



## **TOLEDO BEND/ZWOLLE HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

The preservation of our local and regional history is important for the residents of our area in order for them to have an understanding of their surroundings and to take pride in where they live and work. It can also be utilized as an economic benefit for the many tourists coming to Toledo Bend Lake. To serve this preservation purpose, the Friends of the Toledo Bend/Zwolle Museum has been formed as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit to renovate the Historic KCS Depot to house a museum in which the story can be told.

In this year of the 50th Anniversary of Toledo Bend Lake, much history needs to be preserved before it is lost. It will include who persevered to get it built, the families that gave up their land, the history of lake development, and the story of how it became the number one fishing lake in the nation. The museum will be used to tell this story plus local and regional history, KCS's development of the parish, and the evolution and importance of timber and logging to the region and specifically to the Zwolle area. It will cover the Sabine River being used for transportation of logs to the southern mills and markets, the period of family and company sawmills, and the current period of Boise and Weyerhaeuser and their relevance to the community.

**FRIENDS OF TOLEDO BEND/ZWOLLE MUSEUM**

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# DEPOT BAGGAGE AREA OUTLINE

- EARLY AREA HISTORY, 1600-1800
  - SABINE RIVER
  - EL CAMINO REAL
  - NATIVE AMERICANS
  - NO MAN'S LAND AND EARLY LAND GRANTS, NAVIGATION OF RIVER
- 1900-1948
  - EARLY TIMBER AND LOGGING HISTORY AND UTILIZATION OF SABINE RIVER FOR TRANSPORTATION TO MILLS
  - FARMING COMMUNITIES IN SABINE, 1920S-1940S, AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS
- 1948-1969
  - CONCEPTUAL STAGES OF TOLEDO BEND RESERVOIR
  - CREATION OF SRA TEXAS AND LOUISIANA
  - FOREST & COTTON FEASIBILITY STUDY
  - PEOPLE INVOLVED
  - LEGISLATION AND AMENDMENT 8
  - GROUND BREAKING
  - BUDGET FOR EACH PHASE
  - RELOCATION
    - RESIDENTIAL – HISTORY OF FAMILIES THAT GAVE UP THEIR LAND
    - TIMBER COMPANY LAND LOST
    - CEMETERIES AND LOST COMMUNITIES
  - CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF TOLEDO BEND RESERVOIR
    - POWER PLANT
    - BRIDGES
  - TOLEDO BEND COMPACT ORGANIZATION
  - TOLEDO BEND JOINT OPERATIONS
  - IMPACT OF HEAVY RAINS IN 1967 TO PROJECT
- 1969-1990
  - DEDICATION
  - MARINA DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY YEARS
  - SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT
  - EARLY LAKE FISHING TOURNAMENTS
- 1990-2000
  - DEVELOPMENT
  - FISHERIES MANAGEMENT
  - LUNKER BASS PROGRAM
- 2010-2020
  - FERC RELICENSING OF PROJECT
  - POWER SALES AGREEMENT
  - #1 AS NAMED BY BASSMASTER MAGAZINE AND HOW SUCCESS WAS ACCOMPLISHED, TOLEDO BEND LAKE ASSOCIATION, SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY, LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES, & THE MEN WHO ENCOURAGED FLORIDA LARGE MOUTH BASS STOCKING.



# LOWER LEVEL ROOMS AT ENTRANCE IN DEPOT OUTLINE

- ZWOLLE AREA HISTORY
- CHOCTAW-APACHE TRIBE OF EBARB
- KCS HISTORY AND RELEVANCE IN PARISH DEVELOPMENT
- EARLY FAMILY SAWMILLS IN ZWOLLE AREA AND REGION
- WEYERHAEUSER HISTORY
- BOISE HISTORY
- OTHER WOOD PRODUCTS HISTORY
- TAMALE FIESTA AND LOGGERS FESTIVALS

