

# Jean Lafitte National Historical Park & Preserve

# November 2016



**PROGRAMS BELOW HAPPEN EVERY WEEK ON THE DAYS SHOWN. See other side for program descriptions, exhibits, and special events. For more information or upcoming months, visit [www.nps.gov/jela](http://www.nps.gov/jela)**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>national cemetery tour</b> 10:00am CB (through Nov 20)  <b>wetlands walk</b> 10:00am BP  <b>Battle of New Orleans talk</b> 10:45am CB  <b>national cemetery tour</b> noon CB (through Nov 20)  <b>national cemetery tour</b> 2:00pm CB (through Nov 20)  <b>Battle of New Orleans talk</b> 2:45pm CB	<b>Bayou Lafourche boat tour</b> (Nov 28 only) 10:00am WACC  <b>Battle of New Orleans talk</b> 10:45am CB  <b>Battle of New Orleans talk</b> 2:45pm CB  <b>Cajun music jam</b> 5:00-6:15pm WACC	<b>riverfront history stroll</b> 9:30am FQ  <b>Battle of New Orleans talk</b> 10:45am CB  <b>Battle of New Orleans talk</b> 2:45pm CB  <b>historic Thibodaux walking tour</b> 2:00pm WACC  <b>ranger talk</b> 2:45pm ACC  <b>Cercle Francophone</b> 5:30-7:00pm WACC	<b>riverfront history stroll</b> 9:30am FQ  <b>Bayou Lafourche boat tour</b> 10:00am WACC  <b>wetlands walk</b> 10:00am BP  <b>Battle of New Orleans talk</b> 10:45am CB  <b>historic Thibodaux walking tour</b> 2:00pm WACC  <b>Battle of New Orleans talk</b> 2:45pm CB  <b>ranger talk</b> 2:45pm ACC	<b>riverfront history stroll</b> 9:30am FQ  <b>wetlands walk</b> 10:00am BP  <b>Battle of New Orleans talk</b> 10:45am CB  <b>historic Thibodaux walking tour</b> 2:00pm WACC  <b>Battle of New Orleans talk</b> 2:45pm CB  <b>ranger talk</b> 2:45pm ACC	<b>riverfront history stroll</b> 9:30am FQ  <b>Bayou Lafourche boat tour</b> 10:00am WACC  <b>wetlands walk</b> 10:00am BP  <b>Battle of New Orleans talk</b> 10:45am CB  <b>Battle of New Orleans talk</b> 2:45pm CB  <b>ranger talk</b> 2:45pm ACC	<b>riverfront history stroll</b> 9:30am FQ  <b>Explore &amp; Restore</b> crafts for kids 10:00am-noon PACC  <b>national cemetery tour</b> 10:00am CB (through Nov 19)  <b>wetlands walk</b> 10:00am BP  <b>Battle of New Orleans talk</b> 10:45am CB  <b>national cemetery tour</b> noon CB (through Nov 19)  <b>Cajun Conversations</b> 1:00-2:30pm PACC  <b>national cemetery tour</b> 2:00pm CB (through Nov 19)  <b>Battle of New Orleans talk</b> 2:45pm CB  <b>folklife demonstrations</b> 2:45-6:00pm PACC  <b>Rendez-vous des Cajuns</b> 6:00pm PACC

## Site Locations & Days/Times of Operation

**HOLIDAY ALERTS - ACC, BP, FQ, PACC, WACC CLOSED FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, FOR VETERANS DAY. CB OPEN. ALL PARK SITES CLOSED THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, FOR THANKSGIVING.**

**ACC – Acadian Cultural Center**, 501 Fisher Road, **Lafayette**, 337-232-0789 ext. 201. Open Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-4:30pm and Saturday 8:30am-noon. Free admission.

**BP – Barataria Preserve**, 6588 Barataria Blvd., **Marrero**, 504-689-3690 ext. 10. Visitor center open Wednesday-Sunday 9:30am-4:30pm. Gates to parking lots open for trail access every day 9:00am-5:00pm. Free admission.

**CB – Chalmette Battlefield and Chalmette National Cemetery**, 8606 West St. Bernard Hwy., **Chalmette**, 504-281-0510. Open daily 9:00am-4:00pm. On Thursday, November 25, visitor center closed for federal holiday but battlefield grounds and Chalmette National Cemetery open 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Free admission.

**FQ – French Quarter Visitor Center**, 419 Decatur Street, **New Orleans**, 504-589-2636 ext. 1. Open Tuesday-Saturday 9:00am-4:30pm. Free admission.

**PACC – Prairie Acadian Cultural Center**, 250 West Park Avenue, **Eunice**, 337-457-8499. Open Wednesday-Friday 9:30am-4:30pm and Saturday 9:30am-6:00pm. Free admission.

**WACC – Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center**, 314 Saint Mary St., **Thibodaux**, 985-448-1375. Open Monday-Tuesday 9:00am-7:00pm, Wednesday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm and on Farmers Market Saturdays 8:00-11:00am (call center for dates). Free admission.

## Exhibits & Special Events

**Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana Exhibit and Films – ACC** During Native American Heritage Month, discover the culture and history of the Chitimachas, the only tribe in Louisiana still residing on ancestral homeland. Films (shown on request) are *Native Waters*, *A Chitimacha Recollection* and *The Chitimacha*. Exhibit on tribal life courtesy of the Chitimacha Cultural Department. Free.

**Exhibit – BP** Photographer Muffin Bernstein's exhibit "Silent Spring" focuses on bees and others whose pollinating work is critical to human survival. Free.

**Exhibit – WACC** Local artist Theon Guillory presents an in-depth look at life in south Louisiana through various subjects and techniques, but always with flowing lines and subtle grace. Free.

**Bloomin' in the Bayou Fall Wildflower Walk – Saturday, November 5 – 10:30am-12:30pm – BP** Learn some basic botany and find out what's blooming in the wetlands on a guided walk. Free but space limited so reservations required; call 504-689-3690 ext. 10.

**Dulcimer Jam – Saturday, November 12 – 9:30-11:00am - ACC** 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.

**Honoring Fazendeville – Thursday, November 10, 6:00-8:00pm, and Saturday, November 12, 1:00-3:00pm – CB** Join a discussion on how to honor the legacy of Fazendeville, an African American community founded in 1867 on what is now Chalmette Battlefield. Free but space limited so reservations required; call 504-281-0511 ext. 31.

**Crescent City Culinaire Series Saturday, November 12 – noon-2:00pm – FQ** For Native American Heritage Month, United Houma Nation members share tribal traditions like dolls made from Spanish moss and present a cooking demonstration with corn maque choux, a fall harvest soup made with freshly-shucked corn and local shrimp. Free.

**Living History Day – Saturday, November 19 – 9:00am-3:00pm – CB** Return to 1815's Battle of New Orleans era with park rangers and volunteers in period dress, campfire cooking, military drills, and musket and artillery drills. The battlefield is currently recruiting volunteers for an artillery crew; call 504-281-0511 ext. 32 for information. Free.

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## Program Descriptions

**Battle of New Orleans talk** 10:45am and 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. No talks Thursday, November 24; visitor center closed for federal holiday. **CB**

**Bayou Lafourche boat tour** 10:00am Ranger-guided cruise (weather permitting) along Bayou Lafourche to Madewood Plantation (Monday, November 28 only) or E.D. White Plantation Home (Wednesday and Friday through Friday, December 2). Call for required reservations and ticket prices. No tour Friday, November 11; center closed for federal holiday. **WACC**

**Cajun Conversations** 1:00-2:30pm Speak and learn basic conversational Cajun French. Free. **PACC**

**Cajun music jam** 5:30-6:30pm Sit in with local musicians or just enjoy! Free. **WACC**

**Cercle Francophone** 5:30-7:00pm Come pass a good time speaking French (Cajun or otherwise) and help preserve French in Louisiana. Free. **WACC**

**Explore & Restore crafts for kids** 10:00am-noon Kids of all ages are invited to create unique crafts from castoffs, leftovers, and throwaways. A parent or guardian must remain with children six and under. Free. **PACC**.

**Folklife demonstrations** 2:45-6:00pm Discover the Cajun way of music, dancing, cooking, and more. Cajun music and dancing begins at 2:45pm; cooking demonstration begins at 4:00pm. Free. **PACC**

**Historic Thibodaux walking tour** 2:00pm Take a one-mile ranger-guided walk through local history. No tour Thursday, November 24; center closed for federal holiday. Free. **WACC**

**National cemetery tour** 10:00am, noon, 2:00pm Walk Chalmette National Cemetery to discover its history and the stories of some of the thousands buried there. Meet at front porch of the old cemetery superintendent's lodge (two-story brick building just inside cemetery gate). Through November 20. Free. **CB**

**Ranger talk** 2:45pm Rangers share local history and culture. No talk Friday, November 11, or Thursday, November 24; center closed for federal holidays. Free. **ACC**

**Rendez-vous des Cajuns** 6:00pm – **Rendez-vous des Cajuns** 6:00pm Live Cajun and zydeco music at the historic Liberty Theater next door to center. Ticket information and band listings at [www.eunice-la.com/](http://www.eunice-la.com/) or 337-457-7389. **PACC**

**Riverfront history stroll** 9:30am 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 walk Friday, November 11, or Thursday, November 24; center closed for federal holidays. Free. **FQ**

**Wetlands walk** 10:00am Explore wild Louisiana on a ranger-guided walk through swamp and marsh. No walk Friday, November 11, or Thursday, November 24; center closed for federal holidays. Free. **BP**