



Built in 1954, Lincoln Beach was one of the first amusement parks opened for African Americans in the greater New Orleans area. The park had a swimming pool, restaurant, arcade and rides. It was vastly inferior to Pontchartrain Beach on the other side of town that was designated for 'whites only' during the Jim Crow era of segregation, but still attracted musical acts such as Nat King Cole, Ray Charles and Fats Domino. Patrons dined at the Carver House Restaurant, and the annual Negro State Fair was hosted here. Following desegregation under the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the beach was abandoned and left in disrepair. Today not much is left where the beach once stood and talks of redevelopment of the area have never come to reality.