

Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve

February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Every Day</p> <hr/> <p>riverfront history stroll 9:30am FQ historic Thibodaux walking tour 2:00pm WACC Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB ranger talk 2:45pm ACC special exhibits see listings on back</p>			1	2	3 wetlands walk 10:00am BP	4 winter bird walk 8:00-11:00am BP wetlands walk 10:00am BP folklife demonstrations 3:00-6:00pm PACC Rendez-vous des Cajuns 6:00pm PACC
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<p>For more information or upcoming months, visit www.nps.gov/jela/planyourvisit/events.htm</p>						

Calendar Listings

Cajun Mardi Gras history and traditions noon – Find out why Mardi Gras in Cajun Louisiana means chickens, horses, and homemade masks with Dr. Barry Ancelet, University of Louisiana at Lafayette professor of French and research fellow at the Center for Louisiana Studies. Free. **Prairie Acadian Cultural Center**, 250 West Park Avenue, **Eunice**, 337-457-8499.

Cajun music jam 5:30-7:00pm – Sit in with local musicians or just enjoy! Free. **Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center**, 314 Saint Mary St., **Thibodaux**, 985-448-1375.

Cercle Francophone 5:30-7:00pm – Come pass a good time speaking French (Cajun or otherwise) and help preserve French in Louisiana! Free. **Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center**, 314 Saint Mary St., **Thibodaux**, 985-448-1375.

Dulcimer jam 10:00-11:30am – Join the Cajun Dulcimer Society and its core group, the Lagniappe Dulcimer Society from Baton Rouge for dulcimer music: Cajun, country, Celtic, folk, and hymns. Bring an acoustic instrument and join in or just enjoy. Free. **Acadian Cultural Center**, 501 Fisher Road, **Lafayette**, 337-232-0789 ext. 11.

Expanding Horizons kids program 10:00am-2:00pm - “Sounds of the Swamp” is for kids aged 6-12. Learn about nature’s music through crafts, trail walks, and a special guest appearance by a New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park ranger. Free but space limited; call for reservations. **Barataria Preserve**, 6588 Barataria Blvd., **Marrero**, 504-689-3690 ext. 25.

Family Fun Day kids program 9:00am-noon – “African American History” features crafts and stories for kids 6-12 (parents welcome too!). Free but space limited so call for reservations. **Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center**, 314 Saint Mary St., **Thibodaux**, 985-448-1375.

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

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. Call the theater at 337-457-7389 for ticket information.

Wee Rangers kids program 10:00-11:00am – “African American History” features crafts and stories for toddlers 3-5 years old and their parents. Free but space limited so call for reservations. **Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center**, 314 Saint Mary St., **Thibodaux**, 985-448-1375.

Wetlands walk 10:00am – Explore wild Louisiana on a ranger-guided walk through swamp and marsh. Free. **Barataria Preserve**, 6588 Barataria Blvd., **Marrero**, 504-689-3690 ext. 10.

Winter bird walk 8:00-11:00am – Beginning and intermediate birdwatchers, bring your binoculars and meet the preserve’s cold weather residents. Free but space limited so call for reservations. **Barataria Preserve**, 6588 Barataria Blvd., **Marrero**, 504-689-3690 ext. 10.

Every Day

Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm - Discover 1815’s Battle of New Orleans on the battlefield where it happened. Time is approximate; talk takes place when *Creole Queen* excursion boat arrives. Free. **Chalmette Battlefield**, 8606 West St. Bernard Hwy., **Chalmette**, 504-281-0510.

Historic Thibodaux walking tour 2:00pm - Take a one-mile ranger-guided walk through local history. Free. (WACC closed on Sunday; no tour.) **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 a bird’s eye view of the French Quarter and an overview of New Orleans history. 25 free tickets given out at 9:00am; first-come, first-served. No stroll Saturday-Monday, February 18-20, due to Mardi Gras events on riverfront. **French Quarter Visitor Center**, 419 Decatur Street, **New Orleans**, 504-589-2636 ext. 1.

Special Exhibits

Art of Joseph Lewis – Carver, photographer, and painter Joseph Lewis shares the beauty of everyday Louisiana scenes and honors his ancestors in this special National African American History Month exhibit. Through March 5. Free. **Acadian Cultural Center**, 501 Fisher Road, **Lafayette**, 337-232-0789 ext. 11.

