

Unit Highlights

Visitors to this Ranger District can enjoy panoramic views from the sandstone bluffs of the Longleaf Vista Recreation Area; feel the cool currents, white sandy beaches, and rocky rapids at Kisatchie Bayou Recreation Area; experience a wilderness challenge in the nationally designated Kisatchie Hills Wilderness Area, and so much more.

Surrounding Areas

The Longleaf Vista Recreation Area lies on a ridge that provides excellent views of the 8,700 acre Kisatchie Hills Wilderness, which surrounds the Vista on three sides. This popular day-use recreation area offers a variety of opportunities including picnicking, a 1.5-mile trail, and access to the wilderness. Locally known as the “Little Grand Canyon,” the Wilderness Area is a favored place among hikers and horseback riders who often enter along the Backbone Trail. Kisatchie Bayou Recreation Area offers day-use picnicking, swimming, fishing, canoeing on the bayou, and hiking. Camping areas are oriented towards walk-in tent-camping along the banks of the bayou. Biking and horseback riding may be enjoyed on the Caroline Dormon Trail.

For More Information

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Kisatchie Ranger District
Kisatchie National Forest



Longleaf Vista



Kisatchie Bayou



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Recreational Information

General

This District encompasses over 102,000 acres of forest southwest of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Developed Recreation

The District administers two developed recreation areas: Kisatchie Bayou Recreation Area and Longleaf Vista Recreation Area.

Day Use Fees:
\$2.00/vehicle at Kisatchie Bayou
\$5.00/operator on Sandstone Trail
(OHV, horse, mountain bike)

Camping Fees:
Kisatchie Bayou: \$2/night
Cane, Lotus, and Corral Camps: \$10/night

The District offers visitors numerous activities that include multiple scenic overlooks, 12 miles of wilderness hiking trails, 20 miles of canoeing down the Kisatchie Bayou, 50 miles of multiple-use trails, and a 17-mile national scenic byway. The Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserve is a popular area for various hunting opportunities.

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(855) 452-5323
24 HOURS

Recreational Opportunities and Facilities on the Kisatchie Ranger District



	Day-Use Picnic Area	Group-Use Picnic Area	Trailers and Campers*	Recreational Vehicles*	Tents	Water Camping	Electrical Hookups	Sanitary Dump Station	Fire Rings/Grills	Swimming	Bank Fishing	Pier Fishing	Water Skiing	Non-motorized Boating	Motorized Boat Launch	Non-Motorized Boat Ramp	Hiking	Biking	Interpretive	Horse	Flush Toilets	Vault Toilets	Drinking Water	Trash Disposal
Kisatchie Bayou Recreation Area *RVs/Trailers/Campers must be SELF-CONTAINED; NO HOOKUPS AT ANY CAMPGROUNDS																								
Kisatchie Bayou Day-Use Site	\$2	✓								✓		✓			✓		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
Kisatchie Bayou Campground	\$2					✓				✓		✓			✓		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
Other Recreation Areas																								
Longleaf Vista Recreation Area	Free	✓	✓							✓								✓					✓	✓
Kisatchie Hills Wilderness Area	Free					✓	✓			✓								✓			✓			
Dogwood Campground ⁽¹⁾	Free	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓												✓		✓
Longleaf Trail Nat'l Scenic Byway	Free																		✓					
Caroline Dormon Recreation Trail	Free					✓												✓	✓		✓			
Sandstone Multiple-Use Trail ⁽²⁾	\$5					✓															✓	✓		
Anderson Pond	Free	✓										✓											✓	
Cane Camp ⁽¹⁾	\$10			✓	✓	✓	✓											✓			✓	✓		✓
Corral Camp ⁽¹⁾	\$10			✓	✓	✓	✓											✓				✓		
Coyote Camp ⁽²⁾	Free			✓	✓	✓	✓											✓				✓		
Lotus Camp ⁽²⁾	\$10			✓	✓	✓	✓			✓								✓			✓	✓		✓
Oak Camp ⁽¹⁾	Free			✓	✓	✓	✓											✓			✓			
Red Bluff Camp	Free					✓	✓														✓			✓

(1)Recreational vehicles allowed but must be self-contained; (2)Sandstone Trail fees of \$5 are for each OHV operator, horse rider, and/or cyclist.

Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserve: The Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserve is a local favorite for hunters and wildlife enthusiasts. From October 1st through April 30th, camping in the Red Dirt Preserve is allowed only in designated locations. These are Oak Camp, Corral Camp, and Coyote Camp which are all primitive hunter camps. Corral and Coyote Camps are designated OHV camps. In addition, dispersed/roadside camping is permitted along specified roads on the Preserve. Please consult the Motor Vehicle Use Map for road designations on each District.

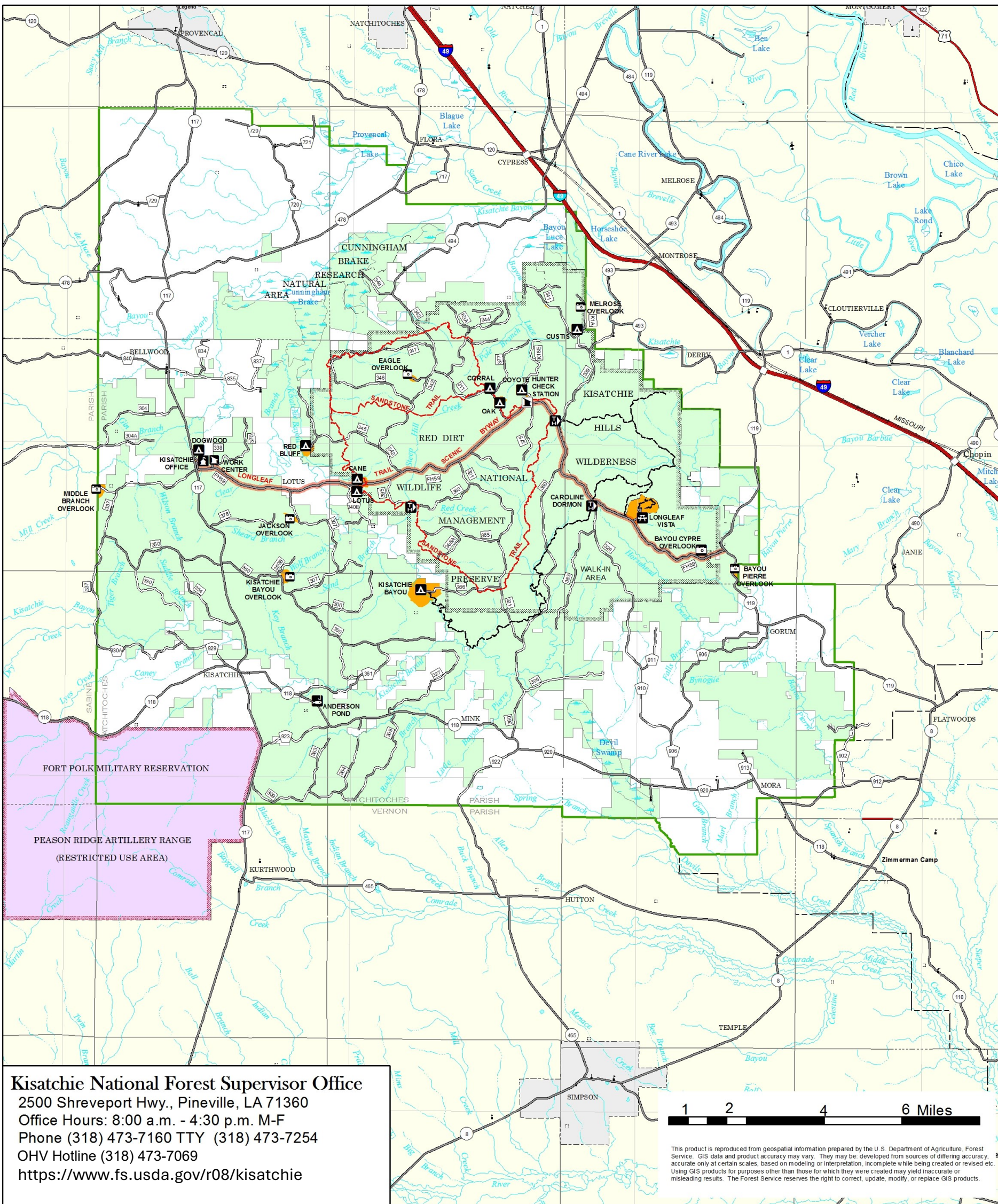
Kisatchie Hills Wilderness Area: The Kisatchie Hills Wilderness Area contains 8,700 acres of varying landscapes from rolling hills, to bluffs, to sandy bottomland. There are three trails which total over 10 miles which can be utilized by horse riders and hikers. Make your plans known to others prior to heading out on the trail.

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Legend

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| FISHING SITE | STREAM | WATER |
| RD OFFICE - FS | BDY - USFS DISTRICT | URBAN AREA |
| WORK CENTER | US HWY | RECREATION AREA |
| HUNTER CHECK STATION | STATE HWY | MILITARY |
| TRAILHEAD | PARISH ROAD | USDA FOREST SERVICE |
| CAMPGROUND | FOREST SYSTEM ROAD | |
| OVERLOOK | TRAIL | |
| SCENIC BYWAY | SANDSTONE TRAIL | |



Kisatchie National Forest Vicinity Map

- Other Ranger Districts
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