

Jean Lafitte Mammal Survey



With support of a National Park grant, Dr. Craig Hood (Loyola Univ.) has begun a survey of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park & Preserve to document mammals inhabiting the park's forests, swamps, bayous, and marshes. Our focus is to assess the impacts of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on mammal populations.

You can help us understand the distribution, habits, and ecology of your park's mammals by reporting the following to the Visitor's Center --

- sightings or observations on mammals
- locations of animal remains
- locations of sign (tracks, droppings)
- locations of owl pellets



Tracks of Fox Squirrel

It is important that you describe the sighting or observation in as much detail as possible, and **especially**, the **specific location**, so that we can investigate it and enter it into our GPS data. Please remember that this is a National Park and you shouldn't touch or collect natural objects including mammals (even remains). Just give us your info and we'll check it out. As our studies progress, we will establish a website that will keep you informed of our progress!

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In addition to contacting Park personnel in the Visitor's Center, feel free to contact -- Dr. Craig Hood, Loyola Univ., (504) 865-2193 or 220-2193