



MEMBERSHIP Benefits & Privileges

- Help maintain a state-of-the-art Arboretum and Nature Center.
- Invitations to special Arboretum events.
- Informative newsletters.
- Unite with other friends of nature and plant enthusiasts.
- Knowledge you are leaving a lasting legacy for generations.
- Support conservation of Louisiana native plants.

Your membership is tax deductible because the Friends of the Arboretum is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Please help support our State's Arboretum, one of the most unique natural forests in Louisiana.

MEMBERSHIP FEES (annual)

Student and Seniors (62 and older)	\$10
Individual	\$20
Family	\$25
Other	—

Name	
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Please make your check payable to the **Friends of the Arboretum** and mail to:

P.O. Box 194, Ville Platte, LA 70586

To help preserve the Arboretum for future generations, removing or damaging any plants or animals is strictly prohibited, as are pets, biking and picnicking. Picnic grounds and camping facilities are available at nearby Chicot State Park.

**Help Keep the Arboretum Going
Strong for another 50 Years!
Become a Friend of the Arboretum!**

The Friends of the Louisiana State Arboretum are dedicated to recognizing, promoting and improving the value and benefits of the Louisiana State Arboretum through management, education, research and training. In addition, the Friends' mission includes increasing public awareness of the values and benefits of the Arboretum resources and Arboretum management through public education, professional native flora and fauna training and research.



The Louisiana State Arboretum

1300 Sudie Lawton Lane
Ville Platte, LA 70586

The Arboretum Nature Center, located inside Chicot State Park, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Visit the Arboretum on the Web!
www.LaStateParks.com

Arboretum blog:
<http://louisianaarboretum.wordpress.com/>

Friends of the Arboretum web site:
www.friendslaarb.org

For emergencies call: 911
Chicot Entrance Station: 337-363-2403
Sheriff's Office: 337-363-3345
Ranger Pager: 337-363-8333
Mercy Medical Hospital: 337-363-5684

DIRECTIONS: Coming from the north on I-49, exit on LA 106 south. Turn left off LA 106 onto LA 3042 south. From the south, exit I-49 on US 167 and drive toward Ville Platte. Take Hwy 3042 north. The Arboretum Nature Center is located within Chicot State Park.

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THE LOUISIANA STATE Arboretum

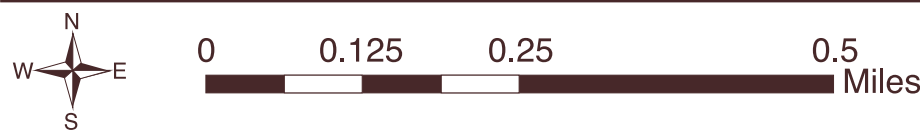
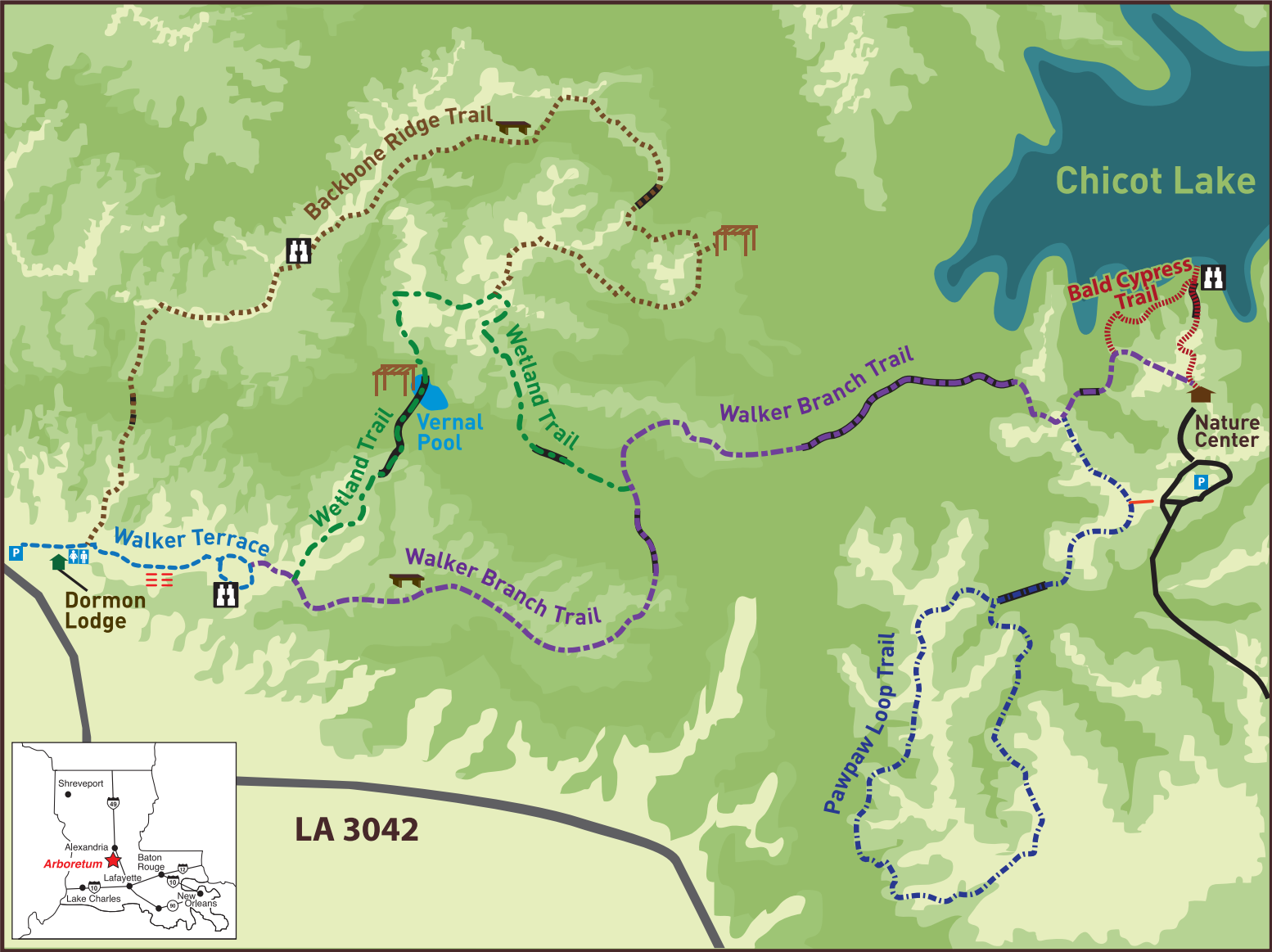
STATE PRESERVATION AREA



The Louisiana State Arboretum is a 600-acre State Preservation Area providing a little over 5.5 miles of hiking trails along a Cypress-Tupelo Swamp, through a Bottomland Hardwood Forest and along ridges of a Beech-Magnolia Forest.

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Louisiana State Arboretum Trail Map



Legend

- Arboretum Nature Center
- Overlooks
- Pavilion
- Covered Benches
- Dupre Outdoor Classroom
- Caroline Dormon Lodge
- Restrooms
- Parking
- Vernal Pool
- Bald Cypress Trail (0.2 miles) Easy-Accessible to lake (500 ft.)
- Walker Branch Trail (1.1 miles) Easy-Few hills
- Pawpaw Loop Trail (1.0 miles) Moderate-Hilly terrain
- Wetland Trail (0.6 miles) Easy-Few hills
- Backbone Ridge Trail (1.1 miles) Moderate-Hilly terrain
- Walker Terrace (0.3 miles) Easy-Accessible
- Emergency Exit (100 feet)
- Elevated Walkways
- LA 3042
- Arboretum Road
- Elevation**
 - High: 133 ft
 - Low: 44 ft

The Louisiana State Arboretum Trails

The **Walker Branch Trail** goes straight through the heart of the Arboretum from the Nature Center to the **Caroline Dormon Lodge**. It features a Beech-Magnolia Forest with a covered bench and a 1000 ft. boardwalk through a Bottomland Hardwood Forest.

The **Bald Cypress Trail** will take you to a Cypress-Tupelo Swamp on the edge of Chicot Lake where you may encounter ducks, herons, or even an American Alligator.

The **Pawpaw Loop Trail**, named after the Pawpaw tree, is a hilly hike through a Beech-Magnolia Forest.

The **Wetland Trail** will take you to one of the lowest elevations in the Arboretum. It features a boardwalk with a pavilion over a vernal pool.

The **Backbone Ridge Trail** is a secluded hilly trail through a beautiful Beech-Magnolia Forest with a covered bench, pavilion and overlook.

The **Walker Terrace** is the wheelchair accessible portion of the **Walker Branch Trail** located next to the **Caroline Dormon Lodge**. It features 25 labeled plants in a very short distance and a kiosk describing the soil types of the Arboretum and Louisiana.