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Within the study area there are two federal and five state public areas, comprising 143 square miles, which have been set aside to provide high quality recreation opportunities centered on natural resources: Big Branch National Wildlife Refuge, Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge, Fairview-Riverside State Park, Fontainbleau State Park, Lake Ramsey Savannah Wildlife Management Area, Pearl River Wildlife Management Area, and St. Tammany Wildlife Refuge. Many of the parks offer hiking/biking trails, camping, and wildlife observation. Additionally, there are nearly 100 parish and city public areas within the study area consisting of green spaces, ball fields, playgrounds, indoor recreation facilities, paths and trails

The source of the information below can be found at the websites for each managing agency listed where applicable. An inventory was collected during October 2020 through GIS reference, website reference, and aerial imagery. Recreation resources within the study area are not limited to this list.

Federal, State, or Parish	Town or City	Name of Public Area	Managing Agency	Consumptive Recreation	Non-consumptive Recreation	Boat Launch	Additional Notes
National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)							
Federal	Lacombe, Eden Isle	Big Branch National Wildlife Refuge	US Fish and Wildlife	Fishing and Hunting	Hiking, Interpretation, Wildlife Observation, Nature Photography	Yes	15,000 acres LWCF
Federal	Pearl River, Bush, Sun	Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge	US Fish and Wildlife	Fishing and Hunting	Hiking, Wildlife Observation, Nature Photography	Yes	36, 000 acres LWCF
Louisiana State Parks							
State	Madisonville	Fairview - Riverside State Park	Louisiana State Parks	Fishing	Hiking, Camping, Playground, Swimming, Interpretation, Wildlife Observation, Nature Photography	Yes	99 acres LWCF (1969)
State	Mandeville	Fontainbleau State Park	Louisiana State Parks	Fishing	Hiking, Biking, Camping, Interpretation, Wildlife Observation, Nature Photography	Yes	2,800 acres LWCF (1972, 1973)
Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)							
State	Covington	Lake Ramsey Savannah Wildlife Management Area	Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries	Fishing and Hunting	Hiking, Camping, Wildlife Observation, Nature Photography	No	796 acres
State	Slidell, Pearl River	Pearl River Wildlife Management Area	Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries	Fishing and Hunting	Hiking, Camping, Wildlife Observation, Nature Photography	No	35,619 acres LWCF (1979)
State	Lacombe	St. Tammany Wildlife Refuge	Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries	Fishing and Hunting	Wildlife Observation, Nature Photography	No	1,310 acres LWCF (1972, 1974)

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Parish and City Recreation							
Parish	Abita Springs	Recreation District #11 / Charlie Finn Memorial Ballpark	St Tammany Parish	None	Ballfields, Indoor Rec. Center	No	LWCF (1980)
Parish	Abita Springs	Abita Springs Park	St Tammany Parish	None	Playground, Pavilion, Splash Pad	No	LWCF (1973)
City	Abita Springs	Abita Springs Trailhead (Tammany Trace)	City of Abita Springs	None	Trailhead, Interpretation, Playground, Walking, Hiking, Biking, Horseback Riding, Wildlife Observation, Nature Photography	No	Tourist Park and Trailhead Museum
Parish	Bush	Recreation District #2	St Tammany Parish	None	Ballfields, Indoor Rec. Center	No	None
Parish	Bush	Ball Field (near Hwy 41 @ Watts-Thomas Rd)	St Tammany Parish	None	Ballfield	No	None
Parish	Covington	Recreation District #14 / Coquille Parks and Recreation	St Tammany Parish	None	Ballfields, Tennis Courts, Playgrounds, Splash Pad, Indoor Rec. Center	No	LCWF (2010, 2014)
Parish	Covington, Abita Springs, Mandeville, Lacombe, Slidell	Tammany Trace	St Tammany Parish	None	Walking, Hiking, Biking, Horseback Riding, Interpretation Wildlife Observation, Nature Photography	No	31 Miles
Parish	Covington	Recreation District #6 / Lee Road Recreation / Johnny F. Smith Memorial Park	St Tammany Parish	None	Ballfields, Indoor Rec. Center	No	None
City	Covington	Covington Trailhead (Tammany Trace)	City of Covington	None	Interpretation, Amphitheater, Walking, Hiking, Biking, Horseback Riding, Wildlife Observation, Nature Photography	No	None
City	Covington	Bogue Falaya Park	City of Covington	Fishing	Boardwalk, Playground, Wildlife Observation, Nature Photography	Yes	None
City	Covington	Rev. Peter S. Atkins	City of Covington	None	Playground, Pavilion, Pool	No	None

Federal, State, or Parish	Town or City	Name of Public Area	Managing Agency	Consumptive Recreation	Non-consumptive Recreation	Boat Launch	Additional Notes
		Memorial Park					
City	Covington	1st Avenue Park (Nose Park)	City of Covington	None	Playground, Walking Track, Boardwalk, Wildlife Observation, Nature Photography	No	LCWF (1995)
City	Covington	Bogue Chitto Park	City of Covington	None	Pavilion, Wildlife Observation, Nature Photography	No	None
City	Covington	Columbia Street Landing	City of Covington	Fishing	Pavilion, Wildlife Observation, Nature Photography	Yes	None
City	Covington	Menetre Public Boat Launch	City of Covington	Fishing	Wildlife Observation, Nature Photography	Yes	None
City	Covington	Hubie Gallagher Park	City of Covington	None	Playground, Tennis Courts	No	None
City	Covington	Covington Recreational Complex	City of Covington	None	Ballfields, Playground	No	None
City	Covington	Ozone Ballfield	City of Covington	None	Ballfields	No	None
Parish	Covington	Pretty Acres Dog Park & Walking Trail	St Tammany Parish	None	Walking Track, Dog Park	No	None
Parish	Covington	Covington Pathways Park/Ball field	St Tammany Parish	Fishing	Canoe/Kayak Launch	Yes	None
Parish	Covington	3 Rivers Road Boat Launch	St Tammany Parish	Fishing	Boat Launch	Yes	None
Parish	Folsom	Ball Fields (near Folsom Junior High)	St Tammany Parish	None	Ballfields	No	None
Parish	Folsom	Recreation District #12 / Magnolia Park	St Tammany Parish	None	Ballfields, Indoor Rec. Center, Walking Track, Fitness Equipment, Playground	No	None
Parish	Lacombe	Lacombe Trailhead (Tammany Trace)	St Tammany Parish	None	Trailhead, Interpretation, Walking, Hiking, Biking, Horseback Riding, Wildlife Observation, Nature Photography	No	None
Parish	Lacombe	Recreation District #4 / Bayou Lacombe Park	St Tammany Parish	None	Playground, Indoor Rec. Center	No	None
Parish	Lacombe	John Davis Park	St Tammany Parish	None	Park	No	None

Federal, State, or Parish	Town or City	Name of Public Area	Managing Agency	Consumptive Recreation	Non-consumptive Recreation	Boat Launch	Additional Notes
Parish	Lacombe	John Davis Gym & Community Center	St Tammany Parish	None	Indoor Rec. Center	No	None
Parish	Lacombe	Henry Keller Memorial Park	St Tammany Parish	None	Ballfields	No	None
Parish	Lacombe	Main Street Boat Launch	St Tammany Parish	Fishing	Boat Launch	Yes	None
Parish	Madisonville	Recreational Center & Ball Field (Main St. @ Bordeaux Ct.)	St Tammany Parish	None	Ballfield, Tennis Courts, Walking Trail	No	None
Parish	Madisonville	Ball Fields (Pine St. @ Jahncke St.)	St Tammany Parish	None	Ballfields	No	None
Parish	Madisonville	Joseph S. Koepp Playground	St Tammany Parish	None	Playground	No	None
Parish	Madisonville	Freedom Boat Club	St Tammany Parish	Fishing	Marina	Yes	None
City	Mandeville	Mandeville Trailhead (Tammany Trace)	City of Mandeville	None	Trailhead, Splash Park, Interpretation, Walking, Hiking, Biking, Horseback Riding, Wildlife Observation, Nature Photography	No	None
Parish	Mandeville	Pelican Park - Recreation District #1	St Tammany Parish	None	Ballfields, Courts, Gyms, Dog Park, Indoor Recreation, Skate Park, Walking Trail	No	LCWF (1991, 1995)
Parish	Mandeville	Koop Drive Trailhead and Kids Connection Playground (Tammany Trace)	St Tammany Parish	None	Playground, Trailhead, Interpretation, Walking, Hiking, Biking, Horseback Riding,	No	None
Parish	Mandeville	Paul Cordes Park	St Tammany Parish	None	Tennis Courts, Basketball Court, Playgrounds, Pavilions	No	None
City	Mandeville	E. Lakefront Children's Park	City of Mandeville	None	Playground, Splash Pad	No	None
City	Mandeville	Neighborwoods	City of Mandeville	None	Hiking, Interpretation, Wildlife Observation, Nature Photography	No	LDEQ Funding

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City	Mandeville	Sunset Point and Fishing Pier	City of Mandeville	Fishing	Wildlife Observation, Nature Photography	No	None
City	Mandeville	Tyler Thomas Park	City of Mandeville	None	Covered Basketball Court, Playground	No	None
City	Mandeville	Mandeville Lakefront Park	City of Mandeville	Fishing	Walking / Jogging Path, Gazebo, Playground, Wildlife Observation, Nature Photography	No	None
City	Mandeville	Harbor Field (Moore Field)	City of Mandeville	None	Ballfield	No	None
Parish	Mandeville	Lake Pontchartrain Yacht Club	St Tammany Parish	Fishing	Boat Launch	Yes	None
City	Pearl River	Pearl River Park	City of Pearl River	None	Playground, Pavilions, Wildlife Observation, Nature Photography	No	None
Parish	Pearl River	Hickory Recreation Center / Poitevent Park / Cavenham Park	St Tammany Parish	None	Ballfield	No	LWCF (1987)
City	Pearl River	Children's Playground (Town Hall)	Town of Pearl River	None	Playground	No	None
Parish	Slidell	Camp Salmen Nature Park	St Tammany Parish	None	Hiking, Playground, Interpretation, Wildlife Observation, Nature Photography	No	LWCF (Interpretive Trails 2008, 2010)
City	Slidell	Heritage Park	City of Slidell	Fishing	Boardwalk, Walking /Paths, Playgrounds, Splash Pad, Amphitheater, Boating, Wildlife Observation, Nature Photography	Yes	Bayou Bonfouca Superfund site, LDEQ Funding
City	Slidell	John Slidell Park	City of Slidell	None	Ballfields, Playground, Pavilion, Walking Trail	No	LWCF (1991)
City	Slidell	Fritchie Park	City of Slidell	None	Ballfields, Indoor Recreation, Gazebo, Pavilion, Walking, Hiking	No	None
City	Slidell	Possom Hollow Park (Rufus Viner Center)	City of Slidell	None	Playground, Ballfields, Walking Trail with Workout Stations, Ballcourt, Pavilions	No	LCWF (1967, 1970, 1979)

Federal, State, or Parish	Town or City	Name of Public Area	Managing Agency	Consumptive Recreation	Non-consumptive Recreation	Boat Launch	Additional Notes
City	Slidell	Griffith Park	City of Slidell	None	Playground, Gazebo, Pavilion	No	None
City	Slidell	Country Club Tot Land	City of Slidell	None	Playground	No	None
City	Slidell	Grafton Park	City of Slidell	None	Gazebo	No	None
City	Slidell	Cawthorne Park	City of Slidell	None	Playground	No	None
City	Slidell	Veterans Memorial Park	City of Slidell	None	Memorial Park	No	None
City	Slidell	Duckworth Park	City of Slidell	None	Playground, Ballfield, Pavilion	No	LWCF (1986)
City	Slidell	Wimbledon Park	City of Slidell	None	Playground	No	None
City	Slidell	Rue Rochelle Park	City of Slidell	None	Playground	No	None
City	Slidell	Rue Miramon (Bon Village)	City of Slidell	None	Playground	No	None
City	Slidell	Village North Park	City of Slidell	None	Playground	No	None
City	Slidell	Breckenridge Park I	City of Slidell	None	Playground	No	None
City	Slidell	Breckenridge Park II	City of Slidell	None	Greenspace	No	None
City	Slidell	Breckenridge Trail	City of Slidell	None	Walking Trail	No	None
City	Slidell	Cardinal Drive Lot	City of Slidell	None	Greenspace	No	None
City	Slidell	Forest Manor Park	City of Slidell	None	Greenspace	No	None
City	Slidell	St. Christopher Lot	City of Slidell	None	Greenspace	No	None
City	Slidell	Brugier Park	City of Slidell	None	Gazebo	No	None
City	Slidell	Griffith Park	City of Slidell	None	Gazebo, Playground	No	None
City	Slidell	Sam Bosco Park	City of Slidell	None	Playground	No	None
City	Slidell	Lakewood Park	City of Slidell	None	Playground	No	None
City	Slidell	Park Place	City of Slidell	None	Greenspace	No	None
City	Slidell	South Street Park	City of Slidell	None	Greenspace	No	None
City	Slidell	Reine Avenue Park	City of Slidell	None	Playground	No	None
City	Slidell	Riviera Park	City of Slidell	None	Playground	No	None
City	Slidell	Olive Drive Park	City of Slidell	None	Playground	No	None
Parish	Slidell	Slidell/Carollo Trailhead	St Tammany Parish	None	Walking, Hiking, Biking, Horseback Riding, Wildlife	No	None

Federal, State, or Parish	Town or City	Name of Public Area	Managing Agency	Consumptive Recreation	Non-consumptive Recreation	Boat Launch	Additional Notes
		(Tammany Trace)			Observation, Nature Photography		
Parish	Slidell	St Tammany Fishing Pier	St Tammany Parish	Fishing	Fishing Pier	No	None
Parish	Slidell	White Kitchen Swamp	St Tammany Parish	Fishing	Boardwalk	Yes	None
Parish	Slidell	Old Pearl River Boat Launch	St Tammany Parish	Fishing	Boating	Yes	None
Parish	Slidell	East Pearl River Boat Launch	St Tammany Parish	Fishing	Boating	Yes	None
Parish	Slidell	Crawford Landing	St Tammany Parish	Fishing	Boating	Yes	None
Parish	Slidell	Lake Road Boat Launch	St Tammany Parish	Fishing	Boating	Yes	None
Parish	Slidell	Bayou Liberty Boat Launch	St Tammany Parish	Fishing	Boating	Yes	None
Parish	Slidell	The Dock N Bait Shop	St Tammany Parish	Fishing	Boating	Yes	None
Parish	Slidell	Trestles Boat Launch	St Tammany Parish	Fishing	Boating	Yes	None

USFWS data source: http://www.fws.gov/refuges/?ref=topbar
USFS data source: http://www.fs.usda.gov/
LDWF data source: http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/wmas-refuges-and-conservation-areas
St. Tammany Parish data source: http://www.stpgov.org/residents/parks-and-recreation

Table C-2. Land & Water Conservation Fund: Study Area Recreation Projects since 1965

- According to the United States Department of the Interior National Park Service Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), approximately $3.75 million in LWCF funds has supported 31 recreation projects within the study area since 1965.

State	County	Grant ID Element	Grant Element Title	Grant Sponsor	Fiscal Year	Amount
Louisiana	St. Tammany	N/A	Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuge	US Fish and Wildlife	N/A	N/A
Louisiana	St. Tammany	N/A	Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge	US Fish and Wildlife	N/A	N/A
Louisiana	St. Tammany	N/A	Southeast Louisiana NWR Complex	US Fish and Wildlife	N/A	N/A
Louisiana	St. Tammany	81	Possum Hollow Acquisition	City of Slidell	1967	$21,017.77
Louisiana	St. Tammany	84	Pearl River Boat Ramp	St. Tammany Parish Police Jury	1967	$18,912.84
Louisiana	St. Tammany	129	Fairview Camping Area	La Office of State Parks	1969	$49,028.13
Louisiana	St. Tammany	130	Possum Hollow Development	City of Slidell	1970	$75,536.32
Louisiana	St. Tammany	170	Poitevent Game Management Area	La Wildlife & Fisheries Comm.	1972	$737,806.28
Louisiana	St. Tammany	208	Fontainebleau Camping	La Office of State Parks	1972	$143,798.86
Louisiana	St. Tammany	231	Abita Springs Park	Town of Abita Springs	1973	$10,893.30
Louisiana	St. Tammany	250	Fontainebleau Picnic Shelter	La Office of State Parks	1973	$13,151.74
Louisiana	St. Tammany	252	Poitevent Addition	La Wildlife & Fisheries Comm.	1974	$369,523.38
Louisiana	St. Tammany	323	Mandeville Recreation Area	Town of Mandeville	1976	$55,869.58
Louisiana	St. Tammany	490	Mandeville Recreation Areas	Town of Mandeville	1978	$10,832.60
Louisiana	St. Tammany	511	Possum Hollow Additions	City of Slidell	1979	$75,654.03
Louisiana	St. Tammany	575	Pearl River WMA Addition	Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Comm.	1979	$935,003.00
Louisiana	St. Tammany	598	C. J. Finn Field	Town of Abita Springs	1980	$0.00
Louisiana	St. Tammany	609	Pearl River Development	Town of Pearl River	1980	$0.00
Louisiana	St. Tammany	625	Pearl River - Boyet	Town of Pearl River, La.	1980	$12,889.00
Louisiana	St. Tammany	632	Slidell Northeast Park	City of Slidell	1980	$369,827.79
Louisiana	St. Tammany	647	Madisonville Donation	Town of Madisonville	1981	$134,034.96
Louisiana	St. Tammany	721	Ducksworth Park	City of Slidell	1986	$22,094.39
Louisiana	St. Tammany	738	Pearl River/Hickory Park	St. Tammany Parish Dist. Rec. Bd. 7	1987	$0.00
Louisiana	St. Tammany	783	John C. Slidell Park	City of Slidell	1991	$18,046.29

State	County	Grant ID Element	Grant Element Title	Grant Sponsor	Fiscal Year	Amount
Louisiana	St. Tammany	784	St. Tammany Dist. 1 Recreation Complex	St. Tammany Rec. Dist.1	1991	$52,040.33
Louisiana	St. Tammany	811	First Avenue Park	City of Covington	1995	$30,769.04
Louisiana	St. Tammany	818	Pelican Park Improvements	Rec. Dist. 1/Health & Human Services	1995	$49,663.82
Louisiana	St. Tammany	908	Camp Ridge Interpretive Trail	St. Tammany Parish	2008	$97,685.55
Louisiana	St. Tammany	912	Camp Salmen Interpretive Trail	St. Tammany Parish Government	2010	$46,647.50
Louisiana	St. Tammany	917	The Great Park at Coquille	St. Tammany Recreation	2010	$150,000.00
Louisiana	St. Tammany	931	Coquille Park Playground	St. Tammany Recreation District #14	2014	$250,000.00

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