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**HODGES GARDENS STATE PARK RECEIVES
NATIONAL HISTORIC DESIGNATION**

Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne is announcing Hodges Gardens State Park as the newest addition to the National Register of Historic Places. The designation puts the State Park among a list of more than 90,000 sites nationwide and nearly 1,400 sites in Louisiana to receive the highest national award of distinction bestowed upon historic properties.

“Hodges Gardens is a magnificent example of Louisiana’s natural beauty,” Lt. Governor Dardenne said. “The Gardens maintain the original vision and passion of A.J. Hodges, and the site is truly deserving of its National Register designation.”

Hodges Gardens is the result of the passion, vision and financing of oil and timber businessman A.J. Hodges and his wife Nona Trigg Hodges. It is a cultural, design and horticultural milestone of its time, achieving significant accomplishments in forestry, conservation, entertainment and landscape architecture. Opened to the public in 1956 and put in the hands of the Louisiana Office of State Parks in 2007, the site consists of a variety of native and imported foliage.

The site holds local and state significance because of its collection of midcentury modern buildings located within the park, as well as its midcentury-designed landscape. More than 50,000 people visit the Gardens annually.

Consisting of more than 900 acres, the site includes 60 acres of formal and natural gardens, three man-made waterfalls, a 225-acre lake, islands, pavilions, trails and cabins. Hodges Gardens State Park is located on U.S. Hwy. 171, approximately 15 miles south of Many. For more information, visit LaStateParks.com or follow the park on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/LaStateParks).

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