

**National Park Service
 Status Report on Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Cultural Resources
 Gathered by NPS Cultural Resources Staff
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Note: This information supplements status reports provided on the following web sites:

NPS Digest, Daily Headlines
<http://data2.itc.nps.gov/digest/>

American Association of Museums
<http://www.aam-us.org/aamlatest/news/HurricaneFirstReports.cfm>

Heritage Preservation
<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/>

American Library Association
http://www.ala.org/al_onlineTemplate.cfm?Section=alonline&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=103278

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AL					
Pickensville	Montgomery, Corps of Engineers	(NHL sternwheel snagboat), no damage	9/1/05	Kevin Foster, NPS Maritime Heritage Program 202-354-2260 Kevin_Foster@nps.gov	
FL					

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Dry Tortugas National Park	Dry Tortugas National Park	<p>Historic cannon “sand blasted,” removing protective coating down to primer, flash rusting. Conservation team to provide emergency stabilization treatment 9/19-26/05 rescheduled to 10/4-10 due to Rita.</p> <p>Fort Jefferson: Katrina: Curtain Wall lost 500 sq. ft. of brickwork, adjacent to area that had previously failed. Moat wall (seawall) had minor loss of 10 lf. of brick coping. Dredging moat to remove 400 yards of sand. Two adjacent ruins destroyed.</p>	8/31/05; Update 9/12/05; 9/13/05; 9/21/05	<p>Allen Bohnert, Chief, Museum Services, Southeast Region, NPS 404-562-3117 x 665 allen_bohnert@nps.gov</p> <p>Nancy Russell, Curator South Florida Collection Management Center Everglades National Park phone 305-242-7826 fax 305-242-7836 Nancy_Russell@nps.gov</p> <p>Ross Hunt, Exhibit Specialist (Structures) Dry Tortugas National Park 305-294-8543 Ross_Hunt@nps.gov</p>	<p>Nancy Russell, Curator South Florida Collection Management Center Everglades National Park phone 305-242-7826 fax 305-242-7836 Nancy_Russell@nps.gov</p> <p>Ross Hunt, Exhibit Specialist (Structures) Dry Tortugas National Park 305-294-8543 Ross_Hunt@nps.gov</p>
Everglades National Park	Everglades National Park	Flamingo Museum, loss of electricity, operating dehumidifiers to prevent mold growth, no damage to collections.	9/14/05	<p>Nancy Russell, Curator South Florida Collection Management Center Everglades National Park phone 305-242-7826 fax 305-242-7836 Nancy_Russell@nps.gov</p>	<p>Nancy Russell, Curator South Florida Collection Management Center Everglades National Park phone 305-242-7826 fax 305-242-7836 Nancy_Russell@nps.gov</p>
LA					
Chandeleur Islands	Chandeleur lighthouse, Breton National Wildlife Refuge	Chandeleur lighthouse (formerly active US Coast Guard lighthouse) not visible from aerial photos, presumed destroyed	9/6/05	<p>Kevin Foster, NPS Maritime Heritage Program 202-354-2260 Kevin_Foster@nps.gov</p>	
New Orleans	Degas House Museum	Minimal damage; damage to ductwork and compressors under	9/16/05	<p>Alan Z. Aiches Historic Preservation Specialist</p>	

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		first floor, window blown out on second floor.		Museum Collections Liaison FEMA Joint Field Office – 1603-DR-LA Baton Rouge, LA 70802 225-376-5146 202-365-1697 (mobile) alan.aiches@dhs.gov	
New Orleans	<i>Delta Queen</i> (Delta Queen Steamboat Company)	(NHL sternwheel passenger river boat) No damage, was cruising well upriver. Will operate out of Memphis for now.	9/1/05; Update 9/6/05	Kevin Foster, NPS Maritime Heritage Program 202-354-2260 Kevin_Foster@nps.gov	See http://www.deltaqueen.com
New Orleans	New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park	Visitor Center in the French Quarter at 916 N. Peters has been inspected. It was not flooded.	9/5/05;	Sara Wolf, NPS National Incident Management Team, sara_wolf@nps.gov Debbie Santiago, NPS National Incident Management Team, 661-332-1754, fax 623-321-1748	same
New Orleans	Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve (French Quarter, 419 Decatur Street visitor center, headquarters, collections storage)	Site has been inspected. The roof of the structure suffered some damage, but is solid and secure. The structure and contents are dry and the collections have no mold. Collections have been removed to temporary storage at the Historic Natchez Foundation in cooperation with Natchez National Historical Park. Archival Collections on loan to University of New Orleans Library Special Collections are dry.	9/5/05; Update 9/9/05; 9/13/05; 9/15/05; 9/16/05; 9/21/05	Sara Wolf, NPS National Incident Management Team, sara_wolf@nps.gov Debbie Santiago, NPS National Incident Management Team, 661-332-1754, fax 623-321-1748 Pam West, NPS National Incident Management Team, pbethw@nextel.blackberry.net 202-437-8506	same
New Orleans	Jean Lafitte National	Visitor center metal roof has extensive damage, requiring total	9/5/05 Update	Debbie Santiago, NPS National Incident Management Team,	same

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	Historical Park and Preserve (Barataria Preserve)	replacement. Heavy wind damage to many trees.	9/14/05; 9/16/05	661-332-1754, fax 623-321-1748 Pam West, NPS National Incident Management Team, pbethw@nextel.blackberry.net 202-437-8506	
New Orleans	Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve (Chalmette Battlefield and National Cemetery)	Structures and cemetery were flooded and extensively damaged; flood waters and aftermath are contaminated. Many downed trees being removed. Visitor center flooded with 42" of water and has extensive mold damage. It is a total loss. Most museum objects got wet. Nineteen high priority museum objects have been retrieved from visitor center and sent to Springfield Armory conservator for treatment. Objects include muskets, swords, medallions, pistols. Historic resource management records removed from second floor of the historic superintendent's lodge in the cemetery. In the National Cemetery, uprooted trees exposed some human remains, which have been removed and will be reburied by park staff. Identification of the contaminants in the flood waters and sediment is underway. Historic structures have been evaluated: Beauregard House received 45" of water; some roof	9/9/05; Update 9/13/05, 9/15/05; 9/16/05; 9/20/05; 9/21/05	Sara Wolf, NPS National Incident Management Team, sara_wolf@nps.gov Debbie Santiago, NPS National Incident Management Team, 661-332-1754, fax 623-321-1748 Pam West, NPS National Incident Management Team, pbethw@nextel.blackberry.net 202-437-8506 Brian Coffey, List of Classified Structures Coordinator, NPS Southeast Regional Office, 404-562-3117 x 642 Brian_Coffey@nps.gov	same

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		<p>damage (daylight in some areas); interior wall finish absorbed water and will likely need to be removed. Chalmette Monument has no visible damage; concern for salt water penetration into joints on lower part. Battlefield Rampart has little damage. Rodriguez Canal prism is intact (reconstruction). Approximately 3% of Cemetery Tablet Headstones were damaged by falling limbs and trees. Some headstones have been reset. Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Monument was not flooded. Spotts Marker was flooded but sustained no visible damage. Superintendent's Lodge flooded with 5' of water; severe damage to first floor wall finishes; brick chimney collapsed, some roof damage. Despite severe inundation, the structure is considered salvageable. Carriage House has severe structural damage on NE corner, including roof and walls, from fallen tree. Some metal elements of the gate structure at Chalmette National Cemetery were bent but have been restored. The gate is in good condition. Over 1200' of brick cemetery wall has collapsed; other portions have been undermined by water.</p>			

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New Orleans	Longue Vue	Major tree damage; house dry but high RH; no collections were flooded; concerns re: mold.	9/11/05	Alan Z. Aiches Historic Preservation Specialist Museum Collections Liaison FEMA Joint Field Office – 1603-DR-LA Baton Rouge, LA 70802 225-376-5146 202-365-1697 (mobile) alan.aiches@dhs.gov	
New Orleans	National D-Day Museum	Looting in café, money boxes, vending machines, museum store. Store contents flooded, extreme mold. No flooding in rest of museum.	9/16/05	Alan Z. Aiches Historic Preservation Specialist Museum Collections Liaison FEMA Joint Field Office – 1603-DR-LA Baton Rouge, LA 70802 225-376-5146 202-365-1697 (mobile) alan.aiches@dhs.gov	
New Orleans	New Canal Light (US Coast Guard, active)	(at entrance to Lake Ponchartrain) From photos appears to be knocked off foundation	9/1/05	Kevin Foster, NPS Maritime Heritage Program 202-354-2260 Kevin_Foster@nps.gov	
New Orleans	Notarial Archives	Damage to stored books in basement, 6” standing water; some records shipped for freezing and treatment.	9/16/05	Alan Z. Aiches Historic Preservation Specialist Museum Collections Liaison FEMA Joint Field Office – 1603-DR-LA Baton Rouge, LA 70802 225-376-5146 202-365-1697 (mobile) alan.aiches@dhs.gov	
New Orleans	Ogden Museum	Water damage to art storage,	9/16/05	Alan Z. Aiches	

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	of Southern Art	skylight damage to upper floors produced leaks, no damage to exhibits; some windows out; damage to off-site warehouse.		Historic Preservation Specialist Museum Collections Liaison FEMA Joint Field Office – 1603-DR-LA Baton Rouge, LA 70802 225-376-5146 202-365-1697 (mobile) alan.aiches@dhs.gov	
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Biloxi	Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library	Home: Aerial photo shows holes torn in slate roof and galleries (porches) missing. Library: Built to withstand category 5 hurricane; first floor washed out by storm surge. Portraits salvaged after event additional recovery of artifacts begun. Historic library pavilion, Hayes cottage, Soldier's Home Barracks replica, Confederate Soldier's Museum, Giftshop, and director's home destroyed. Replicas of destroyed buildings will be built after restoration of Beauvoir and Presidential Library.	9/1/05; Update 9/13/05	Ken P'Pool, Dept. of Historic Preservation, Mississippi Dept. of Archives and History Phone: 601-576-6940 Fax: 601-576-6955 E-mail: kppool@mdah.state.ms.us David Preziosi, Exec. Director, Mississippi Heritage Trust, 601-354-0200, fax: 601-354-0220 See http://www.beauvoir.org	Same; see AAM website; See photos http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html ; hear NPR news report at http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=4835721 See http://www.beauvoir.org
Biloxi	Breilmaier House (c. 1895)	Destroyed	9/6/05	David Preziosi, Exec. Director, Mississippi Heritage Trust, 601-354-0200, fax: 601-354-0220	Same; See photos http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html
Biloxi	Biloxi Cemetery	Many trees uprooted; markers broken.	9/7/05	David Preziosi, Exec. Director, Mississippi Heritage Trust, 601-354-0200, fax: 601-354-0220	Same; See photos http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html
Biloxi	Dantzler House	Destroyed	9/6/05	David Preziosi, Exec. Director, Mississippi Heritage Trust, 601-	Same; See photos http://www.mississippiheritage.com/

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Biloxi	Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum	A portion of the building remains. Some artifacts salvaged, including lens from Ship Island lighthouse.	9/6/05	John Linn Hopkins Hopkins & Assoc Preservation Consultants Memphis, TN 38104 901-278-5186; fax: 901-726-5993	Robin Krohn, museum staff, cell 228-380-2915
Biloxi	Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art	Aerial photo shows two of five buildings in new museum complex left (JLH). Pleasant Reed House destroyed (DP).	9/5/05 (JLH) 9/6/05 (DP)	John Linn Hopkins Hopkins & Assoc Preservation Consultants Memphis, TN 38104 901-278-5186; fax: 901-726-5993 David Preziosi, Exec. Director, Mississippi Heritage Trust, 601-354-0200, fax: 601-354-0220	See AAM website. See photos http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html
	Tullis-Toledano Manor	Aerial photo shows Tullis-Toledano House (c. 1860) destroyed (under the displaced casino barge); Tullis Slave Quarters (c. 1860) destroyed; Crawford House (c. 1850) destroyed	9/5/05	John Linn Hopkins Hopkins & Assoc Preservation Consultants Memphis, TN 38104 901-278-5186; fax: 901-726-5993	See photos http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html
Jackson	Old Capitol Museum of Mississippi History (state historical museum)	Lost half of roof, 6,000 items in collection quickly relocated, little serious damage to collections. Roof replacement scheduled to begin 8/31	8/31/05	Ken P'Pool, Dept. of Historic Preservation, Mississippi Dept. of Archives and History Phone: 601-576-6940 Fax: 601-576-6955 E-mail: kppool@mdah.state.ms.us	same
Natchez	Natchez National Historical Park	At Melrose a backup generator supplied continuous power to the	9/7/05; Update	Kathleen Jenkins Chief of Resource Management,	same

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		furnished exhibits in the mansion; the separate collections storage facility lost power, but it was restored within 36 hours. William Johnson House lost power only for two hours. No known collections damage.	9/9/05	Natchez NHP 601-442-1431; fax: 601-445-0873; Kathleen_jenkins@nps.gov	
Ocean Springs	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory	Coast Guard permitted access to collections on 9/15/05. Collections flooded. NPS Incident Management Team assisting with recovery of herbarium and hazardous tree and debris removal.	9/15/05; 9/16/05	Pam West, NPS National Incident Management Team, pbethw@nextel.blackberry.net 202-437-8506 Debbie Santiago, NPS National Incident Management Team, 661-332-1754, fax 623-321-1748	GCRL, Phone (228) 872-4200 - Fax (228) 872-4204
Ocean Springs	Gulf Islands National Seashore	Storm surge flooded exhibits and museum collections at Davis Bayou Visitor Center. Museum Emergency Response Team is stabilizing collections. Collections moved to NPS Southeast Archeological Center and Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve. Frozen archives to be shipped and treated off-site. See report for Gulf Coast Research Laboratory where some park herbarium specimens are stored.	9/8/05; update 9/15/05; 9/16/05	Roxanne Sellers Cultural Resources, Gulf Islands NS 850-934-2670 Pam West, NPS National Incident Management Team, pbethw@nextel.blackberry.net 202-437-8506	same
Ship Island	Gulf Islands National Seashore Ft. Massachusetts	Storm surge flooded and damaged fort: earthen berm damaged, large granite blocks dislodged and in moat, interior filled with mud and debris several inches thick. Extent of damage to Rodman	9/8/05; Update 9/13/05; 9/16/05	Roxanne Sellers Cultural Resources, Gulf Islands NS 850-934-2670 Pam West, NPS National	same

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		cannon, artifacts and exhibits unknown. Conservator visit scheduled. Reconstructed lighthouse destroyed.		Incident Management Team, pbethw@nextel.blackberry.net 202-437-8506	
Vicksburg	Vicksburg NMP	Canopy covering the USS Cairo ripped in several places. Cooper caps blew off the cemetery gazebo.	9/2/05	NPS Morning Report	Vicksburg NMP, 601-636-0583, Fax: 601-636-9497, e-mail: VICK_Superintendent@nps.gov