

# Louisiana Waters

Marshlands, shady cypress bayous, rivers, and lakes,  
Beautiful Louisiana waters provide many resources and recreational breaks.

Since the waters are so beautiful  
Protect them, so we can continue to be boastful!

Hunting and fishing are our game  
With water sports of every name.

Twenty-one state parks offer lakes for enjoying...  
Boating, canoeing, kayaking, tubing, and jet-skiing.

To protect our waters from harmful pollution  
We need to come up with a solution.

Nature and wildlife as far as you can see  
All benefit from our water potpourri.

We named our state tree in 1963,  
Found along water bayous, is the majestic bald cypress tree.

And where you see the Louisiana purple iris  
It gives our waters such charm and bliss

But to keep plants rooted  
We need to stop our waters from being polluted

We, the people, need to be part of the solution  
To prevent harmful nonpoint pollution.

The tides always moving in and out  
Are home to many, including our state saltwater fish, the spotted sea trout.

Our waters provide a tasty, seafood dish  
With shrimp, oysters, and of course, catfish.

One of the best is our fresh crawfish  
Which makes a spicy and famous Louisiana dish.

Won't you come help me?  
Restore the wonders that used to be.

We need to protect our waters and lakes  
We have so much at stake.

So to keep Louisiana waters clean and healthy  
Don't throw trash off the levee.

Think before you pour things down storm drains.  
Into our water goes motor oil, urban run-off, and fertilizers with the rains.

Stop....think.....and bring wastes to a recycling center  
So pollutants into our water do not enter!

Now, I don't mean to boast  
But Louisiana is the best on the coast

But to keep these treasures alive  
Caring people are needed to help our waters survive.

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