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### **Christmas on the River in Monroe-West Monroe**

**Monroe-West Monroe, LA-** The lights will be bright this holiday season at Monroe-West Monroe's Christmas on the River. From November 11-December 31, visitors will enjoy the sights and sounds of Christmas.

The season begins with the Freedom Trees at the Chennault Aviation and Military Museum, followed by Santa's Christmas Village at the Northeast Louisiana Children's Museum, open wagon rides through the lights, holiday outdoor movies, and Candy Cane Lane, a drive-through light park in Calhoun.

Festival Weekend is packed full of holiday cheer with two parades, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ouachita Christmas Parade and the Bawcomville Redneck Parade. This unique holiday parade features such throws as toilet paper, packs of noodles, hot dogs, and the occasional turnip. Additional events this weekend include a Downtown Gallery Crawl, a 5K, live entertainment, and fireworks.

Downtown West Monroe will host An Artisan Christmas on December 12. Attendees can expect a market, music, and a holiday outdoor movie.

Other events this holiday season include: Throwback Sweater Day in Downtown West Monroe, performances by Strauss Theatre Center and Strauss Youth Academy for the Arts, a Christmas Market at the Monroe Civic Center, and a Children's Christmas Parade through Antique Alley.

For more information and a complete, up-to-date list of events, please visit [www.christmasontheriver.org](http://www.christmasontheriver.org) or call 800-843-1872.

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