

## Louisiana PASS



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### Swamps

If swamps seem creepy to you, you're not alone. The darkness and dampness of swamps make them seem like mysterious, forbidden lands.

A swamp is any wetland where many trees grow. Swamps are full of wildlife. Many different plants and animals live in swamps—some poisonous and some not. The most worrisome are snakes and alligators, but there are also herons, egrets, pelicans, turtles, mosquitoes, and spiders.

Swamps may be drained by people who want to use the land for other things. Draining a swamp leaves many animals without places to live. The good news is that some swamps have recently been designated as parks.

No one knows when exploring a swamp may result in finding treasure. The pirate Jean Laffite was said to have buried lots of treasure in the swamps of Louisiana!