

## **Bonnet Carre Spillway and Atchafalaya Basin National Public Lands Day Activities**

Carre Spillway and Atchafalaya Basin's Indian Bayou Area National Public Lands Day Activities Event and volunteer efforts to take place on September 26  
NEW ORLEANS – Be a part of the largest one-day, countrywide, hands-on volunteer restoration effort by helping to build a board walk and decks at the Bonnet Carre Spillway or clearing vegetation along the Indian Bayou Area Paddle Trail from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26. National Public Lands Day brings thousands of individuals together to volunteer and contribute to preserving and protecting America's natural landscape with outdoor activities and traditions throughout the nation. Louisiana volunteers can take part in the 16th annual event by helping to build the first 600 feet of the Spillway Nature Trail Board Walk and two scenic viewing decks at the Bonnet Carre Spillway's Upper Borrow Canal boat launch in Norco, La. Volunteers may also install canoe trail buoys, remove trash, and clear minor vegetation along the Indian Bayou Paddle Trail within the Atchafalaya Basin starting at the Bayou Courtableau boat launch near Port Barre, La. This volunteer clean-up and reformation effort allows Americans to be further educated about the importance of natural resources and environmental issues, the building of partnerships with organizations and local communities interested in improving and restoring America's public lands, and enhancing its outdoor recreation, aesthetic appeal, easy activity accessibility, and safety measures. National Public Lands Day was launched in 1994 and has continued strong throughout the years to provide America with the care needed to improve and sustain its shared public lands. Today, eight federal agencies as well as state and local lands participate in these efforts. Well over 100,000 volunteers across the country are expected to take part in this nationwide event this year. For more information on this event, please visit [www.nationalpubliclandsday.org](http://www.nationalpubliclandsday.org).