










BREC CONSERVATION MISSION

It is our mission to protect unique and historically representative habitats, reduce the loss of species and promote recreational and educational activities focusing on appreciation and understanding of the natural environment.

PROGRAMS + EVENTS

-  Guided Hikes
-  Guided Paddling
-  Birding Programs
-  Campfire and Night Hikes
-  Volunteer Opportunities
-  Fishing Rodeos
-  Community Events (Bioblitz, Wonders of Wildlife, etc.)
-  Conservation and Outdoor Adventure Camps
-  Other Outdoor Recreation Programs

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 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 the potential home to snakes, ticks, coyotes, alligators, mosquitos, 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.
- If you encounter wildlife, treat it with respect and give plenty of space.
- All flora and fauna are protected; killing or harassing snakes or other plants or animals is prohibited.

JOIN THE GREEN FORCE!

We need people like you to help us carry out our mission 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.

Green Force Trainings are held twice a year. Visit our Green Force webpage for more information about how to join the Force!

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PROTECT RESTORE EXPLORE



FISHING AT BREC PARKS

BREC currently manages and stocks 14 ponds around the parish to provide recreational outlets for beginner and advanced anglers alike. Most of our ponds are stocked to maintain populations of Largemouth Bass, Channel Catfish and Bream. Stocking is done by BREC or by Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries. See the parish wide map for pond locations.

FISH STOCKED IN BREC PONDS



LARGEMOUTH BASS
MICROPTERUS SALMOIDES

CHANNEL CATFISH
ICTALURUS PUNCTATUS

BLUEGILL (BREAM)
LEPOMIS MACROCHIRUS

RAINBOW TROUT
ONCORHYNCHUS MYKISS

BREC FISHING RODEOS

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

- Geaux Fish! Catfish Rodeos
- Geaux Fish! Rainbow Trout Rodeos
- LDWF Get Out and Fish Rodeos



BLUEWAY TRAILS AND LAUNCHES

A blueway trail is a paddle-friendly waterway in the parish connected by public launch sites for non-motorized boats like kayaks and canoes. Check out these current and future Blueway Trail Launch locations and visit WWW.BREC.ORG/BLUEWAYS to plan your next paddling adventure.

- Bayou Fountain Blueway Launch at Highland Community Park
 - Stair style entry with boat slide and fishing dock
 - Status: Open
- Bayou Manchac Blueway Launch at Manchac Park
 - Floating dock entry with fishing dock
 - Status: Anticipated open in 2023
- Bayou Manch/Ward Creek Launch at Airline Community Park
 - Entry TBD
 - Status: Anticipated open in 2024



CHECK OUT BREC'S PADDLING PROGRAMS TO LEARN HOW TO KAYAK AND MEET OTHER PADDLERS!



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 (22 ACRES)**
1.1 mi. of trails   Bottomland Hardwood Forest
- BLACKWATER CONSERVATION AREA (62 ACRES)**
1.8 mi. of trails   Ponds/Small Stream Forest/Scrub-Shrub
- BLUEBONNET SWAMP CONSERVATION AREA (102 ACRES)**
1.4 mi. of trails   Cypress Swamp/Beech Magnolia/Hardwood Forest
- CEDAR RIDGE AVE. PARK (19 ACRES)**
0.5 mi. trails  Bottomland Hardwood Forest
- COMITE RIVER CONSERVATION AREA (100 ACRES)**
6.1 mi. of trails   Bottomland Hardwood Forest
- FOREST COMMUNITY PARK (30 ACRES)**
1.6 mi. of trails   Bottomland Hardwood/Tupelo Swamp/Mixed Pine Forest
- FRENCHTOWN CONSERVATION AREA (500 ACRES)**
4.1 mi. of trails  Mixed Habitats/Bottomland Hardwood Forest
- GREENWOOD COMMUNITY PARK (18 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
- HOOPER ROAD PARK (150 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)**
3.6 mi. of trails    Mixed Pine/Bottomland Hardwood/Small Stream Forest
- ZACHARY COMMUNITY PARK (15 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.
- Trotlines and cast-netting are prohibited.
- No motorized boats in BREC ponds.
- DO NOT transfer live fish or aquatic plants to other waters.
- DO NOT add undocumented/unapproved fish to BREC fishing 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.
- Limit for Rainbow Trout is four (4) trout/person per day.



CONSERVATION AREAS

- BLACKWATER CONSERVATION AREA
- BLUEBONNET SWAMP CONSERVATION AREA
- COMITE RIVER CONSERVATION AREA
- FRENCHTOWN CONSERVATION AREA
- KENDALWOOD CONSERVATION AREA
- WRAY CONSERVATION AREA (OPENING 2023)

NATURE RESERVES

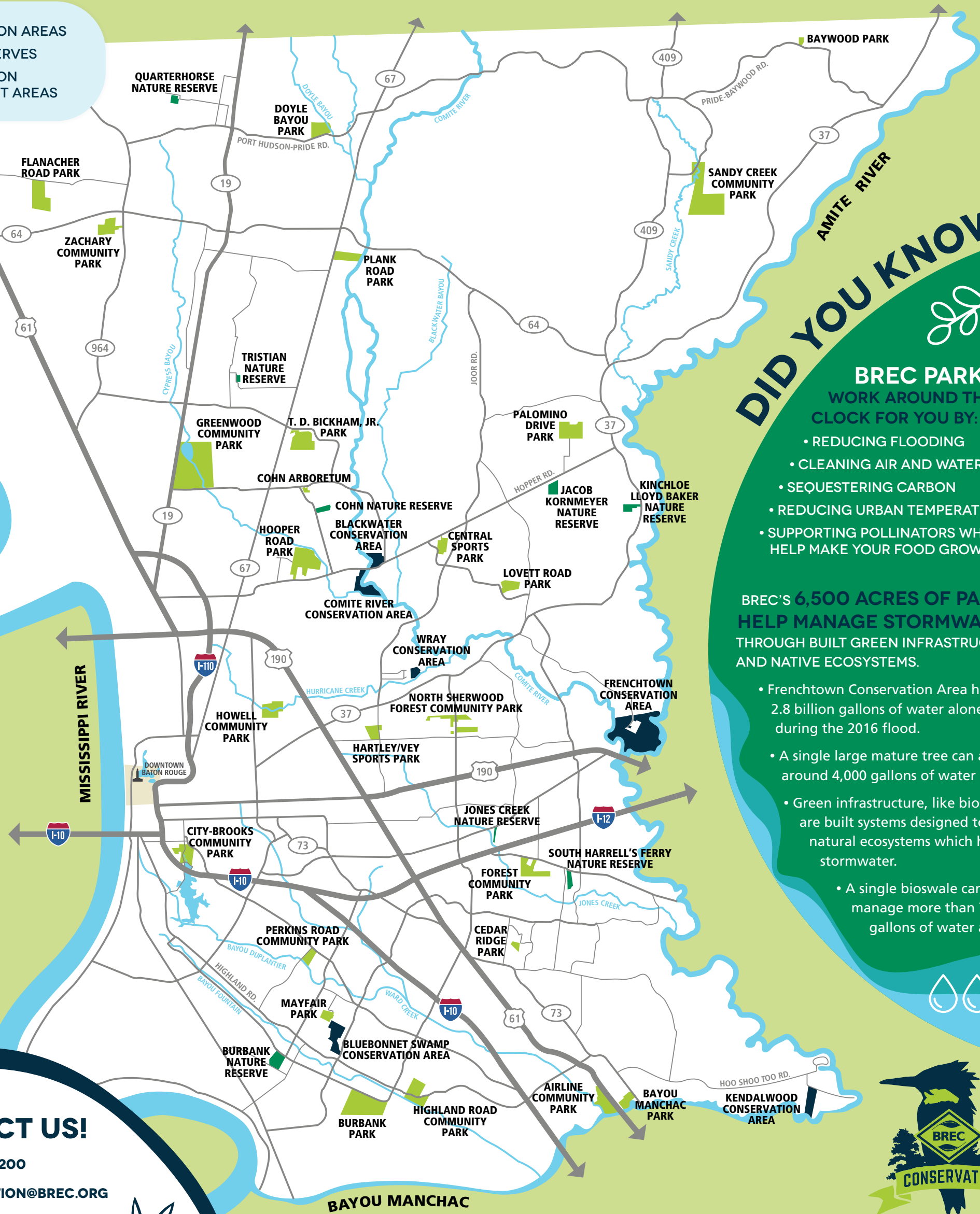
- BURBANK NATURE RESERVE
- COHN NATURE RESERVE
- JACOB KORNMAYER NATURE RESERVE
- JONES CREEK NATURE RESERVE
- KINCHLOE LLOYD BAKER NATURE RESERVE
- QUARTERHORSE NATURE RESERVE
- SOUTH HARRELL'S FERRY NATURE RESERVE
- TRISTIAN NATURE RESERVE

CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT AREAS (CONSERVATION LAND WITHIN OTHER PARKS)

- AIRLINE COMMUNITY PARK
- BAYOU MANCHAC PARK
- BAYWOOD PARK
- BURBANK SPORTS 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
- HOOPER ROAD PARK
- HOWELL COMMUNITY PARK
- LOVETT ROAD PARK
- MAYFAIR PARK
- NORTH SHERWOOD FOREST COMMUNITY PARK
- PALOMINO PARK
- PERKINS ROAD COMMUNITY PARK
- PLANK ROAD PARK
- SANDY CREEK COMMUNITY PARK
- T. D. BICKHAM, JR. PARK
- ZACHARY COMMUNITY PARK

- HIKING TRAILS
- MOUNTAIN BIKE ACCESS
- EQUINE ACCESS
- FISHING ACCESS
- BIRDING HOTSPOT
- BLUEWAY LAUNCH
- DISC GOLF COURSE
- POLLINATOR GARDEN
- CONSERVATION EDUCATION CENTER
- INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE/INFO
- RESTROOMS
- DRINKING WATER
- FEE REQUIRED
- NO DOGS

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DID YOU KNOW?

BREC PARKS

WORK AROUND THE CLOCK FOR YOU BY:

- REDUCING FLOODING
- CLEANING AIR AND WATER
- SEQUESTERING CARBON
- REDUCING URBAN TEMPERATURES
- SUPPORTING POLLINATORS WHICH HELP MAKE YOUR FOOD GROW

BREC'S 6,500 ACRES OF PARKS HELP MANAGE STORMWATER THROUGH BUILT GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND NATIVE ECOSYSTEMS.

- Frenchtown Conservation Area held 2.8 billion gallons of water alone during the 2016 flood.
- A single large mature tree can absorb around 4,000 gallons of water a year.
- Green infrastructure, like bioswales, are built systems designed to mimic natural ecosystems which hold stormwater.
- A single bioswale can manage more than 75,000 gallons of water a year.

CONTACT US!

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