

DEMOS

Costumed artisans treat visitors to daily craft and trade demonstrations, one shown each day on a rotating basis.



Open Hearth Cooking



Bousillage



Indigo Dyeing



Candle Making



African American Herbal Remedies



Domestic Duties



Carpentry & Woodworking

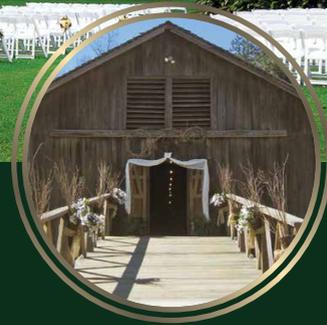
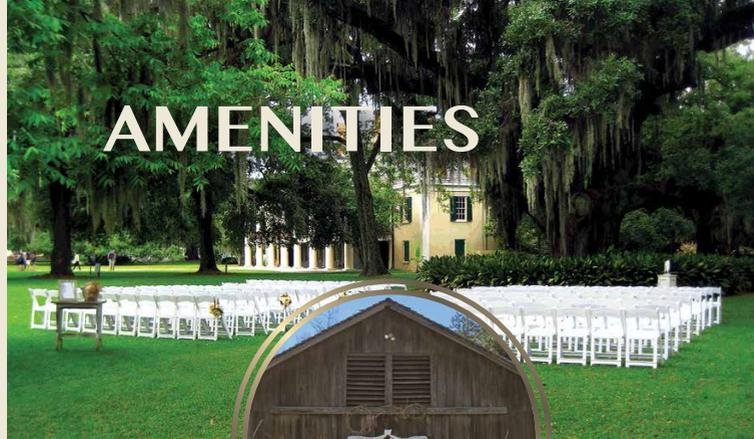


Weaving



Blacksmithing

AMENITIES



Weddings & Events

Our plantation grounds offer unique indoor and outdoor venues for social or business gatherings.

Our "Old Mule Barn" offers a catering kitchen, a private dressing room, and a carriageway. This venue is prime for weddings, meetings, conferences, and class reunions.

Our cottage house located upriver from the plantation is perfect for small gatherings such as birthday parties.



Bed & Breakfast

We offer unique historic cottages for overnight accommodations. From a small cottage for two, a romantic bridal suite, or a large facility for a family or girl's getaway, we have the perfect setting. See our website for booking information.

TOUR INFO

Hours

Monday - Sunday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tickets

Purchased at the Plantation Gift Shop or online.

Large groups and private tours available. For more information visit our website.

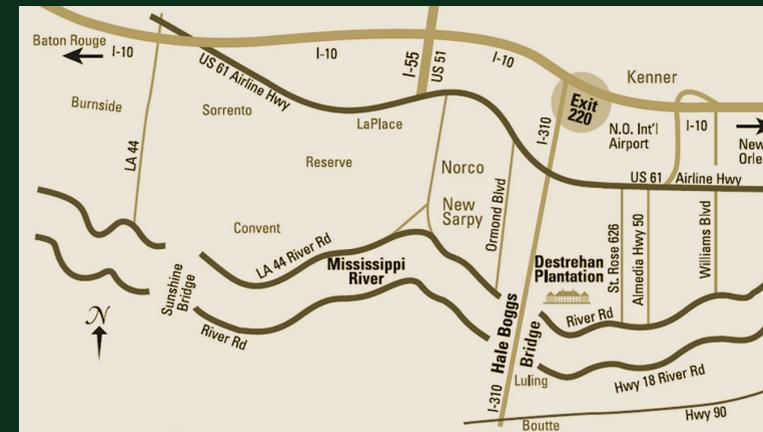
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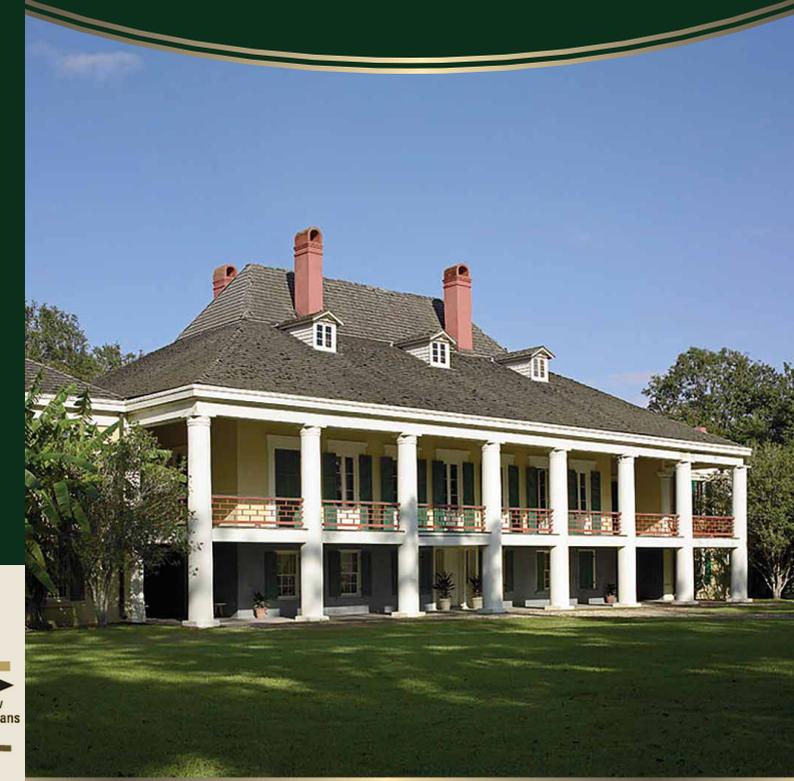
Location

13034 River Road • Destrehan, LA 70047



Destrehan
PLANTATION

A Louisiana Legacy



The Oldest Documented Plantation Home
in the Lower Mississippi Valley.

30 MINUTES FROM NEW ORLEANS



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RIVER ROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Preserving Historical Buildings



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



Rich History

Political, social, and economic history.



Historical Interpreters

Tell stories of the family and the enslaved.



Original Documents & Artifacts

Provide a unique glimpse into the past.



Family Fun

Exhibits and daily activities for all ages.



Picturesque Grounds

Featuring 200-year old live oaks.



Demonstrations

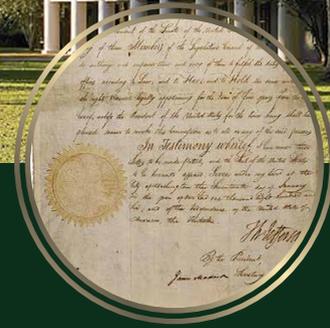
Participate in period crafts shown daily.



Picnic Areas

Enjoy the magnificent views and ambiance.

EXHIBITS



The Jefferson Room

Features an original document signed by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison assigning four men, one of whom is Jean Noel Destrehan, to the Orleans Territorial Council. President Jefferson selected these men to form the Orleans Legislative Council. This group of respected landowners eased the cultural transition of the Orleans Territory into an American representative democracy.



Herbert J Harvey Jr. Legacy Room

This state-of-the-art museum displays original artifacts and documents from the Destrehan family, and contains a touchscreen computer with over 600 images of Destrehan family documents.



Helvetia Slave Cabins

Donated to Destrehan Plantation by Entergy, these original cabins came from Helvetia Plantation which Hurricane Betsy destroyed in 1965. Used for educational purposes, one of the cabins depicts the living quarters of the enslaved with the other side displaying a cooper shop, workshop of Essex, an enslaved barrel maker on the plantation during the early 1800's.



The Education Center

Originally Caire-Graugnard overseer's cabin, this museum houses the 1811 Slave Revolt Exhibit. There is also a weaving room and a room containing artifacts from an archaeological dig done on site.

1811 SLAVE REVOLT



- On January 8, 1811, a slave revolt swept by Destrehan's Plantation. The insurrection began at the plantation of Manuel Andry and continued downriver, recruiting additional slaves as they headed towards New Orleans.
- By January 9th, word of the revolt reached down river plantations, and residents fled to Destrehan Plantation for safety.
- On January 10th, a detachment of troops under the command of General Wade Hampton encountered the revolutionaries at Fortier Plantation, present day Jefferson Parish City of Kenner.
- Judge Pierre Bauchet St. Martin appointed Jean Noel, one of three tribunals.
- Among the executed slaves, Gros and Petit Lindor, 30 years of age and Jasmin, 45 years of age, were from Destrehan's plantation.

