

Atchafalaya Website Scavenger Hunt

Answer Key

The Atchafalaya National Heritage Area (ANHA) website, www.atchafalaya.org, offers a wealth of resources for use by students and teachers. Come take a tour of the site and learn all the exciting things ANHA has to offer!

The Video

Watch the video on the first page of the website.

What three things did you learn from the video?

1. **Answers will vary.**
- 2.
- 3.

In addition to English, what four other languages are available for the video?

1. **French**
2. **German**
3. **Japanese**
4. **Spanish**

Use the Full Menu to click Media and then Photo Gallery to find a wonderful photo gallery with pictures of the Atchafalaya Basin and some of the wildlife found there. Pick three animals of the basin and research them. Describe the type of animal, bird, reptile, amphibian, its size, color and what it eats.

Animal	Bird, Reptile, Or Amphibian?	Size?	Color?	Diet?	Why did you pick this animal?
1. Answers will vary.					
2.					
3.					

Basic Facts

Use the Full Menu to select About Us and then Mission, Goals, & Themes.

Atchafalaya is a unique name that when you say it makes you think of a sneeze.

What ethnic group contributed the name to the region? **American Indian or Native American**

What does Atchafalaya mean? **long river**

Can you name four ethnic groups that live there?

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| 1. European | 3. Caribbean |
| 2. African | 4. Native American |

The Atchafalaya National Heritage Area (ANHA) covers **14** (number) of parishes in **south-central** Louisiana. The best way to define a Heritage Area is that it is a region with significant **natural, scenic, cultural, historical, and recreational** resources.

Maps

Look at the map for the Upper Region of the Atchafalaya Basin on the Home Page under Area Maps.

Question	Answer
What is the northernmost big city on the map?	Ferriday
Where can you get Tourist Information?	Marksville, Bunkie, New Roads
How many birding opportunities are located here?	14
What river is the easternmost boundary of this region?	Mississippi
What does WMA stand for?	Wildlife Management Area

Check out the CUISINE section under *Culture & History* and fill in the blanks.

Louisiana's food is UNFORGETTABLE! Over 300 years of the blending of foodways from the diverse groups here produced a distinctive regional cuisine like nowhere else. Gumbo is a perfect example of this cultural blending or creolization. Gumbo melds African, European and Native American cultures. Gumbo comes from the African Bantu tribe word for okra, nkombo. Filé is a gift from Native Americans. If your family has a German influence you are likely to put potato salad in your gumbo. If you have gumbo with no meat and just herbs, your family is probably Catholic. (religion)

Which part of Louisiana cooks their gumbo with:	?
Almost black roux	Prairies in west Louisiana
Lighter roux	Southeast Louisiana
Tomatoes	Southeast Louisiana
File as a thickener	Southern Louisiana
Okra as a thickener	Coastal Louisiana

Check out the MUSIC section under *Culture and History*.

Statement	TRUE	FALSE
Cajun and Creole music have nothing in common.		x
Cajun music has its roots in Nova Scotia.	x	
German and Hungarian influence brought the accordion into Cajun music.		x
Zydeco musicians use a washboard (frottoir) as a musical instrument.	x	
Cajun music has livelier dancing.		x

Check out the LANGUAGE section under *Culture & History*.
Match the English words with their Louisiana French translation.

Phrase Bank

<i>Un lapin farouche</i>	<i>une chevrette</i>	<i>une piastre</i>
<i>Un portrait</i>	<i>un maringouin</i>	<i>jongler</i>
<i>Un cocodrie</i>	<i>du tac-tac</i>	<i>un cipre</i>

English Word	Louisiana French Word
Shrimp	<i>Une chevrette</i>
Photograph	<i>Un portrait</i>
Popcorn	<i>Du tac-tac</i>
Mosquito	<i>Un maringouin</i>
Wild Rabbit	<i>Un lapin farouche</i>
To Think	<i>Jongler</i>
Alligator	<i>Un cocodrie</i>
Bald Cypress	<i>Un cipre</i>
Dollar	<i>Une piastre</i>

Look under the NATURAL RESOURCES section of the website. Click on *Atchafalaya Basin* and fill in the blanks below.

Cloze Activity

The Atchafalaya Basin is the nation's largest river swamp, containing almost a million acres of bottomland hardwood, swamps, bayous, and backwater lakes.

The basin begins near Simmesport, Louisiana and stretches 140 miles southward to the Gulf of Mexico. Estimates show that close to 22 million pounds of crawfish is commercially harvested annually from the basin.

Over the past 10,000 years or more, the Mississippi River has changed its path several times, ranging from the current location of Bayou Teche to today's route past Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

Look under the **OUTDOOR RECREATION** section. Click *Parks & Refuges*. Look under *National Wildlife Refuge*. Compare the Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge with the Bayou Teche Wildlife Refuge and the Mandalaya National Wildlife Refuge in the table below:

	Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge	Bayou Teche Wildlife Refuge	Mandalaya National Wildlife Refuge
How many acres?	15,000	9,028	4,416
Year established?	1986	2001	1996
Parish	St. Martin/ Iberville	St. Mary	Terrebonne
Hunting Allowed? (Yes or No)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fishing Allowed? (Yes or No)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Which endangered or threatened species are on site?	Black Bear	Black Bear	Alligator

Note: Bald eagles are no longer on the endangered or threatened species list.

Do You Know?

A cypress tree in the Atchafalaya Basin is 1,000 years old. Look under *Outdoor Recreation*. In the pull-down menu, there is a section for *Old Growth Cypress*. Look for the 1,000 year old tree. Imagine that Louisiana once had many cypress trees this size. List the name of the tree **The Castle** and the parish where it lives. **Morehouse**

Under *Outdoor Recreation*, there are 10 categories. Name them.

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| 1. Paddling | 6. Swamp Tours |
| 2. Biking | 7. Houseboats |
| 3. Birding | 8. Hunting & Fishing |
| 4. Parks & Refuges | 9. Old Cypress Tours |
| 5. Camping | 10. Golf |

In the **EDUCATION & TOOLS** section, under **FIELD TRIPS**, there are listed many

wonderful places that you can visit. Can you find the field trip site that:

Has 35,000 square feet of gallery space?	Capitol Park Museum
Is where Governor Huey P. Long lived?	Old Governor's Mansion
Educates people about Juneteenth?	Odell Williams Museum of African American History
Displays a Navy ship that was awarded 12 battle stars in World War II?	USS Kidd Veterans Memorial
Is a park made up of a dozen buildings and offers hands-on activities?	Zachary Historic Village
Houses the archives for Zydeco?	Opelousas Museum & Interpretive Center
Has a reflecting telescope?	BREC- LSU-BRAS Highland Road Park Observatory
Exhibits an Egyptian mummy?	Louisiana Art and Science Museum
Is a three-story Greek Revival mansion?	Nottoway Plantation
Highlights the 3,000 men, women, and children who found refuge in Louisiana in the 18 th century?	Acadian Memorial & African American Museum
Teaches about the underground Railroad?	River Road African American Museum
Is an 1836 building that reflects Baton Rouge's military history?	Old Arsenal Museum
Shows many fields of hot pepper plants, a salt mine, and the plant where they make Tabasco sauce?	Jungle Gardens at Avery Island

Design Time

Design your own poster representing what you have learned about the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area. You can check the photo gallery located under Media for ideas. After you have drawn the picture you want, think of a few words or phrases that describe the area and put them on the poster.