</p> | <p>8</p> | <p>9 *birdwatching walk 8:00-11:00am BP *canoe trek 9:30am BP *wetland walk 10:00am ACC folklife demonstrations 3:00-6:00pm PACC Rendez-vous des Cajuns 6:00pm PACC *moonlight canoe trek 7:00pm BP</p> |
| <p>10 *wetland walk 10:00am ACC *sunset stroll 7:00pm BP</p> | <p>11 delta music jam 5:30pm WACC</p> | <p>12 **"Down the Bayou" film premiere 6:00pm WACC</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14</p> | <p>15</p> | <p>16 *canoe trek 9:30am BP *wetland walk 10:00am ACC folklife demonstrations 3:00-6:00pm PACC Rendez-vous des Cajuns 6:00pm PACC</p> |
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| <p>24 *wetland walk 10:00am ACC Memorial Day ceremony 12:30pm CB</p> | <p>25 delta music jam 5:30pm WACC</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30 *canoe trek 9:30am BP *wetland walk 10:00am ACC folklife demonstrations 3:00-6:00pm PACC Rendez-vous des Cajuns 6:00pm PACC dark skies astronomy program 8:00pm BP</p> |
| <p>31 *wetland walk 10:00am ACC</p> | <p>Every Day</p> <p>riverfront history stroll 9:30am FQ *wetlands walk 10:00am BP discover New Orleans ranger program 2:00pm FQ historic Thibodaux walking tour 2:00pm WACC ranger talk 2:45pm ACC exhibits - see listings on back *special Wetlands Month activities - see listings on back</p> | | <p>Site Locator Key</p> <p>ACC – Acadian Cultural Center, Lafayette BP – Barataria Preserve, Marrero CB – Chalmette Battlefield, Chalmette FQ – French Quarter Visitor Center, New Orleans PACC – Prairie Acadian Cultural Center, Eunice WACC – Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center, Thibodaux</p> | | |  |

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Calendar Listings

***Birdwatching walk** 8:00am – Join a ranger to spot warblers, waterbirds, and more. For beginning and intermediate birders 13 and up. Free but space limited so call for reservations. **Barataria Preserve**, 6588 Barataria Blvd., **Marrero**, 504-589-2330 ext. 10.

***Canoe trek** 6:30pm – Ranger-guided paddle through swamps and bayous. Free but space limited so call for reservations and canoe rental information. **Barataria Preserve**, 6588 Barataria Blvd., **Marrero**, 504-589-2330 ext. 10.

Daisies program 10:00-11:00am – Learn new skills and make new friends. For more information, call the Lafayette office of the Girl Scouts of America, 1-800-960-2093. Free. **Prairie Acadian Cultural Center**, 250 West Park Avenue, **Eunice**, 337-457-8499.

Dark skies astronomy program 6:30pm – Gary Meibaum from the St. Charles Parish Planetarium will set up telescopes and share the wonders of the universe. Free but space limited so call for reservations. **Barataria Preserve**, 6588 Barataria Blvd., **Marrero**, 504-589-2330 ext. 10.

Delta music jam 5:30pm – Sit in with local musicians or just enjoy some delta music: Cajun, country, gospel, jazz, and zydeco. Free. **Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center**, 314 Saint Mary St., **Thibodaux**, 985-448-1375.

***“Down the Bayou” film premiere** 6:00pm – New film about south Louisiana’s shrimping industry. Free. **Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center**, 314 Saint Mary St., **Thibodaux**, 985-448-1375.

Folklife demonstrations 3:00-6:00pm – The Cajun way of cooking, quilting, music, dancing, and more. Free. **Prairie Acadian Cultural Center**, 250 West Park Avenue, **Eunice**, 337-457-8499.

Jazz choir concert 2:30-3:30pm - Kansas City KS Community College Jazz Choir sings jazz standards. Free. **French Quarter Visitor Center**, 419 Decatur Street, **New Orleans**, 504-589-2636 ext. 1.

Memorial Day ceremony 12:30pm - Vietnam Veterans of VFW Post 3798 present a tribute to America’s fallen troops. Free. **Chalmette Battlefield**, 8606 West St. Bernard Highway, **Chalmette**, 504-281-0511.

***Moonlight canoe trek** 7:00pm – Ranger-guided paddle under the full moon. Free but space limited so call for reservations and canoe rental information. **Barataria Preserve**, 6588 Barataria Blvd., **Marrero**, 504-589-2330 ext. 10.

Oil painting demonstration 4:00-6:00pm – Watch Dolores Legendre (see exhibit information) at work during a special program. Free. **Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center**, 314 Saint Mary St., **Thibodaux**, 985-448-1375.

Rendez-vous des Cajuns 6:00pm – At Liberty Theater next door to center. Live Cajun and zydeco music. **Prairie Acadian Cultural Center**, 250 West Park Avenue, **Eunice**, 337-457-8499 for ticket information.



***Sunset stroll** 7:00pm – Join a ranger on a boardwalk trail as the swamp comes alive under a full moon. Free but space limited so call for reservations. **Barataria Preserve**, 6588 Barataria Blvd., **Marrero**, 504-589-2330 ext. 10.

***Wetland walk** 10:00am – Ranger-guided walk, water and soil sampling along Bayou Petite. Free. **Acadian Cultural Center**, 501 Fisher Road, **Lafayette**, 337-232-0789 ext. 11.

Every Day

Discover New Orleans 2:00pm - Explore south Louisiana history and culture with a National Park Service ranger. Free. **French Quarter Visitor Center**, 419 Decatur Street, **New Orleans**, 504-589-2636 ext. 1.

Historic Thibodaux walking tour 2:00pm - Take a one-mile walk with a ranger through local history. Free. **Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center**, 314 Saint Mary St., **Thibodaux**, 985-448-1375.

Ranger talk 2:45pm – Rangers share local history and culture. Free. **Acadian Cultural Center**, 501 Fisher Road, **Lafayette**, 337-232-0789 ext. 11.

Riverfront history stroll 9:30 am - Walk along the Mississippi River levee for an overview of New Orleans history. 25 free tickets given out beginning at 9:00am; first-come, first-served. **French Quarter Visitor Center**, 419 Decatur Street, **New Orleans**, 504-589-2636 ext. 1.

***Wetlands walk** 10:00am – Explore wild Louisiana on a ranger-guided walk through swamp and marsh. Daily walks may be cancelled during special events or due to staffing. Free. **Barataria Preserve**, 6588 Barataria Blvd., **Marrero**, 504-589-2330 ext. 10.

***Wetlands Month at the Acadian Cultural Center** - Display on wetlands plants and animals, Atchafalaya Swamp film, and a wetlands puzzle just for kids. Free. 501 Fisher Road, **Lafayette**, 337-232-0789 ext. 11.

***Wetlands Month at the Prairie Acadian Cultural Center** - Display on the Creole Nature Trail, microscope looks at wetlands soil and water, Atchafalaya Swamp film, and handouts just for kids. Free. **Prairie Acadian Cultural Center**, 250 West Park Avenue, **Eunice**, 337-457-8499.

Special Exhibits

“1808 - Louisiana Civil Code” - Documents, French coins, and medals tell the story of Louisiana’s legal system and its roots in the French Revolution, the Emperor Napoleon’s civil code, and the legal code of Spanish Louisiana. In French and English. Free. **Acadian Cultural Center**, 501 Fisher Road, **Lafayette**, 337-232-0789.

“Cajun Bayou Louisiana” - Artist Dolores Legendre paints Louisiana life from shrimp boats to plantation homes. Through July 25. Free. **Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center**, 314 Saint Mary St., **Thibodaux**, 985-448-1375.