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# BAYOU TECHE NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

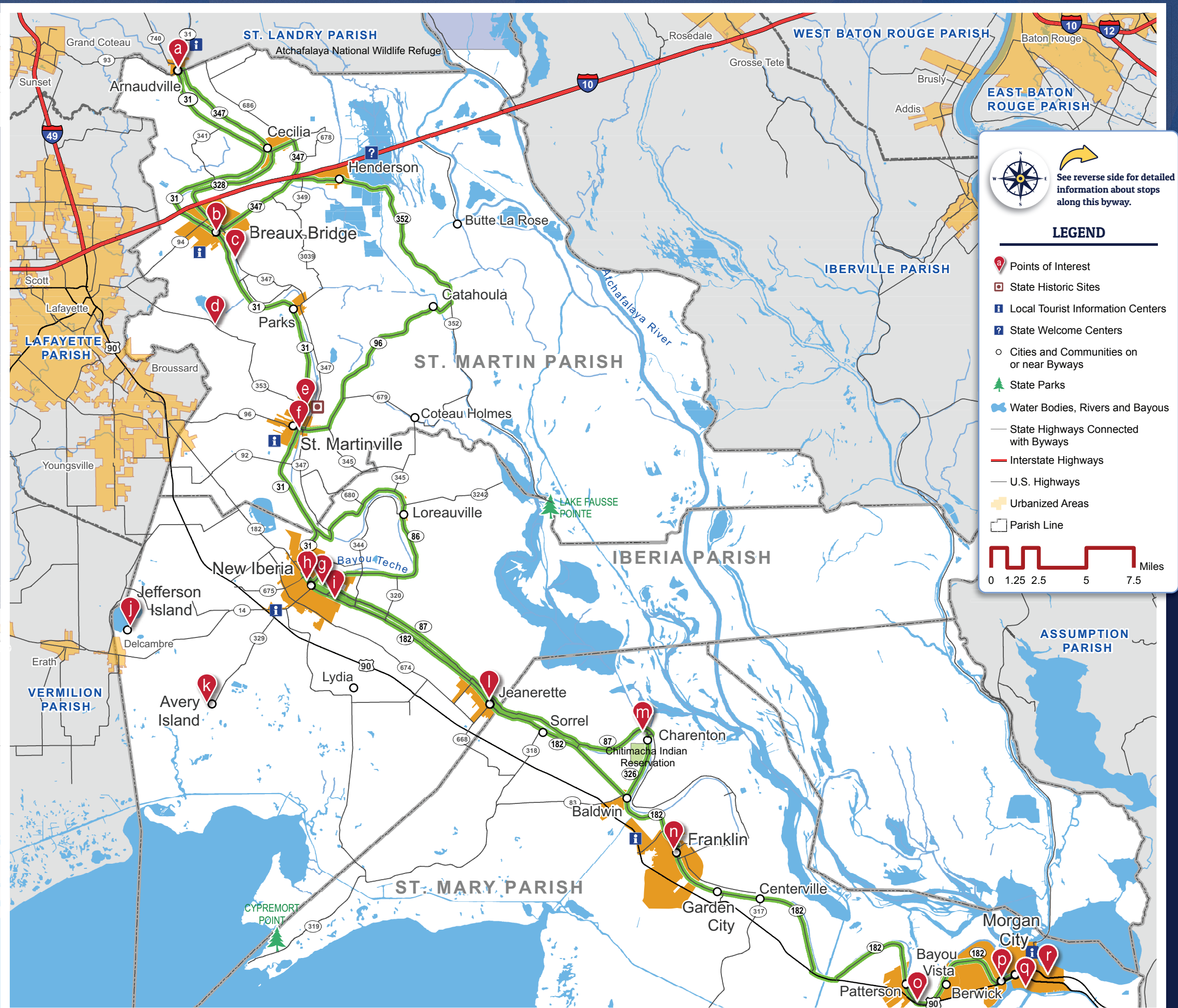


The Bayou Teche National Scenic Byway follows closely along the banks of the region's most popular waterway and national paddle trail, Bayou Teche. This picturesque route provides a firsthand glimpse of authentic Cajun culture. Rural landscapes lead visitors to friendly communities filled with historic sites, local craftsmen and some of the best Cajun cooking from small town eateries. Thousands of years ago, the present course of the Bayou Teche was the main channel of the Mississippi River, so you'll also get a unique geological perspective of how the rich agricultural lands on this route were formed.

Explore places like Breaux Bridge, the Crawfish Capital of the World, Avery Island, where TABASCO® sauce is bottled, or Morgan City, home of the annual Shrimp and Petroleum Festival where food and industry come together in one uniquely Louisiana celebration. The Bayou Teche National Scenic Byway connects the lifestyles of the past and present to offer visitors a chance to experience the cuisine, customs and communities that have come to define Louisiana culture.

In addition to the following points of interest, visitors will also experience historic sites, beautiful nature preserves, museums, eateries, and accommodations along the 184-mile route.

[LouisianaByways.com](http://LouisianaByways.com)



See reverse side for detailed information about stops along this byway.

**LEGEND**

- Points of Interest
- State Historic Sites
- Local Tourist Information Centers
- State Welcome Centers
- Cities and Communities on or near Byways
- State Parks
- Water Bodies, Rivers and Bayous
- State Highways Connected with Byways
- Interstate Highways
- U.S. Highways
- Urbanized Areas
- Parish Line

Miles: 0, 1.25, 2.5, 5, 7.5



# Here's a sampling of the many attractions throughout the Bayou Teche National Scenic Byway. Let your stories begin here.



## **a** THE TOWN OF ARNAUVILLE

The Town of Arnaudville is named after Jacques Arnaud from Jausiers, France, who first settled here with his family at the junction of Bayou Teche and Bayou Fuselier. The family donated a large amount of land to the town to make a church that still exists today.

107 Rue De Jausiers, Arnaudville, LA 70512, 337-754-5911  
stmartinparishclerkofcourt.com/  
townofarnaudville.htm

## **b** THE BREUX BRIDGE HISTORIC DISTRICT

The Breux Bridge Historic District is a community filled with pride in their heritage. The bridge is one of the highlights of the town. Breux Bridge remains a bilingual community, proud of the town's Cajun French ancestry.

314 East Bridge Street,  
Breux Bridge, LA 70517, 337-332-8500,  
breuxbridgla.net/visitors-center

## **c** BAYOU TECHE NATIONAL PADDLE TRAIL

Louisiana's only nationally-designated Water Trail, the Bayou Teche Paddle Trail meanders for 135 miles right along the Byway. Numerous canoe launch points are conveniently located in 14 towns that the Paddle Trail and the Byway pass through.

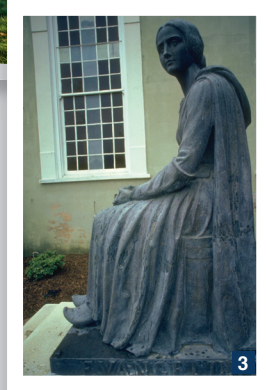
St. Martin, Iberia, and St. Mary Parishes,  
337-277-5292, techeproject.org

**d** **CYPRESS ISLAND PRESERVE** Cypress Island Preserve, located on Lake Martin, consists of nearly 2,700 acres of bottomland hardwood forest and cypress-tupelo swamp. The Preserve is considered an important part of the Mississippi River Alluvial Plain and was identified by the Nature Conservancy of Louisiana as one of the country's "Last Great Spaces."

1264 Prairie Highway, St. Martinville, LA 70582,  
337-342-2475, nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/  
unitedstates/louisiana/placesweprotect/cypress-island.xml

## **e** LONGFELLOW-EVANGELINE STATE HISTORIC SITE

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Longfellow-Evangeline State Historic Site spans 157 acres, and the Park interprets the history of the French-speaking peoples of Louisiana. The visitor may see livestock, crops, kitchen and herb gardens, living history and interpretive programs, the Visitor Center, a picnic pavilion, and an outdoor classroom.

1200 North Main Street, St. Martinville, LA 70582  
337-394-3754, crt.state.la.us/louisiana-state-parks/  
historic-sites/longfellow-evangeline-state-historic-site

## **f** ST. MARTINVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT

The St. Martinville Historic District is notable for its contributions to architecture, commerce and exploration/settlement. The two major elements in the district are the church square and the surrounding historic commercial-residential sector.

St. Martinville, LA 70582, 337-394-2233,  
stmartinville.org/ourhistory.html

## **g** BAYOU TECHE MUSEUM

The Bayou Teche Museum is a state-of-the-art museum housing artifacts and memorabilia telling the story of a growing city, its people, culture, and industry, all centered around the "snake-like" curves of the Bayou Teche.

131 East Main Street, New Iberia, LA 70560,  
337-606-5977, bayoutechemuseum.org

## **h** SHADOWS-ON-THE-TECHE

Shadows-on-the-Teche was designated a National Historic Landmark and is one of 28 historic house museums nationwide, and the only one in Louisiana maintained by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Furnishings, artifacts, and documents offer a vivid picture of domestic life on a south Louisiana plantation.

**NEW IBERIA NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT** In his famous Det. Dave Robicheaux series, James Lee Burke entranced readers with visions of New Iberia's Main Street, whose commercial district won the 2005 Great American Main Street Award®. Take a self-guided walking tour of the New Iberia National Register Historic District and enjoy Dave's haunts, beautiful architecture, shops, art, museums, music and restaurants. The town celebrates its cultural heritage through various events held in the National Register Historic District.

320 East Main Street, New Iberia, LA 70560,  
337-369-6446, shadowsontheteche.org

## **i** KONRIKO® COMPANY STORE/CONRAD RICE MILL

The KONRIKO® Company Store/Conrad Rice Mill is the oldest rice mill still in operation in the U.S. and was founded in 1914 by P.A. Conrad. Mill tours and company store Mon-Sat.

309 Ann Street, New Iberia, LA 70560, 337-367-6163, conradrice.com

## **j** JEFFERSON ISLAND RIP VAN WINKLE GARDENS

Rip Van Winkle Gardens of Jefferson Island The gardens sit atop a salt dome on overlooking Lake Peigneur with 20 acres surrounding the Joseph Jefferson Home. The house was built in 1870 and is listed on

the National Register of Historical Places. Dine on Creole dishes at Café Jefferson and enjoy the gorgeous views of live oaks, gardens and Lake Peigneur. Jefferson Island Rip's Rookery at Rip Van Winkle Gardens is a man-made wetland hosting thousands of wading birds on islands designed to protect them from predators. It is located in front of the gates of Rip Van Winkle Gardens.

5505 Rip Van Winkle Road, New Iberia, LA 70560,  
337-359-8525, ripvanwinklegardens.com

## **k** AVERY ISLAND EXPERIENCE

Here, you can see where TABASCO® brand pepper sauce is made, enjoy short films on TABASCO® history and take a self-guided tour of the pepper sauce making process. Stop by the Visitor Center and Museum, eat at Restaurant 1868 and shop at the Country Store. The Jungle Gardens of Avery Island encompass 170 acres of native and exotic plant species where you can see azaleas, camellias, Egyptian papyrus, live oaks, irises, wisteria and towering bamboo. The Gardens also have a bird refuge and a variety of wildlife such as alligators, deer, muskrats, egrets, bears and more.

LA 329, Avery Island, LA 70513,  
337-373-6129, tabasco.com

## **l** JEANERETTE MUSEUM

The Jeanerette Museum preserves the history of life on the Bayou Teche. The museum offers a video presentation on the planting, harvesting and processing of the 200-year-old sugar industry, complete with an outdoor sugar cane patch.

500 East Main Street, Jeanerette, LA 70544,  
337-276-4408, jeanerettemuseum.com

## **m** CHITIMACHA MUSEUM

Take a trip back in time through the history of the Chitimacha (Indian) Nation. View exhibits & brief videos. (Gift shop)

3289 Chitimacha Trail, Jeanerette, LA 70544, 337-923-4830,  
chitimacha.gov/attractions-accommodations/museum

## **n** FRANKLIN HISTORIC DISTRICT

The Franklin Historic District contains nearly 420 noteworthy structures and was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on December 29, 1982.

300 Iberia Street, Franklin, LA 70538, 337-828-3631,  
franklin-la.com/recreation-historicdistrict.php

## **o** WEDELL-WILLIAMS AVIATION & CYPRESS SAWMILL MUSEUM

The Wedell-Williams Aviation & Cypress Sawmill Museum (A Louisiana State Museum) serves a dual function - the first highlights the legacy of Louisiana aviation pioneers who formed an air service together in 1928 in Patterson, Louisiana. The Sawmill Museum documents the history of the cypress lumber industry in Louisiana.

118 Cotten Road, Patterson, LA 70392, 985-399-1268  
louisianastatemuseum.org/museums



## **p** SOUTHWEST REEF LIGHTHOUSE

Southwest Reef Lighthouse is a historic lighthouse built in 1858 at the end of Southwest Reef in Atchafalaya Bay, Louisiana to replace lightships which had been stationed there for ten years.

Riverfront, Everett S. Berry Memorial Lighthouse Park,  
Berwick, LA 70342, 985-384-8858,  
townofberwick.org/lighthouse.html

## **q** INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM MUSEUM AND EXPOSITION

Home of "Mr. Charlie," an authentic offshore drilling rig built in 1952 and open to the public for tours. "Mr. Charlie," designed by industry pioneer A.J. "Doc" LaBorde, was the first transportable, submersible drilling rig in the industry and was used to drill hundreds of offshore wells. The museum also includes interpretive exhibits, artifacts, photographs and documents about Louisiana's offshore petroleum industry. "Mr. Charlie" is the only place in the world where the public can walk aboard an authentic offshore oil rig.

111 First Street, Morgan City, LA 70380,  
985-384-3744, rigmuseum.com

## **r** CAJUN COAST WELCOME CENTER

Cajun Coast Welcome Center in Morgan City is the perfect place to start your Louisiana adventure in St. Mary Parish. It's a sampler of everything Louisiana offers, in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere that's the heart of Cajun hospitality.

900 Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard, Morgan City, LA 70380,  
985-380-8224, cajuncoast.com

## **i** TOURIST INFORMATION CENTERS:

**ATCHAFALAYA STATE WELCOME CENTER**  
1908 Atchafalaya River Hwy., Breux Bridge  
337-228-1094, crt.state.la.us/tourism/  
welcome-centers/Atchafalaya

**BAYOU TECHE VISITORS CENTER**  
314 E. Bridge St., Breux Bridge  
888-565-5939, breuxbridgelive.com

**CAJUN COAST VISITORS & CONVENTION BUREAU**  
900 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., Morgan City  
985-380-8224, cajuncoast.com

**IBERIA PARISH VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER**  
2513 Hwy. 14, New Iberia  
888-9-IBERIA, iberiatravel.com

**ST. MARTINVILLE TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER**  
121 S. New Market St.,  
St. Martinville  
337-394-2233, stmartinville.org

## MORE INFORMATION

Call or visit the welcome centers or CVB visitor information areas listed, and find us online at LouisianaByways.com.

## DRIVING TIPS:

Don't litter — keep Louisiana's Byways clean  
Note: some attractions do not have pull-offs or have narrow shoulders along the roadway.