**An airboat (also known as a planeboat, swamp boat, bayou boat, or fanboat) is a flat-bottomed**[**watercraft**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Watercraft)**propelled by an aircraft-type**[**propeller**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Propeller_(aircraft))**and powered by either an aircraft or automotive engine. They are commonly used for fishing, bowfishing, hunting, and**[**ecotourism**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ecotourism)**.**

**Airboats are a very popular means of transportation in marshy and/or shallow areas where a standard inboard or outboard engine with a submerged propeller would be impractical, most notably in the Florida**[**Everglades**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Everglades)**but also in the**[**Kissimmee**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kissimmee_River)**and**[**St. Johns**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Johns_River)**rivers, and the**[**Mekong River**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mekong_River)**and**[**Delta**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mekong_Delta)**, as well as the**[**Louisiana**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Louisiana)[**bayous**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bayou)**and**[**Mesopotamian Marshes**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mesopotamian_Marshes)**.**