

**National Park Service
 Status Report on Impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on Cultural Resources
 Gathered by NPS Cultural Resources Staff
 9/28/2005**

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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Note: Unless otherwise noted, references are to Katrina. Report includes NPS sites, properties on the National Register, National Historic Landmarks, and museums.

Location	Institution or Site	Status	Rpt. Date	Source	Contact for more information
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Pickensville	Montgomery, Corps of	(NHL sternwheel snagboat), no damage	9/1/05	Kevin Foster, NPS Maritime Heritage Program	

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	Engineers			202-354-2260 Kevin_Foster@nps.gov	
FL					
Dry Tortugas National Park	Dry Tortugas National Park	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. 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.	8/31/05; Update 9/12/05; 9/13/05; 9/21/05	Allen Bohnert, Chief, Museum Services, Southeast Region, NPS 404-562-3117 x 665 allen_bohnert@nps.gov Nancy Russell, Curator South Florida Collection Management Center Everglades National Park phone 305-242-7826 fax 305-242-7836 Nancy_Russell@nps.gov Ross Hunt, Exhibit Specialist (Structures) Dry Tortugas National Park 305-294-8543 Ross_Hunt@nps.gov	Nancy Russell, Curator South Florida Collection Management Center Everglades National Park phone 305-242-7826 fax 305-242-7836 Nancy_Russell@nps.gov Ross Hunt, Exhibit Specialist (Structures) Dry Tortugas National Park 305-294-8543 Ross_Hunt@nps.gov
Everglades National Park	Everglades National Park	Flamingo Museum, loss of electricity, operating dehumidifiers to prevent mold growth, no damage to collections.	9/14/05	Nancy Russell, Curator South Florida Collection Management Center Everglades National Park phone 305-242-7826 fax 305-242-7836 Nancy_Russell@nps.gov	Nancy Russell, Curator South Florida Collection Management Center Everglades National Park phone 305-242-7826 fax 305-242-7836 Nancy_Russell@nps.gov
LA					
Chandeleur Islands	Chandeleur lighthouse, Breton National	Chandeleur lighthouse (formerly active US Coast Guard lighthouse) not visible from aerial photos,	9/6/05	Kevin Foster, NPS Maritime Heritage Program 202-354-2260	

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	Wildlife Refuge	presumed destroyed		Kevin_Foster@nps.gov	
Covington	Division of St. John Historic District	Most damage from trees. Most contributing elements on piers, little damage from flooding. Some roof damage. A few buildings severely damaged by falling trees.	9/28/05	Alison F. Bordelon Architectural Historian Tax Act Program Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation 225-342-8160	
Covington	Christ Episcopal Church	No damage.	9/28/05	Alison F. Bordelon Architectural Historian Tax Act Program Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation 225-342-8160	
Covington	Frederick House	No damage.	9/28/05	Alison F. Bordelon Architectural Historian Tax Act Program Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation 225-342-8160	
Lacombe	Lacombe School (Lacombe Museum)	Severe roof damage, one wing exposed to rafters. Tarp covering.	9/28/05	Alison F. Bordelon Architectural Historian Tax Act Program Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation 225-342-8160	
Mandeville	Johnson House	Little to no damage.	9/28/05	Alison F. Bordelon Architectural Historian Tax Act Program Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation 225-342-8160	

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Mandeville	Griffin's Bakery	No damage, open for business.	9/28/05	Alison F. Bordelon Architectural Historian Tax Act Program Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation 225-342-8160	
Mandeville	Flagstaff	Bottom level impacted, one of columns on façade split.	9/28/05	Alison F. Bordelon Architectural Historian Tax Act Program Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation 225-342-8160	
Mandeville	Bertus-Ducatel House (Little Flower Villa)	Severe damage to side, porch and part of roof torn off, overhang of roof damaged.	9/28/05	Alison F. Bordelon Architectural Historian Tax Act Program Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation 225-342-8160	
Mandeville	Moore House	No damage.	9/28/05	Alison F. Bordelon Architectural Historian Tax Act Program Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation 225-342-8160	
Mandeville	Morel-Nott House	No visible damage.	9/28/05	Alison F. Bordelon Architectural Historian Tax Act Program Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation 225-342-8160	

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Natchitoches	Cane River Creole National Historical Park	20 of 60 historic structures in the park sustained some damage from falling trees.	9/26/05	Kris Fister, NPS National Incident Management Team, 985-448-1069 or 985-447-9951	same
New Orleans	Degas House Museum	Minimal damage; damage to ductwork and compressors under first floor, window blown out on second floor.	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	<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,	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	9/5/05; Update 9/9/05; 9/13/05; 9/15/05; 9/16/05; 9/21/05; 9/27/05	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

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	collections storage)	Park. Archival Collections on loan to University of New Orleans Library Special Collections are dry. Electricity restored to 419 Decatur Street (reported 9/27)		Pam West, NPS National Incident Management Team, pbethw@nextel.blackberry.net 202-437-8506 Kris Fister, NPS National Incident Management Team, 985-448-1069 or 985-447-9951	
New Orleans	Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve (Barataria Preserve)	Visitor center metal roof has extensive damage, requiring total replacement. Heavy wind damage to many trees.	9/5/05 Update 9/14/05; 9/16/05	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 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	9/9/05; Update 9/13/05, 9/15/05; 9/16/05; 9/20/05; 9/21/05; 9/26/05	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,	same

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		<p>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 damage (daylight in some areas); interior wall finish absorbed water and will likely need to be removed. Rita caused some additional minor damage. 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</p>		<p>404-562-3117 x 642 Brian_Coffey@nps.gov</p> <p>Kris Fister, NPS National Incident Management Team, 985-448-1069 or 985-447-9951</p>	

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		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.			
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	

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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 of Southern Art	Water damage to art storage, skylight damage to upper floors produced leaks, no damage to exhibits; some windows out; damage to off-site warehouse.	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	
Slidell	Slidell Railroad Depot	Some roof damage; crew working on building.	9/28/05	Alison F. Bordelon Architectural Historian Tax Act Program Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation 225-342-8160	
Slidell	Albert Salmen House	No damage.	9/28/05	Alison F. Bordelon Architectural Historian Tax Act Program Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation 225-342-8160	

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Slidell	Fritz Salmen House	Sustained minor roof damage, covered with tarps.	9/28/05	Alison F. Bordelon Architectural Historian Tax Act Program Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation 225-342-8160	
Slidell	Arcade Theater	Broken window, no other visible damage	9/28/05	Alison F. Bordelon Architectural Historian Tax Act Program Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation 225-342-8160	
Slidell	Salmen House (Swiss Cottage)	Minor damage from falling trees, small hole in roof.	9/28/05	Alison F. Bordelon Architectural Historian Tax Act Program Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation 225-342-8160	
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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	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

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		restoration of Beauvoir and Presidential Library.			
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, 601-354-0200, fax: 601-354-0220	Same; See photos http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html
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;	9/5/05	John Linn Hopkins Hopkins & Assoc Preservation Consultants Memphis, TN 38104 901-278-5186; fax: 901-726-	See photos http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html

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		Crawford House (c. 1850) destroyed		5993	
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 furnished exhibits in the mansion (for both Katrina and Rita); in Katrina the separate collections storage facility lost power, but it was restored within 36 hours (it did not lose power in Rita). In Katrina William Johnson House lost power only for two hours. No known collections damage. Rita caused minor damage to William Johnson House (shingles blown off, possible leaks in attic). Many limbs down (Rita).	9/7/05; Update 9/9/05; 9/26/05	Kathleen Jenkins Chief of Resource Management, Natchez NHP 601-442-1431; fax: 601-445-0873; kathleen_jenkins@nps.gov	same
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	Storm surge flooded exhibits and		Roxanne Sellers	same

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	National Seashore	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	Cultural Resources, Gulf Islands NS 850-934-2670 Pam West, NPS National Incident Management Team, pbethw@nextel.blackberry.net 202-437-8506	
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 cannon, artifacts and exhibits unknown. Conservator visit scheduled. Reconstructed lighthouse destroyed.	9/8/05; Update 9/13/05; 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
Vicksburg	Vicksburg NMP	Canopy covering the USS Cairo ripped in several places. Cooper caps blew off the cemetery gazebo. In Rita many downed trees forced temporary closure of park and Cairo museum (9/25).	9/2/05; 9/27/05	NPS Morning Report Al Nash, NPS Central Incident Management Team, Al_Nash@nps.gov	Vicksburg NMP, 601-636-0583, Fax: 601-636-9497, e-mail: VICK_Superintendent@nps.gov
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Beaumont, Kountz and surrounding areas	Big Thicket National Preserve	In Rita Visitor Center lost electricity, being powered by generator as of 9/28.	9/28/05	Kris Fister, NPS National Incident Management Team, 985-448-1069 or 985-447-9951	same

