

1: Tchefuncte River Lighthouse, Louisiana at www.enganchecubano.com

Louisiana's LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN'S NORTH SHORE EXPERIENCE. The purpose of our trip to the North Shore was to experience Mardi Gras before Fat Tuesday. One thing we learned about Louisiana is that its people are always in a party mood and that you do not need to go to New Orleans for the experience.

This section needs additional citations for verification. Please help improve this article by adding citations to reliable sources. Unsourced material may be challenged and removed. August Learn how and when to remove this template message The idea of a bridge spanning Lake Pontchartrain dates back to the early 19th century and Bernard de Marigny , the founder of Mandeville. He started a ferry service that continued to operate into the mids. In the s, a proposal called for the creation of artificial islands that would then be linked by a series of bridges. The financing for this plan would come from selling home sites on the islands. The modern Causeway started to take form in when Ernest M. Due to his lobbying and vision, the Louisiana Legislature created what is now the Causeway Commission. This included not just the bridge, but three approach roads on the north end and a long stretch of road on the south end. Until , tolls were collected from traffic going in each direction. To alleviate congestion on the south shore, toll collections were eliminated on the northbound span. In , the toll was raised to fund safety improvements on the bridge. Prior to the Causeway, residents of St. Tammany Parish used either the Maestri Bridge on U. Route 11 or the Rigolets Bridge on U. Route 90 , both near Slidell, Louisiana ; or on the west side, via U. Route 51 through Manchac, Louisiana. The storm surge was not as high under the Causeway as it was near the I Twin Span Bridge , and damage was mostly limited to the turnarounds. The causeways have never sustained major damage of any sort from hurricanes or other natural occurrences, a rarity among causeways. The existing fiber optic cable plant was blown out of its tray but remained intact per optical time domain reflectometer OTDR analysis. With the I Twin Span Bridge severely damaged, the Causeway was used as a major route for recovery teams staying in lands to the north to get into New Orleans. The Causeway reopened first to emergency traffic and then to the general public with tolls suspended on September 19, Tolls were reinstated by mid-October of that year. The Maestri Bridge comes close, but runs short by two-tenths of a mile at roughly 4. The Jiaozhou Bay Bridge spans water for only However Guinness World Records using the criteria of measurement that included aggregate structures, such as land bridges on the ends and an under-sea tunnel stated that the Jiaozhou Bay Bridge is Lake Pontchartrain Causeway then became the longest bridge over water continuous [3] while Jiaozhou Bay Bridge became the longest bridge over water aggregate.

2: Louisiana's LAKE PONTCHARTRIAN'S NORTH SHORE EXPERIENCE – The Travel Voice

Lake Pontchartrain, lake, southeastern Louisiana, U.S. The lake is 40 miles (64 km) long and 25 miles (40 km) wide at its widest point, with an area of square miles (1, square km) and a mean depth of 10 to 16 feet (3 to 5 metres).

Description[edit] Lake Pontchartrain is an estuary connected to the Gulf of Mexico via the Rigolets strait known locally as "the Rigolets" and Chef Menteur Pass into Lake Borgne , another large lagoon, and therefore experiences small tidal changes. It is one of the largest wetlands along the Gulf Coast of North America. Lake Maurepas , a true freshwater lake, connects with Lake Pontchartrain on the west via Pass Manchac. The lake was created 2, to 4, years ago as the evolving Mississippi River Delta formed its southern and eastern shorelines with alluvial deposits. Human habitation of the region began at least 3, years ago, but increased rapidly with the arrival of Europeans about years ago. The great American naturalist, William Bartram , explored the north shore during a trip west in Engines turned at Pass Manchac. However, the pilings were burned to the water line in the Civil War. Marshes, for example, are turning to open water, and cypress swamps are being killed by salt water intrusion. However, brown pelicans and bald eagles, once scarce, are now a common sight along the shores. A team of experts assembled by The Nature Conservancy assessed the situation in The bottomland hardwood forest and cypress swamp are suffering from lack of fresh water input and sediment deposition owing to the levees upstream from the lake. These were rangia clam representing lake bottom habitat , gulf sturgeon and paddlefish representing fish communities and the alligator snapping turtle one of the largest freshwater turtles in the world, but in decline owing to over-harvesting. The future of the lake depends, in part, on restoring annual spring floods to the wetlands of the lake basin, and controlling urban sprawl on the North shore. Selected species, like the paddlefish and alligator snapping turtle, would benefit from reduced harvesting. The lake could change considerably without such conservation planning. A few examples of future change might include more cypress swamps converting to anthropogenic marsh or open water, Chinese tallow displacing native forests, and, with a warming climate, mangrove trees replacing brackish marsh. The current population in the region is over 1. There have been many problems with conservation management of the forests and wetlands. These three Northshore parishes are the eastern Florida Parishes. The landscape here is mostly uplands that were once dominated by long leaf pine savannas and interrupted by occasional large rivers. The savannas were maintained by regular fires caused by lightning; they produced the distinctive fauna and flora of this region. Lake Pontchartrain forms the northern boundary of the city of New Orleans, which is coterminous with Orleans Parish , and the northern boundary of its two largest suburbs Metairie and Kenner ; as well as forming the northern boundaries of Jefferson Parish and Saint Charles Parish and much of the northern and eastern boundaries of Saint John the Baptist Parish. The lake provides numerous recreational activities for people in New Orleans and is also home to the Southern Yacht Club. In the s, the Industrial Canal in the eastern part of the city opened, providing a direct navigable water connection, with locks , between the Mississippi River and the lake. The Lake Pontchartrain Causeway was constructed in the s and s, connecting New Orleans by way of Metairie with Mandeville, and bisecting the lake in a north-northeast line. Hurricanes[edit] Lake Pontchartrain at New Orleans during Hurricane Georges in ; lakefront fishing camps outside of the protection levee suffered severe damage. During hurricanes , a storm surge can build up in Lake Pontchartrain. Wind pushes water into the lake from the Gulf of Mexico as a hurricane approaches from the south, and from there it can spill into New Orleans. A hurricane in flooded much of Metairie , much of which is slightly below sea level due to land subsidence after marshland was drained. A storm surge of 10 feet 3. After this the levees encircling the city and outlying parishes were raised to heights of 14 to 23 feet 4. Due to cost concerns, the levees were built to protect against only a Category 3 hurricane ; however, some of the levees initially withstood the Category 5 storm surge of Hurricane Katrina August , which only slowed to Category 3 winds within hours of landfall due to a last-minute eyewall replacement cycle. Experts using computer modeling at Louisiana State University after Hurricane Katrina have concluded that the levees were never topped but rather faulty design, inadequate construction, or some combination of the two were responsible for the flooding of most of New Orleans: Hurricane Katrina[edit]

Windspeed of Hurricane Katrina 7 a. Windspeed of Hurricane Katrina 10 a. Although Katrina weakened to a Category 3 before making landfall on August 29 with only Category strength winds in New Orleans on the weaker side of the eye of the hurricane , the outlying New Orleans East area along south Lake Pontchartrain was in the eyewall with winds, preceding the eye, nearly as strong as those experienced in Bay St. The walls of the Industrial Canal were breached by storm surge via the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet , while the 17th Street Canal and London Avenue Canal experienced catastrophic breaches, even though water levels never topped their flood walls. Louisiana State University experts presented evidence that some of these structures might have had design flaws or faulty construction. In the weeks before Katrina, tests of salinity in seepage pools near canals showed them to be lake water, not fresh water from broken mains. Much of the northern sector of the suburban areas of Metairie and Kenner was flooded with up to 2 to 3 feet 0. In this area, flooding was not the result of levee overtopping, but was due to a decision by the governmental administration of Jefferson Parish to abandon the levee-aligned drainage pumping stations. When the pump operators were returned to their stations, water was drained out of Metairie and Kenner in less than a day. On September 6, the Corps began pumping flood water back into the lake after seven days in the streets of New Orleans. Because it was fouled with dead animals, sewage, heavy metals , petrochemicals , and other dangerous substances, the Army Corps worked with the U. It is unclear how long the pollution will persist and what its environmental damage to the lake will be, or what the long-term health effects will be in the city from mold and other contamination. On September 24, , Hurricane Rita did not breach the temporary repairs in the main part of the city, but the repair on the Industrial Canal wall in the Lower 9th Ward was breached, allowing about 2 feet 0. Notable deaths[edit] Eastern Air Lines Flight crashed into the lake on February 25, , resulting in the deaths of 51 passengers and 7 crew. Very little of the plane or passengers was ever recovered. On December 31, , a chartered plane crashed into Lake Pontchartrain, killing 5 servicemen and the pilot. On September 15, , six-year-old Benjamin Daly, along with the pilot, died when a private plane his parents had chartered crashed into the lake. On February 23, , a twin engine plane crashed into Lake Pontchartrain, killing 7. The cause of death was homicide by asphyxia. She was not identified and no leads were ever identified in the case. Navy T training plane crashed into the lake on January 23, , after a routine training mission. Clinton Wermers, was found at on January 27, The student pilot was rescued about two hours after the crash.

3: Homepage - Fishing reports from St. Tammany Parish

North of Lake Pontchartrain is the North Shore, Northshore, or Northlake region. It includes the cities of Mandeville, Covington, Abita Springs, Madisonville, Lacombe, and Slidell in St. Tammany Parish; Ponchatoula, Hammond, and Amite in Tangipahoa Parish; and Franklinton in Washington Parish.

One thing we learned about Louisiana is that its people are always in a party mood and that you do not need to go to New Orleans for the experience. The Mardi Gras season lasts for 30 days and the first party began as early as January 7. All of the towns mentioned in this piece all have parades, and Mardi Gras appears in the rest of Louisiana as well. You will see marching bands, dancers and floats with bead throwers. Madisonville has a wooden boat parade on the river. They also throw beads. All of these parades are family friendly. Just remember to bring a lawn chair and any snacks you desire. For more information, please contact Tanya Leader at or louisiananorthshore. Global Wildlife Center Enthusiastic young guides who provide anecdotes as well as a wealth of information about the history of the center and of the animals. The center only accepts hooved animals, no carnivores. Most are threatened or endangered and now roam free. In their 25 year history, they have gone from to animals. The center boasts acres as far as the eye can see from every vantage point. Deer, some fallow, some not, come from countries such as Iraq and Iran. Geese, flying south for the winter, have landed in their midst. These geese have become so obese that they can no longer fly north! It is fascinating to watch how all those species get along with one another. You travel through property by a tram-like wagon where you are protected from the animals and the elements with roof and side canvases all around. You can buy a bucket of food for a modest price and feed the animals as you go. Llamas are beggars and can be fed from your hand. The Watasi Cattle from Africa have very long tongues and it is best to put the food in a cup and fill their mouths. If you are touched by a tongue, legend has it that you have seven years good luck! Another special animal is the Beefalo, a cross between bison and cattle to produce lean but tasty meat. The center has a gift shop that has everything you need in the way of souvenirs as well as many other choices. We had a wonderful time and plan to come back some day. It is a stress free experience from beginning to end. When our boat was sitting still, no movement of the water is apparent. In fact it resembled a mirror with drops of diamonds dancing across it. Our February day rose to 70 degrees. The setting had a color palette of a powder blue sky with white puffy clouds with white cypress trees against the blue. Looking down, we saw circles of green around each tree resembling Christmas tree skirts, a magnificent scene, and pure solitude. Of course, the boat will speed up to cover a lot of area to get the best view of everything. In addition to the Cypress, we saw maple trees with red leaves. As for wildlife, we saw two adorable raccoons who ran for the marshmallow our guide threw at them. At various stops along our way, we saw branches with three or four turtles sunning themselves. Our guide was extremely informative and went out of his way to show the children on the boat special things. We intend to return when the red leaves on the maple trees and the cypress trees will all be in full color. This should happen by the middle of March. A valuable asset to the area both for its history and the preservation of artifacts. Located on the banks of the Tchefuncte River, it is the site for the Jahncke Shipyard which built foot wooden boats for use by the U. Navy during World War I. The museum has twelve thousand feet of exhibit space and has interpretive programs, exhibits and publications. A historic lighthouse sits at the mouth of the river and is accessible only by boat. You may drive to see it, however. The museum is located at Mabel Dr. We enjoyed the food so much that we want you to enjoy it too. It is family owned and has an original menu. I had Catfish Tchefuncte which tasted more like a high end white fish; my hubby tried two burger choices: The open air dining rooms have a definite Caribbean vibe with lush landscaping and flowers plus a water view of the Bayou Bonfouca. Both of us had the catch of the day, snapper, which is their signature dish. The menu is fascinating with many choices. Weddings and other events happen here as well. The historic Bechac house used to be the summer home for the owners of a Mandeville plantation which was down the road. In the family lived above and below had a restaurant and a casino. Today, the structure sits across the street from the lake and boasts several dining rooms both inside and out. The buffet has several stations where they make custom omelets and waffles and on the other side is a full

A LIGHT-HOUSE AT MANDEVILLE, ON LAKE PONTCHARTRIAN. pdf

buffet starting with Gumbo Ya Ya and salads, cheeses, entrees, sides and of course desserts. You must try the white chocolate bread pudding! We had a round of mimosas then stuffed ourselves before we headed home.

4: Lighthouse Harbor Condominiums - Located on Lake Pontchartrian, in New Orleans, LA

Additional boat traffic on the Tchefuncte River was produced by the Jahncke Shipyard. Fritz Jahncke, a German immigrant, used the abundant sand and clay found along the waterways of the lake's northern shore to start a cement and concrete business to help build the growing city of New Orleans.

In , a small town established on the banks of the river was named Madisonville, in honor of President James Madison. Over the next century, the town flourished as a resort for the wealthy residents of New Orleans who fled the heat of the city for the cool lake breezes of Madisonville. Tchefuncte River Lighthouse built in Photograph courtesy U. Jahncke opened a shipyard in Madisonville to service his fleet, and the facility grew to the point where he was awarded contracts by the U. Government to build ships during World War I. The finished ships were floated on barges down the Tchefuncte River and out to the gulf. Built in , the thirty-six-foot-tall brick tower was equipped with a lighting apparatus supplied by Winslow Lewis that consisted of nine lamps backed by fourteen-inch reflectors. A foot breakwater was built in to protect the lighthouse, and in a fifth-order Fresnel lens was installed in the lantern room. The tower was badly damaged during the Civil War, and in workmen arrived to restore the station. The dwelling was first put in order so it could be occupied by the workmen, and then during the first week of June work began on rebuilding the lighthouse. Due to an outbreak of yellow fever, work had to be suspended for four weeks, but construction resumed in the latter part of September. The new tower was constructed on the original foundation using some of the brick from its predecessor and rose ten feet higher than the first. The lantern room from the destroyed Cat Island Lighthouse was used to cap the new lighthouse, and the light from a fifth-order Fresnel lens was exhibited on December 1, Storm-tossed waters were a constant threat to the exposed station. The breakwater served its purpose for a few years until a storm in September swept it away, forcing it to be rebuilt. The breakwater was rebuilt again in using cypress piles a foot square, faced with cypress sheet piling. Work commenced on a new dwelling in May , and it was completed on June The old dwelling was torn down, and the resulting rubbish burned. Tchefuncte River Lighthouse photographed in Photograph courtesy U. The plank walk to the landing was also swept away along with the steps leading to the fog bell tower. A new kitchen, storehouse, and outhouses were built, and feet of plank walk were placed around the dwelling and tower. In , a black, square, pyramidal structure, supported by piles and bearing a fixed white lens lantern light thirty-four feet above the water, was built in five feet of water feet lakeward of Tchefuncte River Lighthouse. This light was activated on April 30, and served as a front range light to guide mariners to the mouth of the river. At some point, a single vertical black stripe was painted on the tower to help captains line up their approach to the river. A brick oil house was also added to the station in and several tons of rock were placed in the breakwater. A hurricane struck the station in July , when seventy-three-year-old Keeper Joseph P. Groux was in his twenty-sixth year of service at the lighthouse. The Secretary of Commerce commended Keeper Groux for maintaining the light under hazardous and trying conditions. Following the storm, the breakwater had to be rebuilt along with a new pyramidal structure for the front range light. Schrieber served as keeper from to , living at the lighthouse with his wife Lilla and their seven children, three of whom were born during their time at Tchefuncte River Lighthouse. A telephone was installed at the station in , and Keeper Schrieber paid the monthly bill so his family could easily communicate with town. Electricity arrived at the lighthouse in , and William Still, the last keeper, left in Through the years, the structure served as the residence for a local doctor, as a boat yard office, and as a camp. In , John Poole donated the cottage to the town, and it was relocated to the grounds of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum , which is located on what was the site of the Jahncke Shipyard. The town of Madisonville assumed ownership of the lighthouse from the Coast Guard in , and a group of volunteers interested in renovating the lighthouse held its first meeting on March 18, in the museum. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita interrupted the original efforts, but restoration plans resumed in backed by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Southeastern Museum Conference, a gift from the Southeastern Louisiana University Development Fund, and contributions from private groups and individuals. On June 25, , Phase 1 of the lighthouse restoration concluded with the exterior masonry being

repaired, repointed, and painted, and the interior spiral staircase being repaired and painted. Work continued during the rest of , and on August 8, the maritime museum hosted a fireworks display above the lighthouse to celebrate National Lighthouse Day and the substantial progress made in restoring Tchefuncte River Lighthouse. Today, people still flock to the northern shore from New Orleans, but now they are primarily commuters, and the trip is much shorter thanks to the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway that crosses the lake. The first span of the Causeway opened to the public in , and the second in Now, each weekday, 30, cars cross the lake on what is called the longest over-water bridge in the world. References Annual Report of the Lighthouse Board, various years. Martin, Lighthouse Digest, October, Map Located along the northern shore of Lake Pontchartrain, near the mouth of the Tchefuncte River, south of Madisonville. Visitor Information Tchefuncte River Lighthouse is best viewed by boat. A distant view is possible by turning south on Main Street from Highway 22 in Madisonville and driving south for two miles to Lake Pontchartrain. The lighthouse is owned by the Town of Madisonville. Several locals came along for the ride, which enhanced our experience. Our captain had a rubber dinghy aboard in case we wanted to attempt a landing at Tchefuncte River Lighthouse. By the time we had finished visiting Pass Manchac Lighthouse, a pretty good chop had developed on the lake. I had internally decided that I did not want to try to go ashore at Tchefuncte River Lighthouse, however, the rubber raft had been provided, and I felt the locals wanted us to get the whole experience. Not being a skilled rower, I was a bit apprehensive of exactly how we would make it back to the boat, going against the cresting waves. Fully clothed with long pants and shoes, we boarded the small craft, and I clumsily rowed ashore. We stayed mostly dry except when we were forced to wade in the last several feet, after the boat bottomed out. Climbing the tower proved to be an adventure too. Partway up the tower, I encountered a snake on the stairs. The snake quickly made me the sole climber, and I continued upwards giving it as wide a berth as possible. We just converted the oars to paddles, and managed to cut a pretty straight line back to the boat. With wet shoes, socks, pants, and an afternoon of fun memories, we thanked our captain and new friends.

5: Pontchartrain Hotel New Orleans | New Orleans Garden District Hotels

The Environmental Atlas of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin provides citizens, planners, managers, educators, scientists and other professionals with a multidisciplinary and integrated source of information on Lake Pontchartrain and its surrounding Basin.

6: Lake Pontchartrain Causeway - Wikipedia

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7: Welcome to Pontchartrain Elementary!

This is the longest bridge Ride i been on, I enjoy seen Lake Pontchartrian on both side, riding 24 miles long bridge, you pay 3 dollar to crossover to New Orleans side, it some thing to see. Ask Hapyfac about Lake Pontchartrain.

8: Lighthouse Restaurant in Mandeville, LA with Reviews - www.enganchecubano.com

Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation (LPBF) was established in response to environmental concerns voiced throughout the Basin. As the public's independent voice, LPBF is dedicated to restoring and preserving the water quality, coast, and habitats of the entire Pontchartrain Basin.

9: Lake Pontchartrain - Wikipedia

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