Harahan Historical Trail
300 Colonial Club Drive
Harahan, Louisiana 70123

Sponsored by:
Boy Scout Troop 381
Tri-Parish District
New Orleans Area Council
WELCOME TO THE HARAHAN HISTORICAL TRAIL, SPONSORED BY BOY SCOUT TROOP 381, OF THE TRI-PARISH DISTRICT, OF THE NEW ORLEANS AREA COUNCIL

(Throughout this booklet, directions are printed in lower case and are parenthesized.)

ITEMS OF HISTORIC OR OF GENERAL INTEREST ARE INDENTED, NUMBERED AND IN CAPITALS.

(Cars may be parked in any of the commercial areas off Clearview Parkway, near Mounes Street, where the trail begins. Walk toward the bridge, heading South-Southeast, along Clearview Parkway, and note the following as you begin.)

1. THE HUEY P. LONG BRIDGE IS A COMBINATION RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY STRUCTURE WHICH YOU WILL VIEW THROUGHOUT THIS WALK. IT IS LISTED IN THE GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS AS THE LONGEST RAILROAD SPAN IN THE WORLD – 4.35 MILES. ITS GREATEST SINGLE SPAN IS 790 FEET. BUILT UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNOR HUEY P. LONG, IT WAS COMPLETED IN 1935. IT WAS CONSTRUCTED FOR ONLY $13 MILLION AND WAS HAILED AS A GREAT ENGINEERING FEAT.

THE LOCATION OF THIS BRIDGE WAS ESTABLISHED BECAUSE THIS IS A MAJOR RAILROAD CENTER. IT WAS PART OF THE DEFENSE SYSTEM OF THE UNITED STATES DURING WORLD WAR II AND WAS THE ONLY WAY THAT TROOPS COULD BE TRANSPORTED BY RAIL FROM EAST TO WEST, OR VICE VERSA.
FOR THE LARGER CAPABILITIES THAT WERE RAISED.

AND DAIRIES WERE VASTLY IMPROVED AND HAYMAWNS WERE MODERNIZED.

AND HOUSES WERE BUILT, VICTORIAN, SUBURBAN, AND COLONIAL.

FARMERS BECAME MORE SUCCESSFUL.

THE AREA WAS DEVELOPED.

IN THE EARLY 1790S, SUGAR CANE AND INDIGO WERE GROWN.

INDIAN TRIBE ACTUALLY BORNE THE NAME.

WILL ALSO DISCUSS LATER. THERE IS NO PROOF THAT ANY

BUT ANOTHER STORY GROWS. ANOTHER STORY WHICH WE

DISCUSS AS WE FILL LATER. "THE NAME "CHOPTOPEI/"OES"

OF MANY BEAUTIFUL HOUSES. A FEW OF WHICH WE WILL

TO BE CHANGED TO "CHOPTOPEI/"OES" AND WAS THE LOCATION

THIS AREA WAS CALLED THE "CHOPTOPEI/"OES COAST" (LATER)

REBUILT AFTER A DISASTER IN 1865. IT WAS

MADE POSSIBLE BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND THE

PLANTATION CANON MADE BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND THE

NAME. THE HOUSE WAS THE ONLY PART OF THE LA FERTERE

PLANTATION AT THE ORIGINA/!!"OMES. ON THEIR SONS.

FOUNDATIONS OF TWO DISTINCT CIRCLES, PROBABLY

FRANKS RESTAURANT. THE BARS SURROUNDING THIS TOUCHE

- BUILT AROUND 1795. AND WHICH NOW HOUSES A WORLD-

LA RAMBLAS IN THE AREA IS THE "AMERICAN PROVINCIAL"

THE ONLY SITE WITH AN ORIGINA/!!"OIS BUILDINGS FOUNDATION

THE WITNESS ESTABLISHED A COLONY AT NEW ORLEANS IN

1791.

3. THIS ENTIRE AREA WAS THE LOCATION OF MANY FAMOUS

STORES, BUT AFTER A DISASTER IN 1865, IT WAS

MOWED, MASON, THE HOUSE WAS A TWO-AND-ONE-HALF

BUILDING STANDING BACK TO THE SAME YEAR THAT

IN A WEEK-SOUTHWEST DIRECTION, BEFORE YOU BEGIN

REBUILD IT. (READ THE FOLLOWING:

STOPPING IN FRONT OF THE "AMERICAN PROVINCIAL"

(Cont'd: Continue along the levee toward the town of Harahan

threw the post.

)
It is recommended that you use this place as your first rest stop. 

Along the levee, you'll enjoy the beauty of the river's edge, and the trees and wildlife create a serene atmosphere. As a result, this natural beauty adds periodicity to the area. You will enjoy the beauty of the river's edge.

After returning to the levee, continue in a west-southwest direction.

Levee, read the following:

Return to the levee by the second row of oaks and a few hundred feet southwest from Brookhollow. At the levee, read the following:

From the French government, over the PROTESTATIONS OF THEIR NEIGHBORS, LA PREMIERE BRANCHE, WHO RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM THE LEVEE WAS EXECUTED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE RIVER FOOD CONTROL. IN 1742, A THREE-FOOT RIVER BANK WAS EXECUTED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE FIRST MISSISSIPPI LEVEE. Read the following:

For more details:

Perth of the levee. The planter of the levee, who received the land grant from the government of the French and Spanish government (see marker) along with other French-Louisiana property owners, was the son of the original levee. The levee was executed.

Throughout this area, industrial, housing, and local industry to save the trees have been maintained in proper balance and the developers have been encouraged to do their efforts. These are a prime example of cooperation by those who have been concerned for their efforts. These are a prime example of cooperation by those who have been concerned for their efforts.
FOR MANY MANY YEARS, EVERY WINTER FOR ENCOMPASSMENT AT THIS ORIGINAL SITE JOINING OTHER TRIBES IN THOSE AREA, BUT BEGINNING THERE WERE DIRECTIONS MADE AND MOVED TO MARCHETTE.
AND IN THE INDIAN LAKE THERE WERE CALL AND IN THERE THE INDIANS LIVING THERE WERE CALLED.
IN THERE, THE FRENCH NAMED THE BAYOU CHOUFIOTISSAS.
TO THE WATER, THIS MEAN THAT THE FISH WERE ALL IN FRENCH, "CHOUFIOTISSAS" TOUS IA." AS HE POINTED
SOME INDIANS FISHING ON THE BANKS OF A RIVER IN
THERE WERE ANY FISH, ONE OF THE INDIANS ANSWERED
TO SON, THE STORY IS THAT A FRENCH HUNTER ASKED
WEARING ON CHOOFITISSAS, REAUSED FROM FATHER
THE SORROWS TELL A DIFFERENT STORY OF THE
OTHERS, AS THE RIVER FLOWS.
BECAUSE IT IS STRANDED 1/2 MILES ABOVE NEW
THIS POINT IN THE RIVER IS CALLED "1/2 MILE-POINT,"
DAYS STILL SHADS THE GROUND NEAR THE CHOUTESSHE.
ONE OF THE ORIGINAL OAK TREES FROM THESE EASY,
ONE OF THE BEAUTY SPOTS ON THE RIVER AND
THE PLACE PROSPEROUS, CROWNING SOUR CAND. II
UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THIS FAMOUS FAMILY,
THERE FAMILY'S POSSESSION UNTIL 1924.
BRENNAND AVENUE IN 1920, AND II ACQUIRED IN
JOSEPH SORUAL DO POSSESSION, WHO ENRICHED IT FROM
AFTER A SERIES OF CAMPS PURCHASED AND SOLD
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(Leave the levee at Drolla Park, enjoying the coolness of the trees in this lovely shaded area. Head Northeast toward Jefferson Highway. At the highway, cross to the median to view the marker located at this point.)

9. SAUVE' PLANTATION - THIS WAS THE BIRTHPLACE IN 1761 OF JACQUES PHILLIPE ROL DE VILLERE', THE FIRST NATIVE-BORN GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA.

(Here the shorter section of the trail ends, and we recommend that younger cub scouts stop here to be picked up. At this point, you have earned the right to purchase the HARAHAN LEVEE HIKE patch, while the HARAHAN HISTORIC HIKE patch, which can be earned by completing the entire 12 ½-mile hike, may only be purchased through registered Scout Troops and their leaders.)
TO OBTAIN FREEDOM.

SUCH WAS THE CASE WITH THIS SONORI CANAL.

PROVIDE DRAINAGE FOR THE PLANTATIONS.

BANKS. MANY OF THESE CANALS WERE BUILT TO
USE. SUCH AS THE MARTYR CANAL OR THE WEST.
ROUTE, INTRODUCING SOME WHICH ARE STILL IN
USE. CANALS WERE MENTIONED IN PROGRESS.
THESE, MARSHY LAND IN SOUTHERN LOUISIANA
MADE ROAD CONSTRUCTION DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE.
THEIR, MARSHY LAND IN SOUTHERN LOUISIANA
UNTIL RELATIVELY MODERN

II. 

THE SONORI CANAL - UNTIL RELATIVELY MODERN

(Travel Northeast on Sauve Road)

At the Sonar Canal, turn right on Genera

THE PRESIDENT OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD.

FROM A GROUP WHO OWN IT AS AN EXPERIMENTAL
TOOK DEED TO THE EAST. THE LAND WAS PURCHASED
Illinois Central Railroad, whose famed and
THEY WERE RAILROAD EMPLOYEES, CHEERFULLY OF THE

FORDAY THE NEED FOR SUCH A CORPORATION.

THE LAND FOR THIS TOWNSHIP LOCATION WAS

(Although you have passed through Harahan while on the

TOWNSHIP OF HARAHAN, LOUISIANA.

THE SONAR CANAL YOU ARE CROSSING INTO THE

10. WELCOME TO HARAHAN, AS THE SIGN SAYS. AT

II-10
Loughborough and inundating the Hamman area.

The levee to keep the flood waters from breaching was already here.

Camp Plauche was used extensively during World War II. It was an important railroad center used for the movement of war material.

Prehouse, read the following:

Continue on the main road until you reach the

Signs you can identify, as you walk through

That are familiar to you.

Small factories in the area with, large names

Can locate many warehouses and

Which has become a large industrial area.

You are now in the location of Camp Plauche,

12. Soniat Playground is a fine place to rest on this

Place of local residents.
(As you are nearing the end of the trail, you will come to the location where you began.)

14. THIS IS THE APPROXIMATE SITE OF AN AIRPLANE CRASH WHICH OCCURRED ON DECEMBER 31, 1910, WHICH TOOK THE LIFE OF THE FAMOUS PIONEER AVIATOR, JOHN B. MOISANT. OUR LOCAL MUNICIPAL AIRFIELD BEARS THE NAME "MOISANT" IN HIS HONOR.

We sincerely hope you have enjoyed your hike through our trail, and that you found it both interesting and educational. If you have any comments, please feel free to contact any of those listed below, or write to us at the address on the order form, which you will find on the next page of this book, and below.

If you have enjoyed the hike, may we recommend to you the Bienville, Spanish Fort and Chalmette trails, all of which are located in the New Orleans Area Council. Information regarding these trails can be obtained at the Scout Service Center, 2047 Airline Highway, Metairie, Louisiana 70001, Telephone 837-0780.

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Jerry Saacks, 887-7677 in Metairie, Louisiana
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1. In what year was the Huey P. Long bridge completed?
   Answer: 1935

2. What do the employees of Avondale build?
   Answer: Ships

3. Are any Elm trees planted on Elmwood Plantation?
   Answer: No

4. In what year did a Spanish Governor execute La Freniere and the other Louisiana-French patriots?
   Answer: 1762

5. Can you identify at least two trees that grow on the river batture?
   Answer: Oak, Cabbage, Cottonwoods

6. How did O.K. Avenue in Harahan get its name?
   Answer: From Orleans-Kenner Traction Company

7. Why is the location at Colonial Country Club called 12-Mile Point?
   Answer: Located 12 miles above New Orleans

8. What is a Crevasse?
   Answer: Break in the levee

9. When was Villere Governor of Louisiana?
   Answer: 1816

10. In what year was the town of Harahan founded?
    Answer: 1920
11. Why were canals dug so often in south Louisiana?
Answer: As transportation routes and drainage.

12. How many dugouts can you count at Soniat Park?
Answer: _______________________

13. What did the German P.O.W.'s do during World War II that helped the citizens of Harahan?
Answer: Sandbag the levees

14. What famous pioneer aviator died in a plane crash at the Camp Plauche site in 1910?
Answer: John P. Moisant

ORDER FORM
The following number have completed one of the trails as indicated and we are purchasing patches in that quantity. Our check, or money order, made payable to Harahan Historical Trail, Inc., is attached.

(QUANTITY) ____________________ HARAHAN LEVEE HIKE PATCH
(QUANTITY) ____________________ HARAHAN HISTORICAL TRAIL PATCH*

*Available only to registered Boy Scouts and Leaders

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CURRENT PRICE PER PATCH IS $1.50
SEND ORDERS TO: HARAHAN HISTORICAL TRAIL, INC.
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HARAHAN, LOUISIANA 70123
CAMP SITES: There are no camping facilities on the trail; however, Camp Memory at the Spillway in Norco, or Scout Island at City Park, in New Orleans, are available and application can be made with the Scout Service Center in Metairie, 2047 Airline Highway, Telephone 837-0780

FACILITIES: Restaurants, groceries and service stations are located throughout the trail - at Clearview and Mounes, all along the Jefferson Highway area, just blocks from the levee, and at Sauve Road and the highway. As you approach the Soniat Canal, other facilities can be located on Hickory just one block off the trail.

INFORMATION: Call or write the following location for any information you require about the trail or facilities.

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