1 3,500–2,500 years ago
2 2,600–1,500 years ago
3 1,500–700 years ago
4 1,200–500 years ago
5 500–present
LOUISIANA
Mississippi River
New Orleans
Eunice
Opelousas
Prairie Acadian Cultural Center
Baton Rouge
Hammond
Covington
Picayune
Pearl River
Tangipahoa River
Amite River
Mandeville
Slidell
Bay St Louis
Gulfport
Biloxi
MISSISSIPPI SOUND
Gulf Islands National Seashore
Crowley
Lafayette
Acadian Cultural Center
Plaquemine
LAKE MAUREPAS
LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN
French Quarter Visitor Center
Donaldsonville
Mississippi River
New Iberia
Bayou Teche
Atchafalaya River
New Orleans
LAKE BORGNE
CHANDELEUR SOUND
Chalmette Battlefield
LAC DES ALLEMANDS
LAKE VERRET
Bayou Lafourche
Barataria Preserve
Thibodaux
Franklin
Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center
Raceland
LAKE SALVADOR
Lafitte
WHITE LAKE
VERMILION BAY
WEST COTE BLANCHE BAY
Morgan City
Houma
Pointe a la Hache
BRETON SOUND
EAST COTE BLANCHE BAY
LITTLE LAKE
Atchafalaya delta
Golden Meadow
BARATARIA BAY
Buras
North
0 25 Kilometers
0 25 Miles
ATCHAFALAYA BAY
Atchafalaya River sediment plume
Venice
Grand Isle
Built-up and bare ground
Agriculture (formerly prairie and forest)
Upland forest
Swamp forest
Marsh
CAILLOU BAY
TERREBONNE BAY
TIMBALIER BAY
Mississippi River sediment plume
A growing "birdfoot" delta at Mississippi's end reaches into the Gulf
Gulf of Mexico