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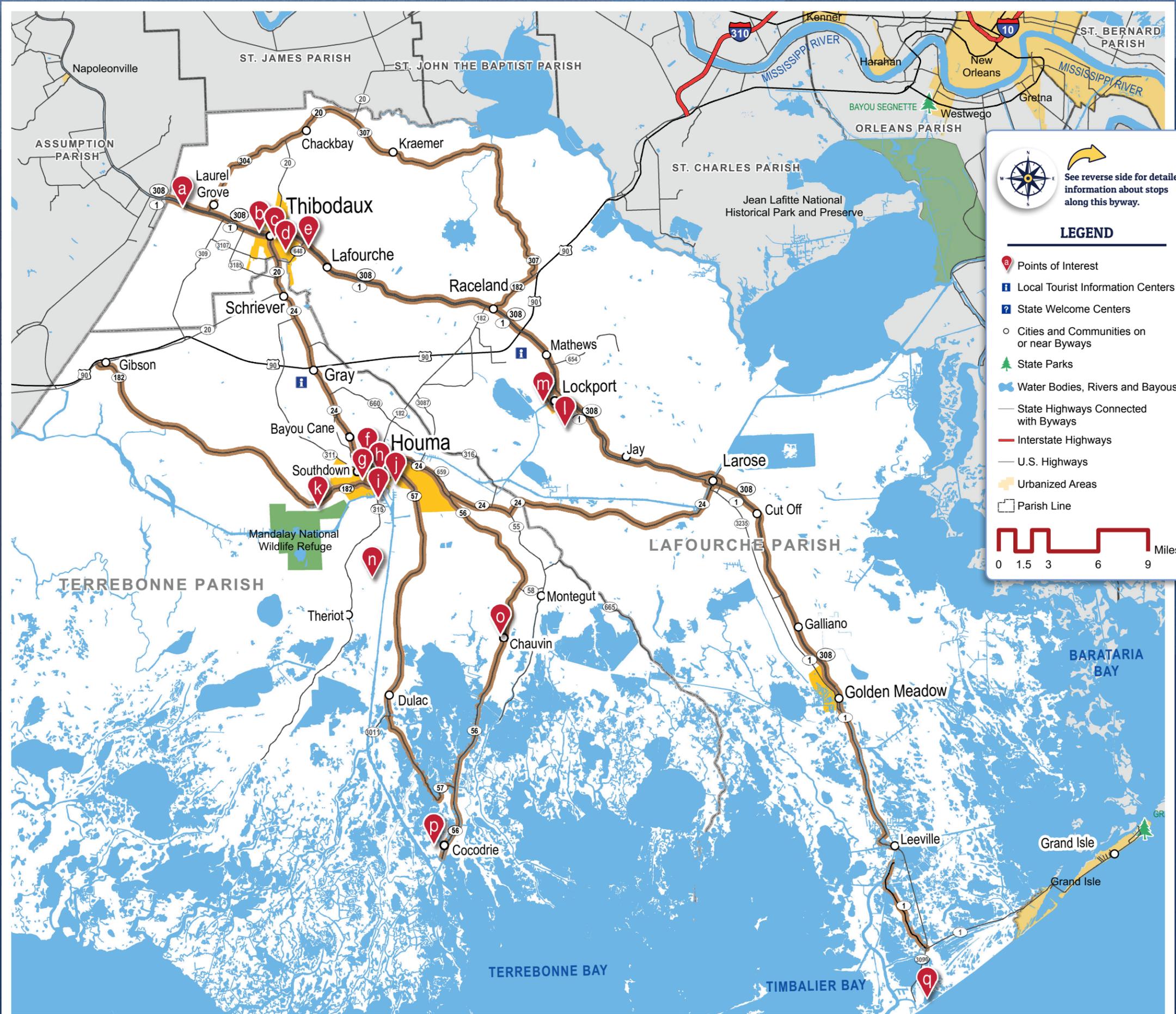
WETLANDS CULTURAL BYWAY



The Wetlands Cultural Byway offers visitors an abundance of both natural beauty and cultural experiences, providing a unique look into the rich history of the coastline where shrimping, trapping, and farming have been a way of life for hundreds of years, and close-knit families have preserved their cultural heritage.

Regional American Indian and Cajun traditions are demonstrated in food, music, customs, language, and traditional architectural styles. The landscape is mainly prairie and wetland. With natural bayous and tree-lined swamps, fresh, brackish, and saltwater marshes surrounding much of the environment, water dictates the byway's twists and turns, giving drivers options of entry and exit points along the two interconnected loops and three spurs. Visitors encounter antebellum plantations, historic downtowns, museums and cultural centers, natural heritage areas, birding and swamp touring opportunities, world-class fishing, a Gulf Coast beach, seafood restaurants, Native American burial mounds, bayou overlook areas, sculpture gardens, and more as they tour the area served by this 282-mile byway.

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

LEGEND

- Points of Interest
- 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

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Here's a sampling of the many attractions throughout the Wetlands Cultural Byway. Let your stories begin here.

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.

a E.D. WHITE HISTORIC SITE

E.D. White Historic Site displays exhibits about the life and accomplishments of both Governor E.D. White I and U.S. Chief Justice E.D. White II. Exhibits are contained in antebellum Creole cottages which sit on six acres of land dotted with massive oak trees, surrounded by sugar cane fields. Grounds are available for picnics and general recreation.

2995 LA 1, Thibodaux, LA 70301, 985-447-0915, louisianastatemuseum.org/museums/ed-white-historic-site



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b JEAN LAFITTE WETLANDS ACADIAN CULTURAL CENTER

Jean Lafitte Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center features the lives of the Acadians (Cajuns) and others whose travels brought them to Louisiana's bayous. Recreation, clothing, home furnishings, religion, cuisine, and fishing are explored through exhibits, artifacts, videos, and films.

314 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA 70301, 985-448-1375, nps.gov/jela/wetlands-acadian-cultural-center.htm

c ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND CEMETERY

St. John's Episcopal Church and Cemetery is one of the oldest Episcopal churches west of the Mississippi, opening its doors in 1843. The cemetery contains remains of people of many faiths, including two-time Louisiana Governor and Civil War General, Francis T. Nicholls.

718 Jackson Street, Thibodaux, LA 70301, 985-447-2910, stjohnthibodaux.org

d HISTORIC DOWNTOWN THIBODAUX

Historic Downtown Thibodaux lies on the quiet banks of winding Bayou Lafourche. Visitors and locals alike come downtown to experience the unique blend of beautiful historic architecture, quaint boutiques, fine dining, and spirited nightlife. Rich in history and Southern charm, this revived downtown area is a livable, vibrant place to shop, dine, and visit with friends.

Thibodaux, LA 70301, 985-413-9886, downtownthibodaux.org

e **LAUREL VALLEY PLANTATION** Laurel Valley Plantation is the largest surviving 19th and 20th century sugar plantation in the United States. The sugar cane fields, slave quarters, and general store, featuring local arts and crafts, still exist as a tribute to a way of life of the early settlers along Bayou Lafourche.

LA 308, approximately 1 mile south of Thibodaux, 70301, 985-446-7456

f **HOUMA HISTORIC DOWNTOWN** Houma Historic Downtown and Bayou Boardwalk are rich in culture and tradition, with unique shops, local museums, and excellent restaurants offering a variety of tastes from local Cajun cuisine to fine dining.

Houma, LA 70360, 985-873-6408, houmatravel.com/do/art-and-museums

g BAYOU TERREBONNE WATERLIFE MUSEUM

Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum preserves and promotes the area's long, colorful, and historically important cultural and economic ties with the seafood and water transportation industries, as well as other wetlands and water-based hunting, gathering, and mining occupations. The museum showcases the relationship between water and the local people who make their living from it.

7910 Park Avenue, Houma, LA 70364, 985-580-7200, tpcg.org/waterlife

h TERREBONNE FOLKLIFE CULTURE CENTER

Terrebonne Folklife Culture Center offers exciting exhibits, unique work by local artists and craftsmen, and the chance to participate in fun-filled classes and workshops. The Cajun tool shed, Louisiana decoys, the historical Native American artifacts exhibit, and live demonstrations give visitors a true taste of the area's rich and varied history.

317 Goode Street, Houma, LA 70360, 985-873-6545, tpcg.org/folklife

i **REGIONAL MILITARY MUSEUM** Regional Military Museum is dedicated to commemorating the sacrifices of the brave men and women who have defended our great nation throughout history, at home and abroad. The museum is living history — vehicles still run, weapons really fire, and the library acts as a place of research for family military history as well as educational instruction — and is continually updated. Veteran volunteers offer firsthand accounts of what it was really like to lay one's life on the line to protect our freedom.

1154 Barrow Street, Houma, LA 70363, 985-873-8200, regionalmilitarymuseum.com

j **SOUTHDOWN PLANTATION** Southdown Plantation is a 19th century sugar manor house and home to the Terrebonne Museum of history, culture, and arts. Settled on four beautiful acres, tours of the house and worker's cabin are offered every hour; last tour begins at 3 p.m.

1208 Museum Drive, Houma, LA 70360, 985-851-0154, southdownmuseum.org

k MANDALAY NATIONAL REFUGE NATURE TRAIL

Mandalay National Refuge Nature Trail provides a glimpse into three different habitat types within a 45-minute hike. Along the trail, there are opportunities for bird watching, wildlife observation, and photography. The trail is located in the 4,416-acre refuge that has a beautiful freshwater marsh with ponds, cypress-tupelo swamp, levees and man-made canals, providing an excellent habitat for waterfowl, wading birds, and neotropical songbirds. With the exception of the nature trail, most of the refuge access is by boat only.

Headquarters is located five miles west of Houma, on LA 182, 985-853-1078, fws.gov/mandalay

l BAYOU LAFOURCHE FOLKLIFE AND HERITAGE MUSEUM

Bayou Lafourche Folklife and Heritage Museum preserves, promotes, and interprets the human history, cultural heritage, natural history, arts, and folkways of the Bayou Lafourche region.

110 Main Street, Lockport, LA 70374, 985-532-5909, bayoumuseum.org

m THE CENTER FOR TRADITIONAL LOUISIANA BOAT BUILDING

The Center for Traditional Louisiana Boat Building does research into building wooden boats throughout South Louisiana. Photographs, slides, oral history tapes, and artifacts are housed in the library on the Nicholls State University campus.

202 Main Street, Lockport, LA 70374, 985-532-5106, nicholls.edu/boat

n THE LOUISIANA COASTAL BIRDING TRAIL

The Louisiana Coastal Birding Trail offers easy birding opportunities with observation decks overlooking marshland, filled with herons, egrets, ibises, ospreys, and in winter, waterfowl and bald eagles. The birding trail is located in both Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes where the byway begins, in the shady forests associated with the Mandalay National Wildlife Refuge and Point-aux-Chenes Wildlife Management Area.

2415 Darnell Road, New Iberia, LA 70517, 504-284-5267, louisianatravel.com/louisiana-birding-trails



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o **CHAUVIN SCULPTURE GARDEN** Chauvin Sculpture Garden is a modern American folk art gem that pulls visitors through the dreamscapes of a troubled soul. More than 100 sculptures were built starting in 1990 by the reclusive Kenny Hill, bricklayer by trade, while he rented a small plot on the banks of Bayou Petit Caillou. After 10 years of creating this deeply emotional landscape, he abruptly stopped working on the project and abandoned his home and sculptures.

5337 Bayouside Drive, Chauvin, LA 70344, 985-594-2546, nicholls.edu/folkartcenter

p THE LOUISIANA UNIVERSITIES MARINE CONSORTIUM

The Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON) coordinates and stimulates Louisiana's activities in marine research and education. Exhibits provide information on the ecology, cultural history, and economy of the region. LUMCON's nine aquariums showcase fish and invertebrates that live in the Gulf of Mexico and Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary. With a panoramic view of Cocodrie and the surrounding marsh, the observation tower is a highlight of the center.

End of LA 56, Cocodrie, LA, 985-851-2800, lumcon.edu

q **FOURCHON BEACH** Fourchon Beach is a great place to enjoy the coast of Louisiana. Catch some rays, go crabbing, play in the sand, or surf fish in the Gulf of Mexico at this public beach.

Fourchon, LA 70357, 985-632-6701

i TOURIST INFORMATION CENTERS:

BAYOU LAFOURCHE CONVENTION & VISITORS COMMISSION
4484 LA Hwy. 1, Raceland
877-537-5800, visitlafourche.com

HOUMA AREA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU
114 Tourist Dr., Gray
800-688-2732, houmatravel.com

Take your time, stop to take in the sights, dine on local Louisiana cuisine, shop at the local boutiques along the way and stay over a night or two.

Get additional trip ideas by visiting LouisianaByways.com or one of our Welcome Centers along the route.

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