Historic Town of Fullerton -Fullerton Mill

Hotel and Boarding House

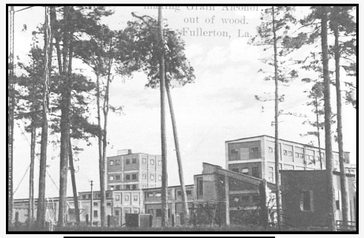
Public Swimming Pool

Company Housing

Elementary and High School

Theatre, Post Office, Café, Dentist, Drug Store, Train Station, Feed Store and Jail

Commissary, Bank, Telephones



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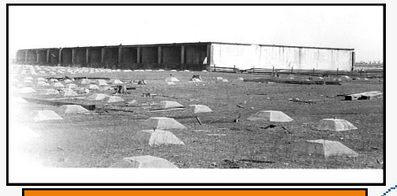

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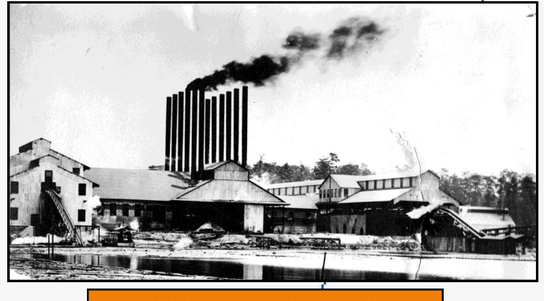

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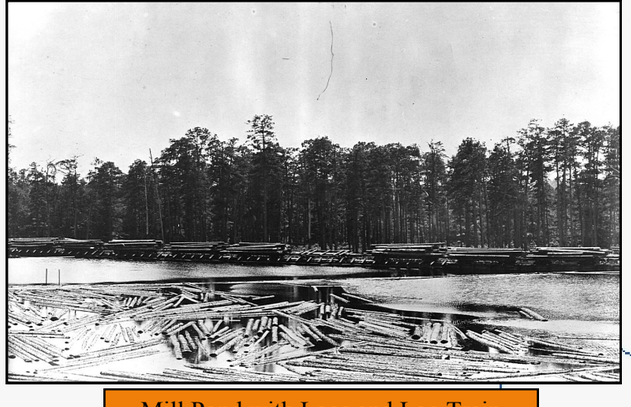
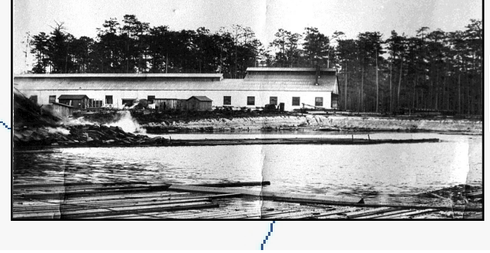
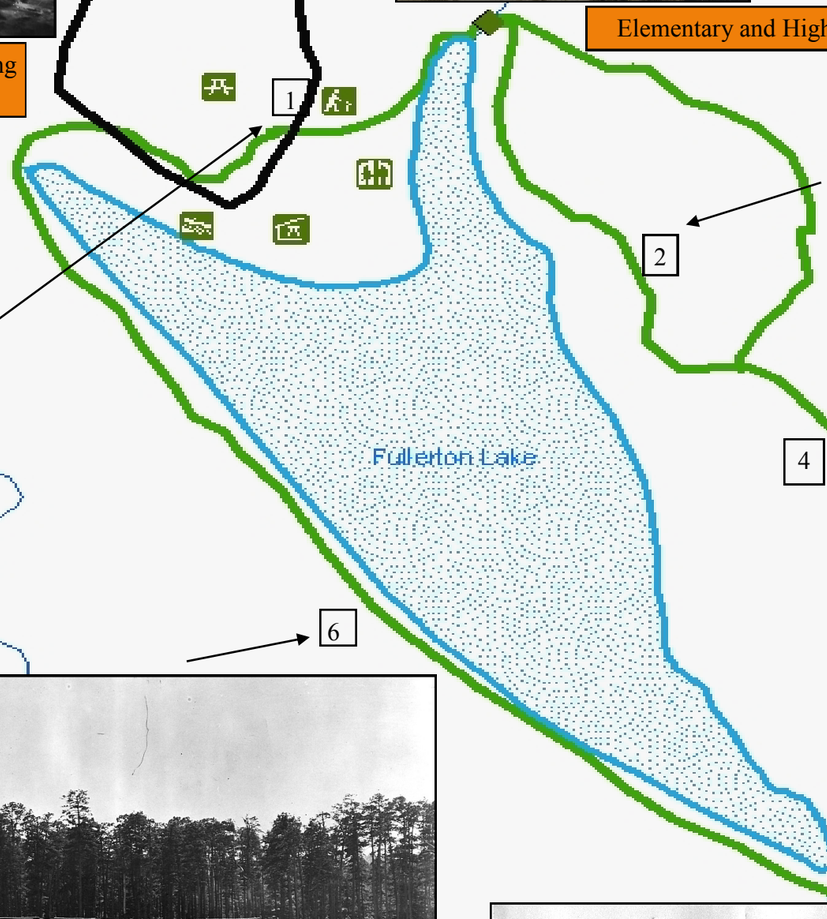


Mill Pond with Logs and Log Train



Round House and Train Repair Shop



LA 399

Legend

- Boat Ramp
- Camping
- Group Pavilion
- Interpretive Trail
- Picnic Area
- Restroom
- Road
- Foot Bridge
- Stream

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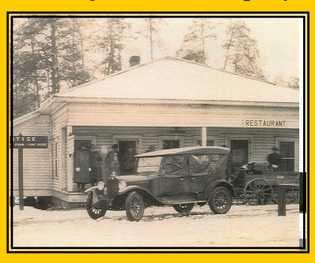
Fullerton Louisiana - A Company Town of the Gulf Lumber Company



Fullerton Louisiana (pop. 2500-5000) was named after its owner S. H. Fullerton. The town existed from 1907 to 1927. The town was modern even by today's standards. The town had a hospital, dentist, commissary, café, post office, drug store, barber shop, public telephones, bank, feed store, Ford dealership, and even a jail.

Community life included a "motion picture show" (theatre), dance pavilion, town band, town baseball team, Boy Scout troop, and a public swimming pool. Fullerton also had both an elementary school and a high school. Activities of the town were regulated by the steam whistle of the mill. The day started with the whistle and ended with the whistle as it announced the start and end of the work day. One unique feature of the Gulf Lumber Company was that they paid their employees in cash, not paper scrip or tokens as did most mills.

Religious life was centered around both Protestant and Catholic churches and their related service organizations.

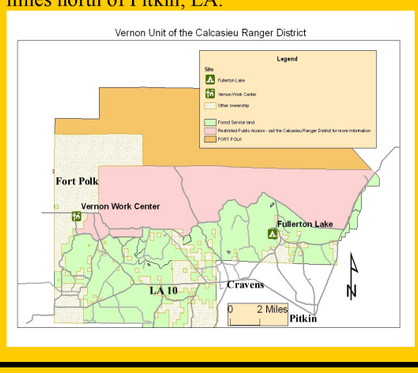
Historic Fullerton Mill Recreation Complex

Calcasieu Ranger District
Ranger Station (Main Office)
9912 Highway 28 West
Boyce, Louisiana 71409

(318) 793-9427 or 1-(800) 225-9733

Historic Fullerton Recreation Complex was once the site of the Fullerton Sawmill and Town which was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1986. Ruins and foundations of one of the largest sawmill operations in the South may be seen on the 1.6 mile Fullerton Mill Trail. Experience the thriving town as it once was as you explore the site, while stopping at points of interest (Interpretive Map) along your way. Enjoy picnicking, camping, fishing, hiking, non-motorized boating, and a group picnic shelter.

Fullerton Recreation complex can be reached via LA 10 and LA 399 and is located just 7 miles north of Pitkin, LA.



Mosaic of a Sawmill Town

Hospital and doctor provided by the company for a modest fee.

The pavilion was used for social events as well as dances, with music provided by the town band.

Company rentals had electricity and indoor plumbing. Homes were painted and well built.

Protestant Church

Catholic Church

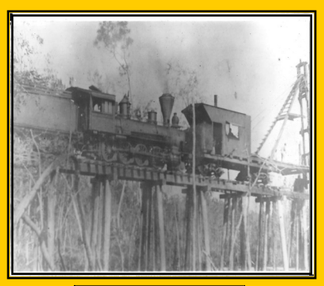
Fullerton Town Band

High School

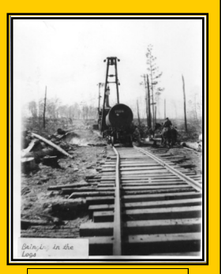
Railroads and Lumbering in America

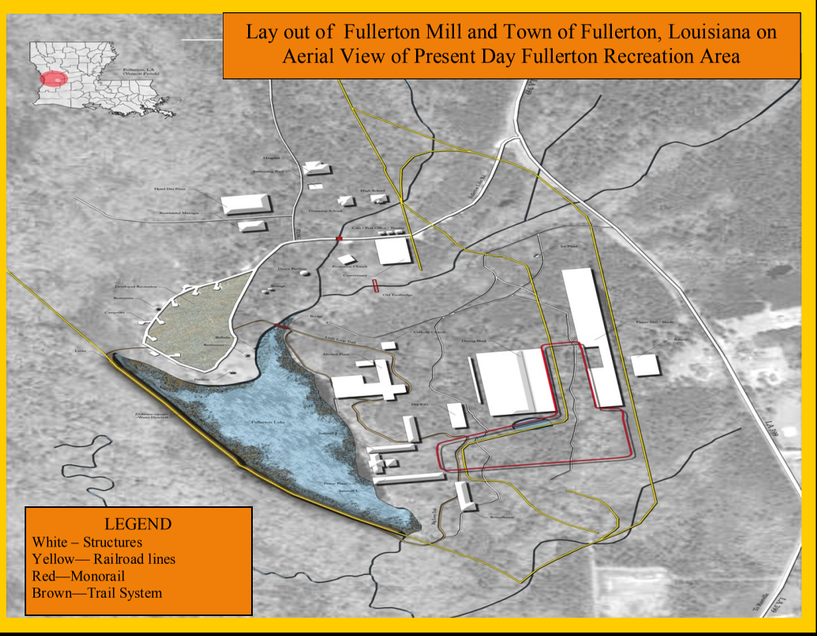
Railroads provided the means to exploit the forest resources of the continental US. They transported the logs from the woods to the mill and from the mill to the rest of the country.

Engine 140 hauling logs



Building a bridge



Re-haul skidder

Lay out of Fullerton Mill and Town of Fullerton, Louisiana on Aerial View of Present Day Fullerton Recreation Area