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**LOUISIANA STATE PARKS WATER PLAYGROUNDS
TO OPEN FOR SPRING SEASON**

Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser announces a new water feature will be available for visitors to Jimmie Davis State Park near Chatham in Jackson Parish this spring with the opening of a new water playground. The water playground will offer dumping buckets, water cannons and jet sprays. Opening date is scheduled for Friday, April 1, 2016.



Louisiana State Parks' youngest visitors enjoying the water cannons at Tickfaw State Park's water playground.

Water Playgrounds

In addition to the *new* water playground at Jimmie Davis, State Parks at Fontainebleau in Mandeville, Lake Bruin in St. Joseph, St. Bernard in Braithwaite, and Tickfaw in Springfield also have water playground facilities for children. The playgrounds are open Tuesday – Sunday, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., from April 1 through October 31, and are available at no additional charge to overnight and day-use visitors.

The following water playgrounds will open at a later date:

Bogue Chitto State Park (Franklinton)	Closed for repairs; open date TBD
Chicot State Park (Ville Platte)	Closed for repairs; open date TBD
Lake Fausse Pointe State Park (St. Martinville)	Closed for repairs; open date TBD
Palmetto Island State Park (Abbeville)	Open date TBD

Beach Swimming

State parks with designated beach swimming areas include Bogue Chitto in Franklinton, Cypremort Point east of Franklin, Fontainebleau in Mandeville, Grand Isle, Jimmie Davis in Chatham, Lake Claiborne in Homer, Poverty Point Reservoir in Delhi and South Toledo Bend near Anacoco. All beach areas are open daily year-round, but *do not have lifeguard supervision*.

The Louisiana State Parks swimming pool schedule, which begins Memorial Day weekend, will be announced at a later date. For more information about Louisiana State Parks visit LaStateParks.com, or follow Louisiana State Parks on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/LouisianaStateParks) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/LouisianaStateParks).

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