



DAY TRIP TO FAZENDEVILLE

From Chalmette · St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana



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BATTLEFIELD OPEN DAILY

Razed in the 1960s; only a slight depression marks the street. Chalmette Battlefield is open daily and free (NPS, 2026).

Fazendeville is a short visit inside a bigger one. Come for Chalmette Battlefield, which is free and open every day, and give some of the time to the village: the marker at the entrance, the open field where its road ran, and the visitor center, whose exhibits cover the site's later history. From downtown New Orleans it is 6.7 miles; the Park Service also lists the Creole Queen paddlewheeler from the French Quarter.

A SAMPLE DAY

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| ☐ 9 a.m. | The vehicle gates open. Stop at the state marker for Fazendeville at the entrance on St. Bernard Highway. |
| ☐ 9:30 a.m. | The visitor center opens. Its films and exhibits cover the battle and the site's later history. |
| ☐ 10:30 a.m. | Follow the park road around the field. The village stood in the open ground between the Chalmette Monument and the national cemetery; the Park Service says only a slight depression marks its street. The village site is listed as not open to the public, so stay on the road and paths. |
| ☐ Noon | Lunch at the picnic tables. Bring it with you. |
| ☐ 1 p.m. | Visit Chalmette National Cemetery next door, open every day. |
| ☐ 2:45 p.m. | Join the ranger talk on the Battle of New Orleans, 2:45 to 3:15 p.m. on the park's calendar. |
| ☐ 4:30 p.m. | The gates and visitor center close. |

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **The open field.** The point of the place is what's missing. A wide shot from the monument circle shows the grass where the row of houses stood.
- **The 1963 view.** Compare the field with the 1963 aerial photo on this page, taken from the southwest with the monument at lower left.
- **Spring flowers.** Irises and lilies, which may have come from villagers' gardens, were found blooming in spring. Don't pick or dig them.
- **Drones.** The park's rules (June 2026) ban launching or flying them without the superintendent's written approval.



USGS topographic map, 1939 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	3 mi, about 7 min each way from Chalmette. From New Orleans: 7 mi, about 17 min.
OPEN	Every day. Vehicle gates 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; pedestrians sunrise to sunset. The visitor center is open 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., including Memorial Day and Veterans Day (Wednesday, November 11), and closed on other federal holidays, so this year it is closed on Thanksgiving (Thursday, November 26) and Christmas Day (Friday, December 25). The park decides each year whether to close on Mardi Gras. The national cemetery next door opens its vehicle gates at 9:30 a.m.
ADMISSION	Free.
THE VILLAGE SITE	The Park Service's Fazendeville page lists the village site as not open to the public. The village stood in the open field beside the park road, between the Chalmette Monument and the national cemetery: see it from the road and the monument grounds, and ask a ranger before you walk onto the field.
PROGRAMS	The park says ranger talks are offered daily. Its events calendar lists a half-hour Battle of New Orleans talk at Chalmette at 2:45 p.m. every day through 2027, except Thanksgiving, Christmas and other listed holidays.
TIME ON SITE	The park page doesn't say.
RESTROOMS AND WATER	Restrooms, including accessible ones, drinking water and a bottle-filling station.
FOOD	No food service is listed. There are picnic tables; the park's rules allow picnics only in designated areas.
RULES	No metal detectors, digging or collecting: these are federal offenses here. The park's rules (June 2026) also ban games and sports on the battlefield and in the cemetery, pets on trails, in buildings and on the cemetery grounds, entry to the Malus-Beauregard House, and the riverside batture.
WEBSITE	nps.gov/jela/planyourvisit/chalmette-battlefield.htm

BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Keep out of unstable buildings and off fenced ruins.
- Leave artifacts where they lie. Removing them can be a crime.
- Carry water, a paper map and a charged phone; signal is often poor.

Coordinates 29.94139, -89.99139 • 29°56'29"N
89°59'29"W

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/louisiana/fazendeville/

Directions [Google Maps](#)

Details checked October 2026. Hours, prices and access change: confirm before you go.