Wellness surveys indicate that the preferred physical activity is walking. Consequently, Louisiana State University Alexandria and the Rapides Foundation have invested in this Walking Trail to promote community health. Open and available to the public, the LSUA Walking Trail winds through what was once the Oakland Plantation. As you enjoy the Trail, you will see former plantation sites designated along the trail, such as the locations of the cotton gin and cistern, and the original silver bell. In addition, the historic Epps House is also located on the trail.

University improvements highlight the trail. Guard Lake and Acorn Lake were created in order to construct the LSUA Generals Athletic Complex and the Residence Hall, “The Oaks.” The LSUA Walking Trail also connects to LSUA’s twenty-station outdoor Fitness Course which was the campus’ original fitness trail and is adjacent to the Multipurpose Academic Center. The Trail links key areas of campus and the route was selected to avoid disruption of existing trees.

LSU Alexandria has been designated as a Tree Campus USA and the Walking Trail complements this designation by the Arbor Day Foundation. Many trees have already been planted adjacent to the route of the Trail.

We invite you to walk our Trail and experience the beauty of the LSU Alexandria campus in a healthy and enjoyable way.

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