MISSISSIPPI RIVERFRONT

RIVERFRONT PLAZA

Located on the banks of the Mississippi River in Downtown Baton Rouge, Riverfront Plaza is a 5.4 acre educational greenspace and outdoor event venue with water gardens, meadows, amphitheater, stages, walking/biking paths, artistic features and levee terraces.

AREAS AND FEATURES

1 Water Pools and Gardens

Riverfront Plaza's "Brutalist" architecture and prominent location between the river and city was the source of inspiration for the landscape design. Using a mix of soft, structured and creeping plant material, the landscape begins to reclaim the built environment while strengthening connections between the city and river. Featuring a water system beginning from the 'Red Stick' sculpture at the pinnacle of the plaza, the water flows through different levels and pools in a setting surrounded by native Louisiana plants. Plant identification is highlighted throughout the park. Ambient background music is also featured.

2 Levee Stage

Performance area for events and concerts of all sizes with the Mississippi River levee serving as background amphitheater style seating. Includes a dance floor with ADA accessibility to the stage and a sound system.

3 Levee Green

A large, open green space with a gently sloped levee terrain perfect for exercise and athletic training, child play and rolling down the levee, pick up football, soccer, etc. It is framed by an upper meadow planting of native Louisiana plants.

4 Red Stick Amphitheater

Gathering space for lectures, school groups, and small concerts in the lower level of the plaza. Features a sound system for ambient music as well as for any performance planned. It is framed by a lower meadow of native Louisiana plants.

5 Red Stick Landing

Located on the upper level of the plaza and next to the dock and levee promenade, the landing is a gathering space for lectures, school groups, and small to medium concerts with sweeping views of the Mississippi River. The area also features tables and chairs, a bike repair station and a water fountain.

6 Riverfront Dock and Overlook

Located at the edge of the Mississippi River, the dock and overlook offer spectacular views of river activity and serve as a docking facility for visiting vessels. The dock features a shade structure and can accommodate small groups for events.

7 Levee Terraces

A series of hardscaped steps on the levee utilized to sit and enjoy spectacular views of the USS Kidd and Mississippi River as well as for exercise and athletic training.

8 Information and Transit Kiosk / Bike Share Station

The Information Kiosk features maps and general downtown information and interest for our visitors. It is located next to River Road on the south side of the pedestrian crosswalk over River Road. CATS transit routes #16 and #22 stop here. LSU's First Transit shuttle to the LSU campus also stops here. The Bike Share station features bikes for rental to be used on the River Road bike path and the Levee promenade bike path. The station is located on the north side of the pedestrian promenade over River Road.

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LEGEND

ROADS · PEDESTRIAN · BUILDING · STAGE · TRANSIT

BIKE RACK · PET WASTE BAG DISPENSER · TRASH CAN · RESTROOM · BIKE REPAIR STATION · DRINKING FOUNTAIN

RULES, REGULATIONS, AND EVENTS

- Visitors must comply with directions from Park Personnel. Please obey all posted rules.
- Please note that outside alcohol, glass containers, tables and pop up tents are prohibited.
- Please keep our green spaces clean! Look for our trash containers all around the park.
- Skateboarding, roller skating, rollerblading, bicycling, or using other similarly wheeled equipment on any park structure is prohibited.

PARK RULES PROHIBIT

- Climbing on any park structures
- Swimming or bathing in water features and pools
- Activities that disrupt the use of the Park by others
- Reckless behavior and excessive noise
- Littering
- Foisting a handbill without consent of a Park Patron
- Outdoor cooking or fires
- Alcohol outside restaurants or permitted events
- Entering flower beds or picking flowers
- Using weapons or firearms
- Injuring wildlife or feeding birds
- Posting bills or verbal commercial solicitations
- Using a bench so as to interfere with its use by others
- Camping or using a bench to store materials
- Leaving minors (children) unsupervised
- Indecent exposure and public lewdness
- Obscene, abusive, insulting or threatening language
- Using areas posted as reserved or closed

PUBLIC RESTROOMS

Public restrooms can be found inside Louisiana Art and Science Museum, the USS KIDD Museum, or Raising Cane's River Center during business hours. General admission fees are applied.

LOST AND FOUND

To inquire about lost or found items in the park, call *225-389-5520*.

PERMITS

Please be aware that a permit from the park is required for the following activities:

- Any organized gathering or event
- Use of amplified/electronic sound devices
- Selling or promoting food, drinks, merchandise or services.
- Exhibiting or performing to derive revenue
- Conducting commercial photography or video; consent of a child's parent required
- Using any park area for a special use
- Operating a motor vehicle or riding a horse

For more information on permitting or holding a special event in Riverfront Plaza, call the Downtown Development District 225-389-5520.

DOWNTOWN EVENTS

Visit www.downtownbatonrouge.org to view a listing of upcoming events happening in and around Riverfront Plaza

ARTISTIC PIECES / HISTORIC ARTIFACTS IN AND AROUND RIVERFRONT PLAZA

9 Frank Hayden 'Red Stick' Sculpture

Sculpted from bronze and installed in 1984, Frank Hayden's 'Red Stick' pays homage to the city's namesake and the original boundary markers used by the Native Americans in the Louisiana area. The bronze panels also depict images of the founding of the city. The sculpture is recognized as a masterpiece of Hayden's work in Baton Rouge.

10 Ancient Courses of the Mississippi

Inspired by the Geological Investigation of the Alluvial Valley of the Lower Mississippi River, a series of maps by geologist Harold Fisk in 1944 that depict the evolution of the alluvial plain and meander belt of the Mississippi River.

11 Baton Rouge 2020 Murals

'A Vision of Opportunity with a World of Possibility' Baton Rouge in 2020. A kaleidoscope of the future through the eyes of middle school students created in 1998.

12 USS Kidd - National Historic Monument

The USS Kidd is a restored 1940's naval destroyer that was decommissioned in 1964 and became a museum at the Baton Rouge Mississippi Riverfront in 1982. It is a national historic monument which offers tours, educational exhibits, programming events and overnight experiences of living on a frigate in the Pacific Ocean. It served in World War II and the Korean War.

13 Louisiana Vietnam War Memorial featuring an A-7E Corsair II jet

Dedicated to the men and women who served in the war from 1959 – 1975, the 851 soldiers who were killed and the 30 who are MIA. Located on the south side of the Levee Green next to the Louisiana Naval War Memorial.

HORTICULTURAL AND MEADOW

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14 Prairie Mix Planters

Dwarf Palmetto / *Sabal minor*
Boston Ivy / *Parthenocissis tricuspidata*
Milkweed / *Asclepias curassavica*
Firecracker Plant / *Russelia equisetiformis*
Black Eye Susan / *Rudbeckia fulgida var. Sullivantii 'Goldstrum'*
Cherokee Sedge / *Carex cherokeensis*
Adams Needle / *Yucca filamentosa*
Brakelight Yucca / *Hesperaloe parviflora 'Brakelight'*
Pink Salvia / *Salvia greggii*
Woodland Phlox / *Phlox subulata*
Mexican Feather Grass / *Nassella tenuissima*
Autumn Fern / *Dryopteris erythrosora*
Sweetbay Magnolia / *Magnolia virginiana*

15 Upper Meadows

Three Leaved Bluestar / *Amsonia hubrectii*
Splitbeard Bluestem / *Andropogon ternarius*
Claire Grace Bee Balm / *Monarda fistulosa 'Claire Grace'*
Goldsturm Black-eyed Susan / *Rudbeckia fulgida 'Goldsturm'*
Little Bluestem / *Schizachyrium scoparium*
Indian Grass / *Sorghastrum nutans*

16 Lower Meadows

Three Leaved Bluestar / *Amsonia hubrectii*
Splitbeard Bluestem / *Andropogon ternarius*
Cherokee Sedge / *Carex cherokeensis*
Love Grass / *Eragrostis spectabilis*
Claire Grace Bee Balm / *Monarda fistulosa 'Claire Grace'*
Robert Poore Garden Phlox / *Phlox paniculata 'Robert Poore'*
Goldsturm Black-eyed Susan / *Rudbeckia fulgida 'Goldsturm'*
Henry Eillers Sweet Coneflower / *Rudbeckia subtomentosa 'Henry Eillers'*
Little Henry Sweet Coneflower / *Rudbeckia subtomentosa 'Little Henry'*
Little Bluestem / *Schizachyrium scoparium*
Piney Woods Dropseed / *Sporbolusjunceus*