

# Lafitte Woods Preserve



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PALM WARBLER

Lafitte Woods encompasses some of the last remaining tracts of live oak and hackberry on the island of Grand Isle. This island, off the Louisiana coast just west of the mouth of the Mississippi River, is a critical stopover point for transgulf migrants, and has long been a favorite spot of Louisiana birders. The Nature Conservancy has constructed several walking trails in the woods, as well as an elevated boardwalk that overlooks 22 acres of tidal saltmarshes.



**LOCATION:** On the island of Grand Isle, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

**SIZE:** 14.17 ha (35 acres)

**HABITAT:** Lafitte Woods consists primarily of live oaks and and hackberry trees, and associated understory typical of barrier islands along the Gulf coast.

**BIRDS:** Over 300 species of birds have been recorded on Grand Isle, including over 30 species of neotropical warblers. Many rare birds for Louisiana, such as Gray Kingbird, have been recorded here.

**CONSERVATION:** The Nature Conservancy is working to bring the various tracts of woods back to their original state. The development pressure on Grand Isle, as on any barrier island in the Gulf that is accessible, is tremendous. The island has been heavily populated for many years, and undeveloped land is scarce. The preservation of Lafitte Woods will ensure the survival of this unique habitat for future generations.

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