

FILMING IN HOUMA



Hollywood ON THE BAYOU

Amid Houma's venerable mansions, gardens and swamps, filmmakers and television producers create visions of America's past and intriguing glimpses into the real lives of bayou people. On your visit to Houma, you have an opportunity to see some of the beautiful settings that have added depth and drama to many notable and award-winning movies and television programs.

Scan the QR code for a complete list of movies, TV shows and location details.



FUN FACT!

Many seasons of the successful TV series 'Swamp People' was filmed throughout Houma's swamps and bayous.



BAYOU COUNTRY *Film Trail*

MAGNOLIA PLANTATION

Film: *12 Years A Slave, The Best Of Me*

Magnolia Plantation, built in 1834, is a private residence located on Louisiana Highway 311 in Schriever, Louisiana. Originally built for Thomas Ellis, the plantation remained in his hands until 1874, when he sold it to Captain John Jackson Shaffer, C.S.A. Captain Shaffer's descendants still occupy the home. They opened the gardens to the public in 1870 to raise money and save the plantation from being sold at auction like many others. While the family still owns the house and farming acreage, the National Park Service now owns the rest of the land and many of the historical buildings. They are part of the Cane River Creole National Historical Park.

DOWNTOWN HOUMA

Film: *Lee Daniels' The Butler, Where The Crawdads Sing (pictured to the left), Crazy In Alabama*

Historic Downtown Houma runs mostly on Main St., which bends with the course of Bayou Terrebonne. The oldest commercial architecture tends to be between Lafayette St. in the west and Barrow St. in the east, in a little district dotted with restaurants, bars and a handful of local stores.

ARDOYNE PLANTATION

Film: *Emancipation, Crazy In Alabama, Deadline, Tribute*

Ardoyne Plantation is set in a cluster of live oak trees, located at 2678 Highway 311 in Schriever and overlooking Bayou Black. Scottish for "little hill or knoll," Ardoyne Plantation is a Victorian Gothic sugarcane plantation built in 1888 and has been continuously lived in by the original builder's family for six generations. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as possibly the largest and most elaborate example of Rural Victorian Gothic Architecture in the state of Louisiana.

ISLE DE JEAN CHARLES BAYOUS

Film: *Beasts Of The Southern Wild*

Isle de Jean Charles is a sinking island in Bayou Terrebonne known for losing 98% of its landmass since 1950. Once five miles wide and filled with lush cypress groves and cow pastures, now only half a square mile of the island remains above water, with most residents being trappers, fishermen or oystermen. Its fishing community and mythical bayous are filled with legends passed down through generations.