



CANE RIVER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

Cane River National Heritage Area in Partnership with the Office of Tourism and No Mans Land Bicentennial Commission Announce the Opening of a “No Man’s Land” Traveling Exhibit

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NATCHITOCHES, LA – Cane River National Heritage Area, Inc. announces the launch of *No Man’s Land: Becoming Louisiana*, a regional traveling exhibit that tells the often untold or forgotten stories of Louisiana’s Final Frontier. Beginning August 2019 and running until August 2020, regional libraries, museums, visitor centers, and other public spaces can reserve their spot to host this exhibit. The exhibit was produced in partnership with the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and the Louisiana No Man’s Land Bicentennial Commission.

When the United States purchased the Louisiana territory from France in 1803, Spain and the U.S. were in conflict over the boundary near Natchitoches. This confusion derived from the region’s long history of blind eye governing by Spain. In lieu of an armed clash to decide the new territory’s borders, both governments agreed to remove all troops from the disputed area until boundaries could be determined and the official Neutral Strip was born, now known as No Man’s Land. The wild lands of No Man’s Land became home to rugged pioneers and diverse cultural groups, such as Native Americans, African Americans, Scot-Irish settlers, and remnants of Spanish colonies.

The traveling exhibit is open to libraries, events, court houses, visitor centers, etc. and will be able to host the exhibit for up to six weeks. A completed Exhibition Contract and \$25.00 deposit are both required to host the “No Man’s Land” exhibit and will be submitted to the Cane River National Heritage Area. For any questions call, (318)358-5555 or visit <https://www.visitnomansland.com/get-involved/>.

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The No Man's Land - Becoming Louisiana Bicentennial Celebration is a collaborative effort between the eight parishes who are historically tied to the Louisiana neutral zone, or No Man's Land. Through Fall of 2021, the No Man's Land Bicentennial will celebrate the culture, history, art, folklife, natural resources, cuisine, attractions and events of No Man's Land.