

Lake Concordia Paddling Trail

Small but very deep oxbow lake, Concordia sparkles with the clearest water of any of Northern Louisiana's oxbows. Great swimming, but be wary of gators. Over 150 deep in places. Thickly populated with houses and piers along its southern end, and busy with motorboats during the summer months. Paddlers can find some peace and more wildlife at the northern end of the lake amongst stands of bald cypress and clumps of vegetation. Good paddling for canoes, kayaks or stand up paddleboards.

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Boat Launch at Wildlife & Fisheries 31.673625, 91.499922

Good concrete boat launch at Louisiana Dept of Wildlife & Fisheries on Ater Road off of Wildlife & Fisheries Road. Shaded parking area above ramp.

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4-5 mile round trip into the wildest areas of Lake Concordia. Leaving Fisheries Ramp cross lake and follow forested shoreline as closely as possible for views of turtles, fish and waders. Paddle in and out of several small coves, and dive through stands of trees as water level allows. The lake shallows towards its northwestern end, but adventurous paddlers can continue in between clumps of grass, flowering bushes and water hyacinth, as well as isolated cypress trees, and reach far end of lake before turning around. Follow a different route on the return trip for best wildlife viewing.