

Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve

March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 delta music jam 5:30pm WACC	2	3	4	5	6 canoe Grand Bayou 9:00am WACC canoe trek 9:30am BP tour Bayou Vermilion by boat 10:30am ACC traditional Cajun music jam 10:00am-noon WACC folklife demonstrations 3:00-6:00pm PACC <i>Rendez-vous des Cajuns</i> 6:00pm PACC
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For more information or upcoming months, visit www.nps.gov/jela/planyourvisit/events.htm

Site Locator Key

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

Calendar Listings

Brownies program noon-4:00pm – Learn new skills, make new friends, and earn an “Acadian Culture Try-it” badge. For information, call Girl Scouts of Louisiana - Pines to the Gulf office at 1-800-960-2093 or 337-984-1142. **Prairie Acadian Cultural Center**, 250 West Park Avenue, **Eunice**, 337-457-8499.

Canoe Grand Bayou 9:00am – Join a ranger for a paddle through logging country. Trek meet at Wetlands Acadian Cultrual Center and travel to Grand Bayou in Chackbay. Free (canoes provided) but space limited so reservations required. **Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center**, 314 Saint Mary St., **Thibodaux**, 985-448-1375.

Canoe trek 9:30am – 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**, 504-689-3690 ext. 10.

Daisies program 10:00-11:00am – Learn new skills, make new friends, and earn a “Respect Authority” daisy petal. For information, call Girl Scouts of Louisiana - Pines to the Gulf office at 1-800-960-2093 or 337-984-1142. **Prairie Acadian Cultural Center**, 250 West Park Avenue, **Eunice**, 337-457-8499.

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.

First Bloom Garden Ceremony 8:00am-noon – Join local students for some green thumb fun as they finish the center’s new garden, share gardening tips, and at 11:00am, officially dedicate the garden. 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.

Moonlight canoe trek 6:45pm – 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.

Mysterious Jean Lafitte 1:00pm at BP, 2:00pm at FQ – Pirate? Privateer? Patriot? Discover the real story behind the legends. Free. **Barataria Preserve**, 6588 Barataria Blvd., **Marrero**, 504-589-2330 ext. 10. **French Quarter Visitor Center**, 419 Decatur Street, **New Orleans**, 504-589-2636 ext. 1.

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.



Spring in the Swamp 10:00am-4:00pm –Wildlife, wildflowers, and family fun. Meet underwater creatures via dip nets, try canoeing on a brief paddle with a ranger, and explore Louisiana’s wild wetlands. Free. **Barataria Preserve**, 6588 Barataria Blvd., **Marrero**, 504-589-2330 ext. 10.

Tour Bayou Vermilion by boat 10:30am – Ranger-guided cruise along in traditional boat. Call 337-233-4077 for reservations and ticket prices. **Acadian Cultural Center**, 501 Fisher Road, **Lafayette**, 337-232-0789 ext. 11.

Traditional Cajun music jam 10:00am-noon – Sit in with local musicians or just enjoy! Free. **Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center**, 314 Saint Mary St., **Thibodaux**, 985-448-1375.

Every Day

Battle of New Orleans talk 2:30pm - 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. **French Quarter Visitor Center**, 419 Decatur Street, **New Orleans**, 504-589-2636 ext. 1.

Wetlands walk 10:00am and 2:00pm – 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**, 504-689-3690 ext. 10.

Special Exhibits

“**1808 - Louisiana Civil Code**” - Documents, 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 Spanish Louisiana’s legal code. In French and English. Free. **Acadian Cultural Center**, 501 Fisher Road, **Lafayette**, 337-232-0789.

George Rodrigue exhibit – “The Saga of the Acadians” pays homage to Cajun heritage. Opening reception with the artist on March 16. Exhibit through April 24. Free. **Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center**, 314 Saint Mary St., **Thibodaux**, 985-448-1375.