

Cypress Logging Ditches

This logging ditch is one of many cut to harvest cypress trees from the Manchac Swamp, turning it into a grassy marsh. The logging began in the 1830s and continued until almost all cypress trees were taken with the last log cut for the mill in 1956.

This remnant “snag”, in the center of the photo, is a monument to what was once an abundant cypress forest. With natural land subsidence and rising sea levels this marsh is also in trouble.

