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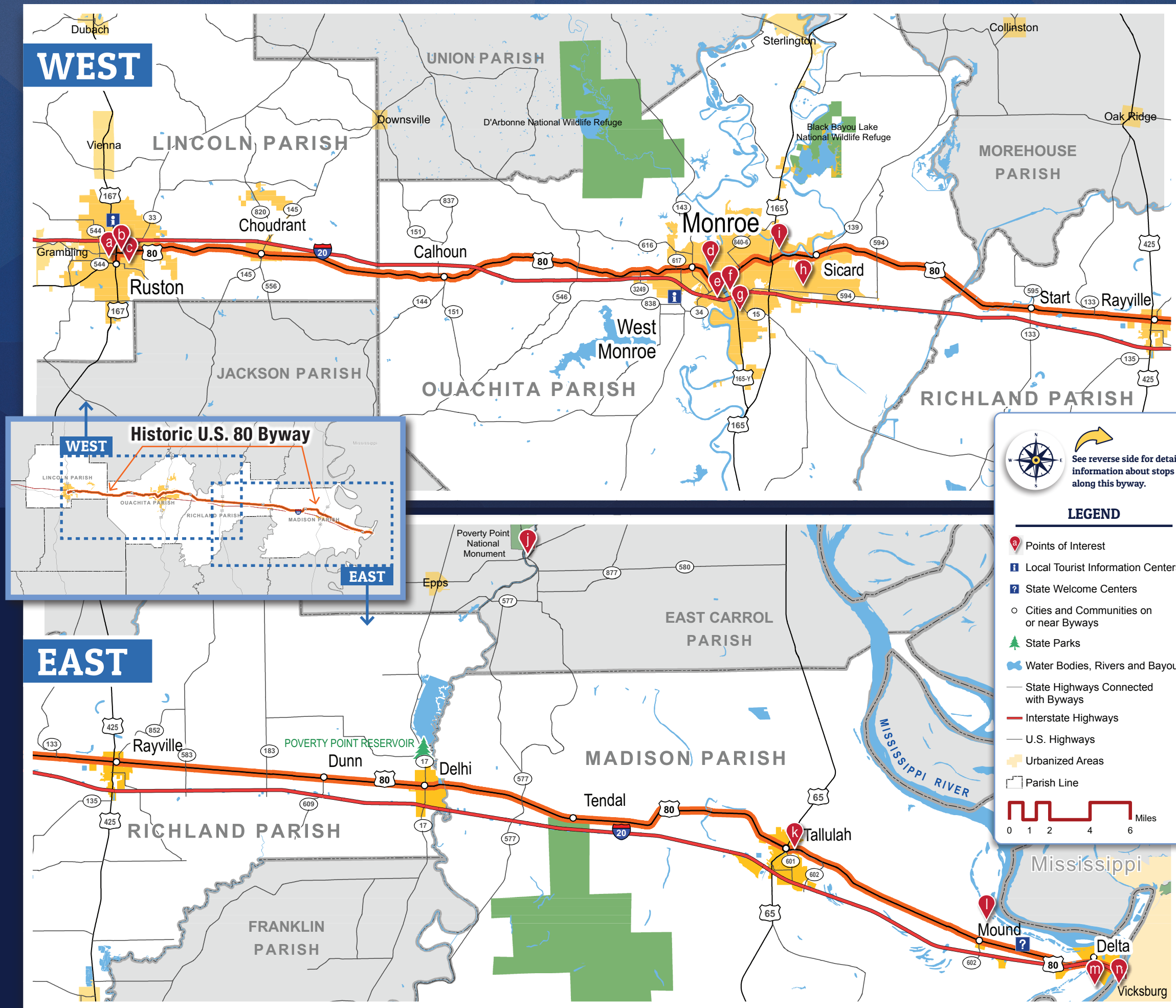


# 6 HISTORIC U.S. 80 BYWAY



There is a 113-mile stretch of roadway in the northern part of Louisiana that is known as the Historic U.S. 80 Byway. Drivers along the route, which begins in the charming town of Ruston and ends at the Louisiana/ Mississippi state line, can drink in vistas of lush farms and forested landscapes. Swaths of open land give the area a feeling of remoteness and the Historic U.S. 80 Byway is also an important route for farmers and loggers.

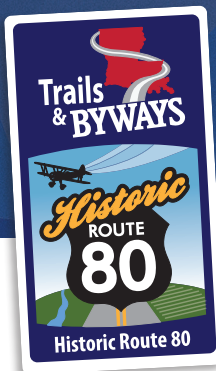
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- State Parks
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# Here's a sampling of the many attractions throughout the Historic U.S. 80 Byway. Let your stories begin here.

## 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** HISTORIC DOWNTOWN RUSTON

Ruston has a well-restored 22-block historic district, ideal for those who like to shop in small, locally-owned stores. The Main Street Community hosts a variety of buildings on the National Register of Historic Places that are related to the history of U.S. 80 and the railroad development in the area.

Downtown Ruston, LA

### **b** LINCOLN PARISH MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Housed in an 1886 mansion, the museum contains "The Walls that Talk" murals drawn from original historic photographs. Voices of Lincoln Parish citizens were recorded telling the stories behind the murals. It houses vintage furnishings, historical items with connections to Ruston, church drawings, the DeCinter Caraway Farley art collection and various Native American artifacts.

609 North Vienna Street, Ruston, LA 71270, 318-251-0018, lincolnparishmuseum.org

### **c** DIXIE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Built as an Astor Theater in 1928 playing silent films and holding concerts, the theater survived both a fire in 1933 and the Great Depression. Fundraising campaigns were held and the theater was restored and re-opened in 2006, and is now the home for special events, parties and concerts.

212 North Vienna Street, Ruston, LA 71270, 318-255-1450, dixiecenter.org



### **d** BIEDENHARN MUSEUM AND GARDENS

Joseph Biedenharn made his fortune bottling Coca-Cola. The complex includes a Coke museum, a Bible museum, Biedenharn's spacious 1913 mansion and a stunning walled English garden. Ten rooms of his home are available for viewing on the tour.

2006 South Riverside Drive, Monroe, LA 71201, 318-387-5281, bmuseum.org

**e** ANTIQUE ALLEY Trenton Street is at the heart of Antique Alley with its beginning in 1887. It has grown to over 40 shops. This historic neighborhood dates back to 1849 and is also known as the Cottonport Historical District. The area grew dramatically due to the building of a railroad bridge and the building of the Union Oil Mill.

229 Trenton Street, West Monroe, LA 71291, 318-388-3920, antiquealleyshops.org

**f** DOWNTOWN RIVERMARKET The market located along the Ouachita (Wash-i-taw) River in Monroe showcases artisans, fine crafts, produce, food, love music, street performers and numerous heavily attended special events. The market is open seasonally however it is a great place to view the Ouachita River year around.

316 South Grand Street, Monroe, LA 71201, 318-807-1735, downtownrivermarket.com

**g** MASUR MUSEUM OF ART This museum is set in a 1920s Tudor-style structure (listed on the National Register of Historic Places) with charming open spaces, hardwood floors and inviting year-round displays of a wide spectrum of art. The Masur Museum features a permanent collection of paintings, prints and sculpture, as well as six to eight exhibitions annually of art from museums and artists nationwide.

1400 South Grand Street, Monroe, LA 71202 318-329-2237, www.masurmuseum.org

### **h** CHENNAULT AVIATION AND MILITARY MUSEUM

The museum is housed in one of the last remaining buildings used by the Selman Field Army-Air Corps Navigation School. It features a variety of historical exhibits about Louisiana natives Gen. Claire Lee Chennault and astronaut Jim Halsell, as well as exhibits on Selman Field itself. Additional exhibits include vintage aircraft and radio equipment, space travel, and the history of how Delta Airlines began in Monroe as a crop-dusting operation.

701 Kansas Lane, Monroe, LA 71203, 318-362-5540, chennaultmuseum.org

**i** ULM NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM Collections representing the natural history of North Louisiana of fish, plants and geological specimens including Native American artifacts. Located in Hanna Hall.

4020 Northeast Drive, Monroe LA 71209, (318) 342-1868, www.ulm.edu/mnh



**j** POVERTY POINT WORLD HERITAGE SITE Located just west of Lake Providence in West Carroll Parish, Poverty Point World Heritage Site is a must-see. A UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2014, Poverty Point contains mounds and rings that are some of the largest American earthworks of the prehistoric period. Archaeologists have carefully excavated some 400 acres to study the inhabitants who built the unusual mounds several thousand years ago. A museum on site interprets the culture of the Poverty Point people.

6859 LA 577, Pioneer, LA 71266, 888-926-5492 or 318-926-5492, povertypoint.us

**k** HERMIONE MUSEUM Built in 1855, the Hermione Museum is headquarters for the Madison Historical Society. Located in a restored antebellum home, it showcases period pieces and exhibits depicting the history of the parish including: artifacts from the ancient Indian civilizations, Civil War, Grant's March, Madame C. J. Walker (a daughter of former slaves who became the country's first self-made female millionaire), the 1927 flood, Teddy Roosevelt's famous bear hunt, influence of aviation, and history of the U.S. Experimental Station, beginning efforts in 1930 to eradicate the boll weevil.

315 North Mulberry Street, Tallulah, LA 71282 318-574-0082, ladelta65.org

**l** SOUTHERN HERITAGE AIR FOUNDATION MUSEUM The foundation and 11,000 sq. foot museum is dedicated to educating people about the history of aviation and its impact on society, with a primary focus on the local region.

179 VTR Airport Road, Tallulah, LA 71282, 318-574-2731, southernheritageair.org



### **m** GRANT'S MARCH/GRANT'S CANAL

Grant's march through Madison Parish can be traced along the farm roads east of Tallulah. The site of Grant's Canal at Delta is marked and visible.

U.S. 80 East, Delta, LA 39183-3495, 601-636-0583, nps.gov/vick/learn/historyculture/grants-canal.htm

**n** OLD MISSISSIPPI RIVER BRIDGE This historic U.S. 80 bridge over the Mississippi River was developed for highway and railroad use.

Former US 80 Bridge over the Mississippi River, between Delta, LA and Vicksburg, MS, north of the I-20 bridge

## **i** TOURIST INFORMATION CENTERS:

**I-20 WESTBOUND STATE WELCOME CENTER**  
836 I-20 West, Tallulah  
318-574-5674, crt.state.la.us/tourism/welcome-centers/mound

**MONROE-WEST MONROE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU**  
601 Constitution Dr., West Monroe  
800-843-1872, monroe-westmonroe.org

**RUSTON-LINCOLN PARISH CONVENTION & VISITOR BUREAU**  
2111 N. Trenton St., Ruston  
800-392-9032, rustonlincoln.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.

**IMAGES:** 1 Lincoln Parish Museum . 2 Biedenharn Museum and Gardens Coke Truck. 3 Outside the Dixie. 4 Poverty Point World Heritage Site.

5 Chennault Aviation & Military Museum. 6 Shopping on Antique Alley.



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