



PROTECT RESTORE EXPLORE

BREC CONSERVATION MISSION

It is our mission to promote recreational and educational activities focusing on the appreciation of the natural environment; protect unique and historically representative habitats within East Baton Rouge Parish; and reduce species loss.

PROGRAMS + EVENTS

- Guided Hikes
- Guided Paddling
- Birding Programs
- Campfire and Night Hikes
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Fishing Rodeos
- Community Events
- Conservation and Outdoor Adventure Camps

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PROJECTS OPEN TO
EVERYONE!

PREPARING FOR YOUR VISIT

Conservation areas vary in the amenities that they offer. Some parks have restrooms, running water and shelter while others do not. Feel free to contact us or visit park webpages at BREC.ORG for information prior to your visit.

BE PREPARED

1. Check the park webpage to read rules and regulations and see a list of amenities.
2. Print out or save the trail map to your phone in advance or find the QR code on our trail kiosk to download a virtual copy at the trailhead.
3. Pack plenty of water, bug spray and sunscreen.
4. Dress in layers appropriate for hiking and wear closed-toe footwear/shoes.
5. Use the buddy system whenever possible and if hiking alone, bring your phone and tell a friend where you are going and when you will return.

USE CAUTION

- Conservation areas are a potential home to snakes, ticks, coyotes, alligators, mosquitoes, poison ivy, ground hornets and other species that can be hazardous to encounter.
- Please be aware of your surroundings and use caution when visiting these sites.
- All flora and fauna are protected; if you encounter wildlife, treat it with respect and give plenty of space. Collecting, killing, or harassing plants, snakes, and other animals is prohibited.

JOIN THE GREEN FORCE!

We need people like you to help us protect our conservation areas throughout the parish. Our Green Force volunteers are trained enthusiasts authorized to conduct habitat restoration and trail maintenance without staff supervision. We also rely on these individuals to help us with programming and special events.

Visit our Green Force webpage for more information about how to join the Force!

BREC.ORG/GREENFORCE

FISHING AT BREC PARKS

BREC currently manages and stocks ponds around the parish to provide recreational fishing for beginner and advanced anglers alike. Ponds are stocked by BREC and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries on a rotating basis. See the parish wide map for pond locations.

COMMON FISH FOUND IN BREC PONDS



BREC FISHING RODEOS

BREC holds several fishing rodeos every year with categories and prizes for all ages. Registration is required but it is free to enter.

Check brec.org/calendar for event dates and information. See the LDWF website for Get Out and Fish programs at BREC ponds.



BLUEWAY TRAILS + LAUNCHES

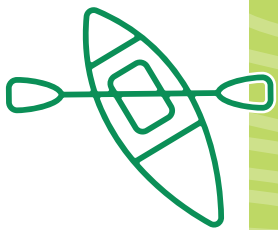
A blueway trail is a paddle-friendly waterway connected by public launch sites for non-motorized boats like kayaks and canoes. Check out these Blueway Trail Launch locations and register for a BREC paddling program to learn how to kayak.

- **BAYOU FOUNTAIN BLUEWAY LAUNCH** at Highland Road Community Park
 - Stair style entry with boat slide and fishing dock
- **BAYOU MANCHAC BLUEWAY LAUNCH** at Bayou Manchac Park
 - Floating dock entry with fishing dock

BREC also welcomes paddling at ponds in the following parks:

- Blackwater Conservation Area
- City-Brooks Community Park
- Greenwood Community Park
- Howell Community Park

VISIT WWW.BREC.ORG/BLUEWAYS TO PLAN YOUR NEXT PADDLING ADVENTURE



HIKING AT BREC PARKS

BREC offers nearly 30 miles of hiking trails in different habitats throughout the parish. Visit each park's webpage for detailed trail maps and rules and regulations for each BREC park.

TYPES OF TRAILS

- **NATURE TRAILS:** wide and flat, often with an improved surface such as limestone or boardwalks.
- **PRIMITIVE TRAILS:** narrow trail with a natural dirt surface and bridges/boardwalks over wet areas. Mountain bikes allowed on certain primitive trails.

BAYOU MANCHAC PARK (54 ACRES)

1.3 mi. of trails Bottomland Hardwood Forest

BLACKWATER CONSERVATION AREA (57 ACRES)

1.5 mi. of trails Ponds/Small Stream Forest/Scrub-Shrub

BLUEBONNET SWAMP CONSERVATION AREA (102 ACRES)

1.1 mi. of trails Cypress Swamp/Beech Magnolia/Hardwood Forest

CEDAR RIDGE AVE. PARK (19 ACRES)

0.4 mi. trails Bottomland Hardwood Forest

COMITE RIVER CONSERVATION AREA (100 ACRES)

6.1 mi. of trails Bottomland Hardwood Forest

FOREST COMMUNITY PARK (115 ACRES)

1.6 mi. of trails Bottomland Hardwood/Tupelo Swamp/Mixed Pine Forest

FRENCHTOWN CONSERVATION AREA (498 ACRES)

4.1 mi. of trails Mixed Habitats/Bottomland Hardwood Forest

GREENWOOD COMMUNITY PARK (390 ACRES)

0.5 mi. trails Lake/Beech Magnolia/Bottomland Hardwood Forest

HIGHLAND ROAD PARK OBSERVATORY (27 ACRES)

0.6 mi. of trails Small Stream Slope/Bottomland Hardwood Forest

SHARON HILLS PARK (233 ACRES)

4.7 mi. of trails Bottomland Hardwood Forest

KENDALWOOD CONSERVATION AREA (85 ACRES)

2.2 mi. of trails Spruce Pine Hardwood Flatwood/Bottomland Forest

SANDY CREEK COMMUNITY PARK (386 ACRES)

3.8 mi. of trails Mixed Pine/Bottomland Hardwood/Small Stream Forest

ZACHARY COMMUNITY PARK (58 ACRES)

0.5 mi. of trails Bottomland Hardwood/Mixed Pine Forest

CONSERVATION AREA RULES + REGULATIONS

- Hunting/shooting prohibited.
- Parks are open from sunrise to sunset.
- No overnight camping/campfires.
- Possession or use of drugs and alcohol is prohibited.
- Do not enter private property.
- No motorized vehicles of any kind allowed on trails.
- Collecting and digging are prohibited.
- Leave No Trace. If you pack it in, pack it out and dispose of waste properly.
- Respect wildlife; DO NOT feed/harass/kill/collect wildlife.
- Some of our parks allow leashed dogs on trails, some do not; please visit park webpage prior to visiting.
- All research projects must be approved and require a research permit.

BREC FISHING RULES + REGULATIONS

- Follow all Louisiana State Fishing Regulations.
- Must have a Louisiana Fishing License.
- Bank fishing allowed at all ponds; kayak fishing allowed depending on size and access.
- No trotlines, seines, or cast netting.
- No motorized boats in BREC ponds.
- Do not add or move live fish or aquatic plants to or among BREC ponds.
- Please help to keep our ponds clean by removing litter you see in or near our fishing ponds.
- Recycle used or tangled fishing line in designated monofilament recycling stations.
- Only keep fish you intend to eat; release unwanted or under-sized fish back into water.



CONSERVATION AREAS

- BLACKWATER CONSERVATION AREA
- BLUEBONNET SWAMP CONSERVATION AREA
- COMITE RIVER CONSERVATION AREA
- FRENCHTOWN CONSERVATION AREA
- KENDALWOOD CONSERVATION AREA

NATURE RESERVES
(NO PUBLIC ACCESS/AMENITIES)

- BURBANK NATURE RESERVE
- COHN NATURE RESERVE
- JACOB KORNMEYER NATURE RESERVE
- JONES CREEK NATURE RESERVE
- KINCHLOE LLOYD BAKER NATURE RESERVE
- QUARTERHORSE NATURE RESERVE
- SOUTH HARRELL'S FERRY NATURE RESERVE
- TRISTIAN NATURE RESERVE
- WRAY NATURE RESERVE

CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT AREAS
(CONSERVATION LAND WITHIN OTHER PARKS)

- AIRLINE COMMUNITY PARK
- BAYOU MANCHAC PARK
- BAYWOOD PARK
- BURBANK PARK
- CEDAR RIDGE AVE. PARK
- CENTRAL SPORTS PARK
- CITY-BROOKS COMMUNITY PARK
- COHN ARBORETUM
- DOYLE BAYOU PARK
- FLANACHER ROAD PARK
- FOREST COMMUNITY PARK
- GREENWOOD COMMUNITY PARK
- HARTLEY/VEY (AT OAK VILLA) SPORTS PARK
- HIGHLAND ROAD COMMUNITY PARK
- SHARON HILLS PARK
- HOWELL COMMUNITY PARK
- LOVETT ROAD PARK
- MAYFAIR PARK
- NORTH SHERWOOD FOREST COMMUNITY PARK
- PALOMINO DRIVE PARK
- PERKINS ROAD COMMUNITY PARK
- PLANK ROAD PARK
- SANDY CREEK COMMUNITY PARK
- T. D. BICKHAM, JR. PARK
- ZACHARY COMMUNITY PARK

- HIKING TRAIL ACCESS
 - MOUNTAIN BIKE ACCESS
 - EQUINE ACCESS
- FISHING ACCESS
 - BIRD/WILDLIFE WATCHING
 - CONSERVATION EDUCATION CENTER
- BLUEWAY LAUNCH
 - RESTROOMS
 - DRINKING WATER
- INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE
 - POLLINATOR GARDEN
 - DISC GOLF COURSE
- FEE REQUIRED
 - NO DOGS

