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OAKLEY HOUSE CLOSURES FOR LEAD ABATEMENT PROJECT

Oakley House at Audubon State Historic Site in St. Francisville will close effective Monday, March 20, for lead abatement of the building's exterior. The project will take approximately one year to complete.

The park grounds and visitor center will remain open to the public, with visitors being charged the grounds-only entrance fee of \$5 per person (age 4 and over) and free for children (age 3 and under). Programming at the park, with the exception of the daily house tours, will still occur.

Audubon State Historic Site is the setting for the 200-year-old Oakley House, temporary home and inspiration to John James Audubon in the 1800s. The site is open Wednesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

Audubon State Historic Site is located 30 minutes north of Baton Rouge near St. Francisville on La. 965 in West Feliciana Parish. For more information about the site, visit audubonstatehistoricsite@wordpress.com or call 888.677.2838 toll free or 635.3739 locally.

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