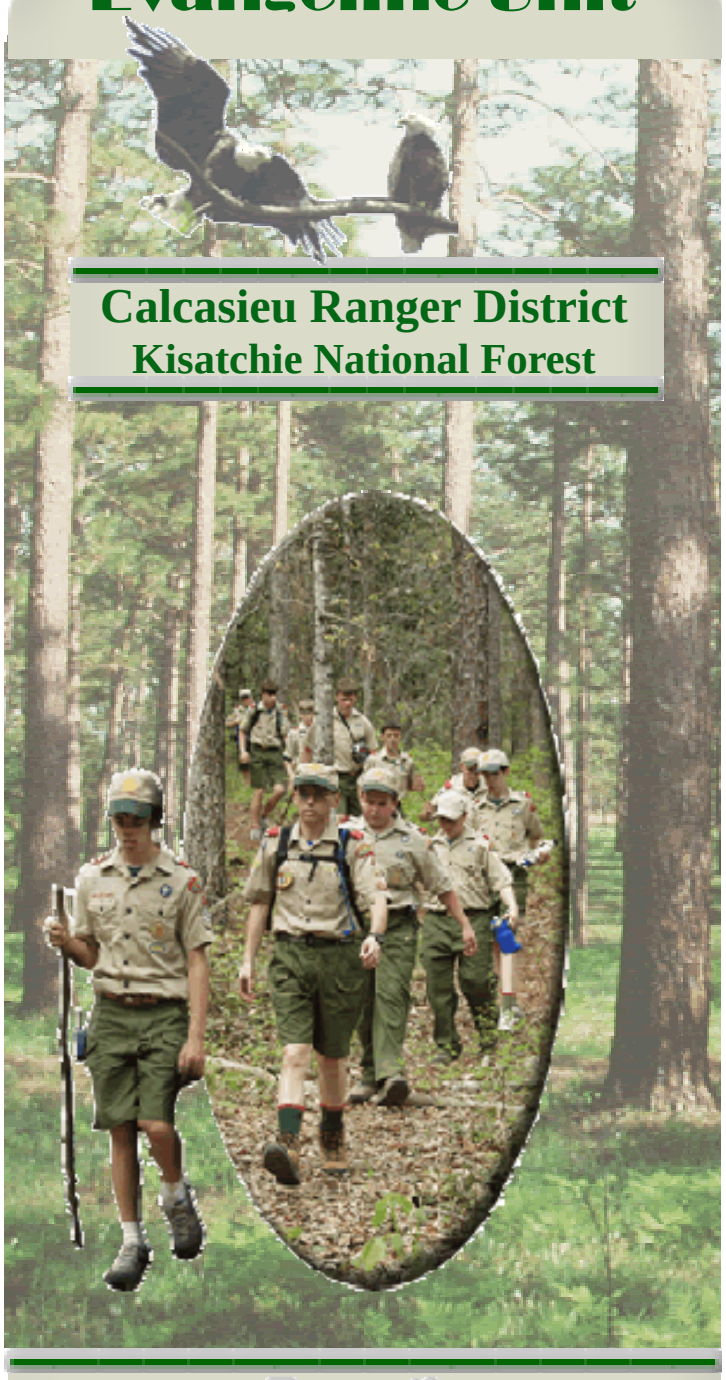
Evangeline Unit



Calcasieu Ranger District
Kisatchie National Forest

Recreation Opportunity Guide

Unit Highlights

Visitors to this Unit can enjoy the panoramic views from the shores of Kincaid Lake. The Kincaid Lake Recreation Complex provides swimming, boating, picnicking, hiking, camping, and biking. Some activities are available year round. In the spring, the dogwoods and wild azaleas are spectacular. In the fall, the mixed hardwood-pine forest provides wonderfully contrasting scenery.

Surrounding Areas

Civilian Conservation Corps-constructed Valentine Lake offers a beautiful setting for picnicking and fishing Bikers and hikers enjoy numerous trails around Kincaid Lake. The Wild Azalea National Recreation Trail's 27-mile length offers day hikes along several segments or a two-day hike for those who want to get away for a while. The Camp Claiborne Multi-Use Trails offer over 88 miles of motorized, horse, hiking, and biking use.

For More Information

Calcasieu Ranger District
9912 Highway 28 West
Boyce, Louisiana 71409
Phone: (318) 793-9427 or
1-(800) 225-9733
www.kisatchie.us
OHV Hotline (866) 830-6467

Recreational Information

General

This Unit encompasses 97,000 acres and is situated near Alexandria, La.

Developed Recreation

The Unit administers three developed recreation complexes that are designated fee areas; Kincaid Lake, Valentine Lake and Loran/Claiborne Trailhead Camp. User fees are as follows:

Day-Use Fees:

$3.00 / vehicle
$5.00 / per operator
(OHV, horse, mountain bike)
$3.00 / boat ramps
$35-75.00 for group shelter, call for reservations (open/close 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.)

Camping Fees:

Valentine Single - $10.00 / night
Kincaid Single - $15.00 / night
(Includes $4 utility fee)
Kincaid Double - $20.00 / night
(Includes $4 utility fee)
Loran Camp - $7.00 / night

Dispersed Recreation

The Unit offers over 140 miles of dispersed trails throughout upland pine, mixed hardwood / pine, and bottomland hardwood ecosystems.

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Other Essentials

The Evangeline Unit has become a very popular area for various hunting and fishing opportunities. Contact the Calcasieu District office for dates and regulations.

Boating opportunities are accessible from two separate developed boat launches located on Kincaid Lake, the East Boat Launch located off Messina Road and the West Boat Launch located inside the Kincaid Lake Recreation Area. Canoeing and non-motorized boating is also available on Valentine Lake.

There are separate individual recreation guides for the following areas on the Evangeline Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District:

- Wild Azalea National Recreation Trail
- Claiborne Multi-Use Trails

The above guides can be found at the Calcasieu Ranger District Office located on Highway 28 West, the Calcasieu District Work Center located on the corner of FS Highway 279 and LA Highway 488, or at the Kisatchie National Forest Supervisor's Office located at 2500 Shreveport Highway in Pineville, Louisiana.

For more information concerning the above pamphlets or any other questions you might have, please feel free to contact the Calcasieu Ranger District Office during business hours of 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at (318) 793-9427.

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(318) 443-2558

Recreational Opportunities and Facilities on the Calcasieu Ranger District's Evangeline Unit

	Fees	Picnic		Camping								Water Sports								Trails					Facilities				
	$	Areas Daily Usage Fee	Day-Use Picnic Area	Group-Use Picnic Area	Recreational Vehicles	Trailers and Campers	Tents	Group Camping	Water Hookups	Electrical Hookups	Sanitary Dump Station	Fire Rings/Grills	Swimming	Bank Fishing	Pier Fishing	Water Skiing	Motorized Boating	Non-Motorized Boating	Motorized Boat Launch	Non-Motorized Boat Ramp	Hiking	Biking	Interpretive	Horse	Off Road Vehicles	Flush Toilets	Vault Toilets	Showers	Drinking Water	Trash Disposal
Kincaid Lake Recreation Complex																													
Kincaid Lake Day-Use Area	$3	✓									✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓
Kincaid Lake (1) Group-Use Area	Call		✓					✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓
Kincaid Lake (2) Campground - A	$15			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓
Kincaid Lake (2) Campground - B	$15			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓
West Kincaid Lake Boat Launch	$3												✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓			✓
East Kincaid Lake Boat Launch	$3												✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓			✓	✓
Kincaid Lake Primitive Camp	$10					✓														✓	✓					✓			✓
Kincaid Lake (3) Recreation Trails	free																			✓	✓								
Valentine Lake Recreation Complex																													
Valentine Lake Day-Use Area	free	✓									✓		✓	✓			✓			✓	✓				✓	✓		✓	✓
Valentine Lake Group-Use Area		TEMPORARILY CLOSED																											
Valentine Northshore Campground	$10			✓	✓	✓					✓		✓	✓			✓			✓	✓				✓			✓	✓
Valentine Southshore Campground		TEMPORARILY CLOSED																											
Valentine Trail	free																			✓	✓								
Other Recreation Areas																													
Wild Azalea National Recreation Trail	free																			✓	✓								
Camp Claiborne (4) Multi-Use Trails	$5																			✓	✓		✓	✓					
Loran/Claiborne Trailhead Camp	$7	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓													✓		✓			✓
Evangeline Camp	free					✓	✓													✓	✓					✓			
Boy Scout Camp	free			✓	✓	✓	✓																	✓					
Ahtus Melder Hunter Camp	free			✓	✓	✓	✓																✓						

(1) = $35 - $75 for Group Shelter, call for reservations. (2) Double Units = $20 Daily Fee
(3) = Kincaid Lake Recreation Trails have no fees unless parking in a fee required area (4) No trail-use fees for hikers

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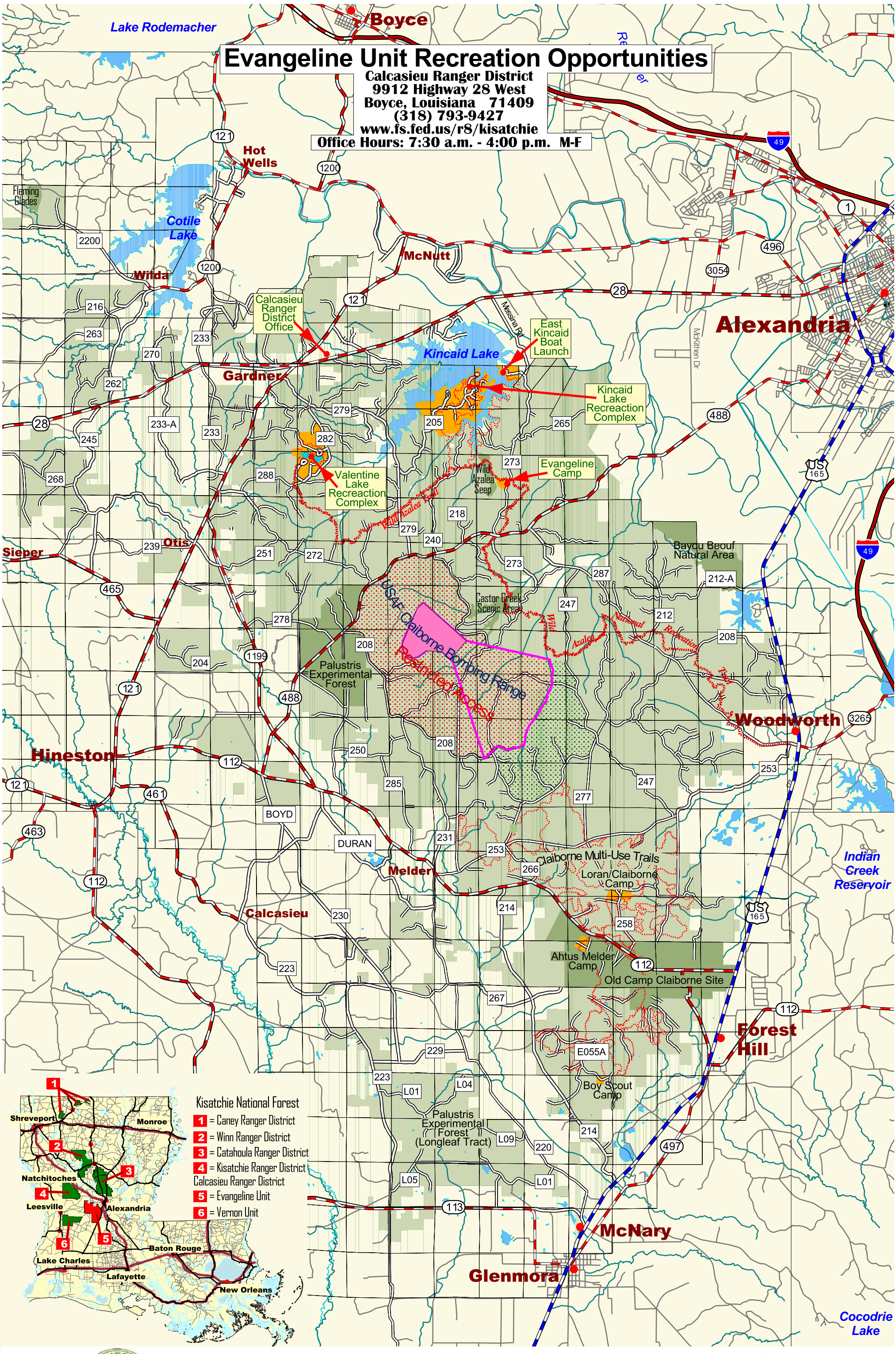

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