

Historic PORTAL MAP

1 HISTORIC DONALDSONVILLE

A magnet for Indians, explorers, planters, merchants, and pirates. **Location: 305 Mississippi Street**

2 MISSISSIPPI RIVER

America's greatest river system and transportation artery
Location: 305 Mississippi Street

3 FORT BUTLER

Union defenders thwarted a bold Confederate assault here
Location: 169 Highway 18

4 CRESCENT PARK

Grand portal into the heart of historic Donaldsonville
Location: 314 Mississippi Street

5 LOUISIANA SQUARE

A seat of government for more than 200 years
Location: 321 Houmas Street

6 AFRICAN AMERICAN LIFE

Culture of African Americans in the rural communities of South Louisiana
Location: 511 Williams Street

7 ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH

A sacred place on the river for more than 250 years
Location: 716 Mississippi Street



Donaldsonville's Historic Portals

Create your own unique experience in one of Louisiana's oldest cities. Enjoy learning about the history of Donaldsonville at your own pace by visiting seven self-guided portals in the Historic District. The portal map will guide you to each numbered portal location but feel free to start at any number. The route is approximately 2.5 miles and is perfect for walking, biking or by car. As you find your way through the charming city, explore many hidden treasures along the way including the River Road African American Museum and folk artist Alvin Batiste at Framer Dave's frame shop. Take a leisurely stroll on the Mississippi River levee top and take a break to watch the ship traffic along this mighty waterway. You might even see a riverboat!

