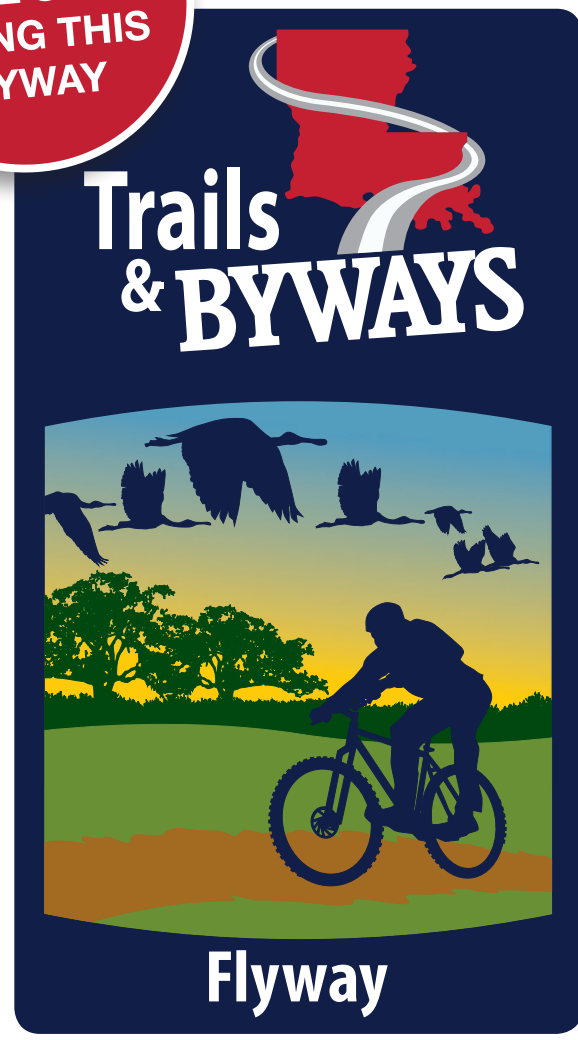


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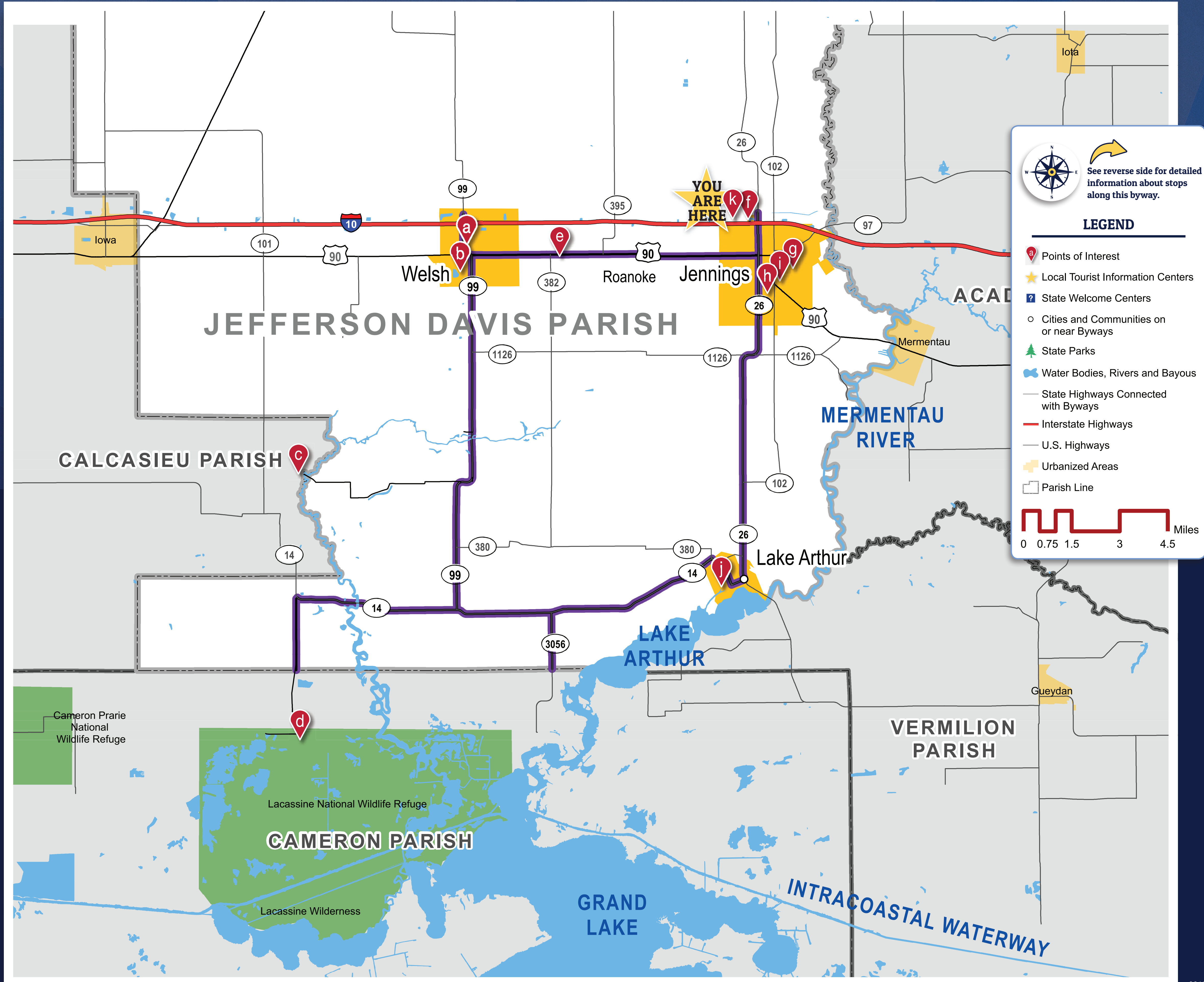
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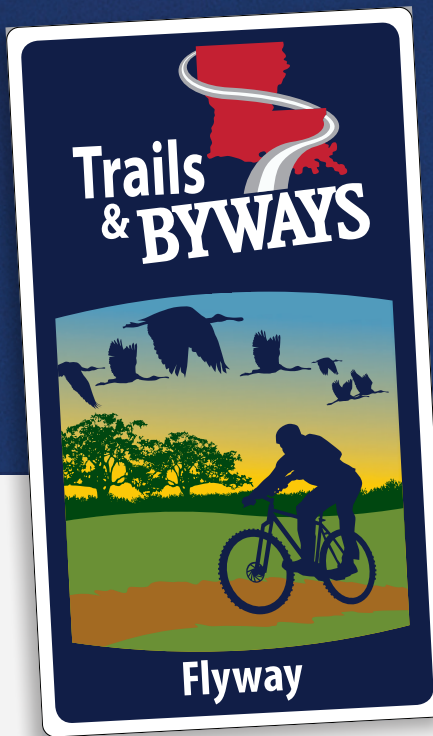
Explore the Flyway Byway, a scenic trail through swamp, river, farmland and unique landscape that is part of the Louisiana Trails and Byways program. The 55-mile driving trail takes visitors on a scenic loop throughout Jefferson Davis Parish, home to more than 160 species of birds, making it a paradise for birders! Take Exit 54 on I-10 in Welsh, LA. Go south on LA 99 to LA14 and loop Lake Arthur. Then travel north on LA 26 through Jennings to I-10. Take Exit 64, or return west on US 90—the historic Old Spanish Trail—to Welsh.

What is there to do on the Flyway Byway? Drive for pleasure. See the countryside. Watch birds and wildlife. Experience nature in its truest form. Canoe or kayak the waterways. Shop in small towns. Eat local food. Enjoy area hospitality. Relax and unwind in area hotels. Learn about area agriculture and industry. Experience unique festivals and events.

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

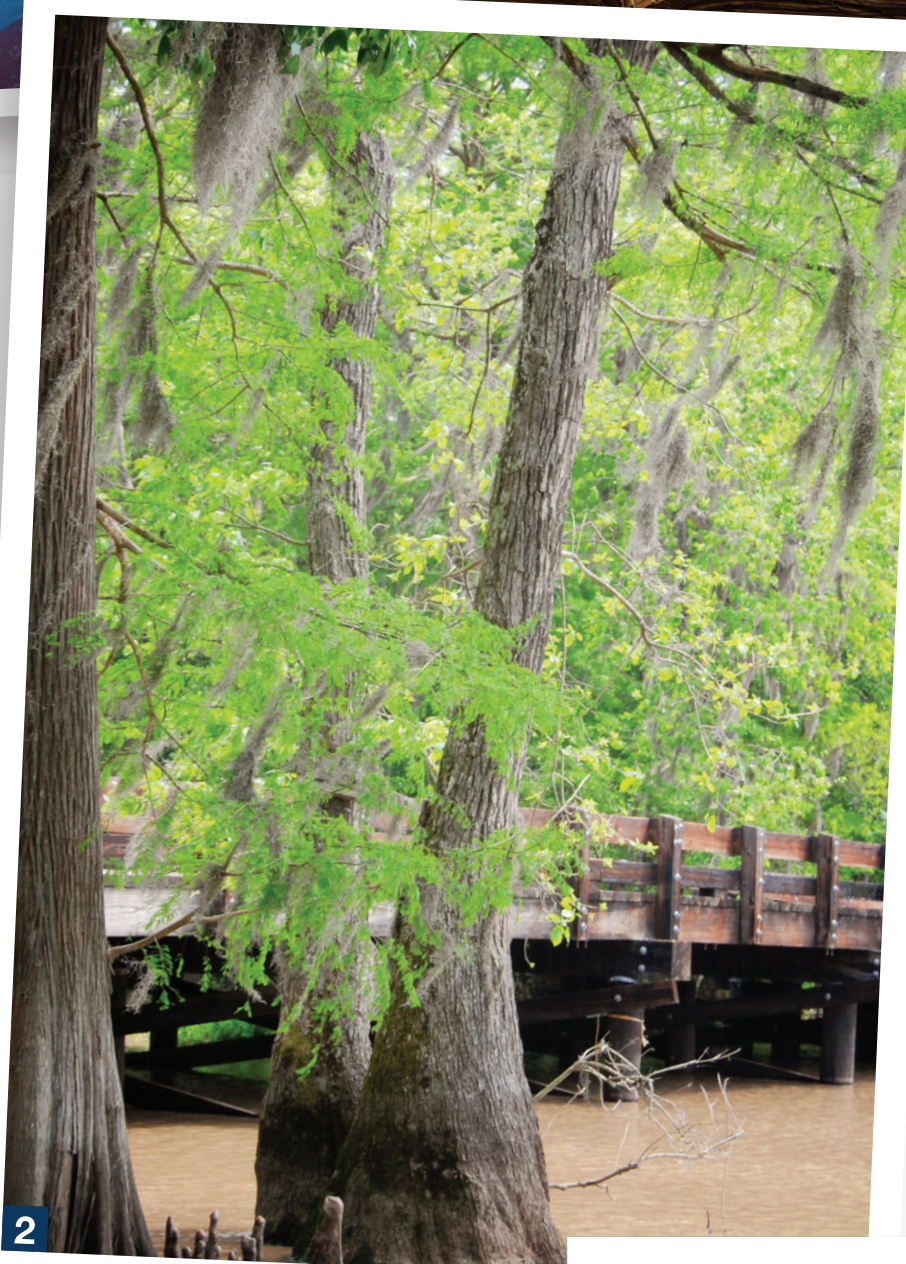
**a WELSH MUSEUM** The Welsh Museum is housed in the old town Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall and showcases hundreds of old photographs, schoolhouse items, farm equipment and other memorabilia highlighting the history of Welsh.

202 East South Street,  
Welsh, LA 70591,  
337-734-3811,  
townofwelsh.com/  
#iwelsh-museum/c147k

**b JOHN BLANK SPORTSMAN PARK** The active park features a boat ramp, fishing, tennis courts, swimming pool, baseball facilities, horseshoe pits, and picnic areas. RV campsites are available with hookups, electrical, water and sewer service.

917 South Adams Street,  
Welsh, LA 70591,  
337-734-2231, Monday  
through Friday 8 am to 5 pm or 337-734-2626,  
after hours weekdays, weekends, and holidays,  
jeffdavis.org/tourism/accomodations/camping.html

**c LORRAIN BRIDGE AND LORRAIN PARK** Historic and scenic bridge that connects Jeff Davis Parish to Calcasieu Parish. Just outside the small town of Bell City, LA, nine miles from Interstate 10 (Lacassine Exit), it's a place where time stands still. This park is located at the foot of Lorrain Bridge. Because of its unique design and construction, it is being considered for placement in the National Register of Historical Sites. This site was acquired in 1894 and the bridge was constructed around 1895 as a wooden type draw bridge. It was damaged in 1950, repaired in 1951 and in 1955 the draw bridge portion



was disabled. The bridge remains open after restoration in 2004. Also features Lorrain Park, including an outdoor pavilion, camper and tent sites, a boat launch, and picnic tables.

7803 Lorrain Road, Hayes, LA 70646,  
337-721-3540, jeffdavis.org/tourism/attractions.html

**d LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AND LACASSINE POOL** Established in 1937 as a haven for wildlife, the Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge preserves one of the major wintering grounds for waterfowl in the U.S. Inhabitants include armadillos, swamp rabbits, squirrels, nutria, mink, otters, raccoons, coyotes, white-tailed deer, alligators and many types of fish. The Lacassine Pool located off LA 14 features a boat launch, shelters, wheelchair-accessible fishing piers,

hiking and biking trails, berry picking area, wildlife observation, boating and crawfishing.

209 Nature Road, Lake Arthur, LA 70549,  
337-774-5923, fws.gov/swlarefugecomplex/lacassine

**e OLD SPANISH TRAIL** Conceived in 1915 as the shortest route between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, the Old Spanish Trail connecting St. Augustine, Florida and San Diego, California, took nearly fifteen years to construct at a cost of more than \$80,000,000. Unlike other transcontinental highways that stitched together existing roads across the continent's relatively flat and dry midsection, much of the Old Spanish Trail was forged over formerly impassable swamplands in the Southeast, including five major outlets into the Gulf. Finally opening for travel in 1929, the highway was promoted as the most expensive and most highly engineered of all the transcontinental trails.

US 90 between Welsh and Jennings and beyond, drivetheost.com

**f GATOR CHATEAU** Home to rescued baby alligators as well as mature alligators, the Gator Chateau fosters gators until they can be released into their natural habitat. Baby alligators are hand fed and can be held. No admission charged.

100 Rue de l'Acadie (I-10  
Exit 64), Jennings, LA 70546,  
337-821-5521 or 800-264-  
5521, jeffdavis.org/tourism/  
attractions/gator-chateau

**g HISTORIC STRAND THEATRE** The Historic Strand Theatre is an Art Deco movie theater, circa 1939, located on historic Main Street in Jennings. It is the home of A Block Off-Broadway community theater group. Tours are available by appointment.

432 North Main Street,  
Jennings, LA 70546,  
337-821-5532 or 337-821-5500

**h ZIGLER ART MUSEUM** The Zigler Art Museum collection spans four centuries and includes works by well-known masters with a special concentration on Louisiana art and artists.

154 North Main Street,  
Jennings, LA 70546,  
337-824-0114, ziglerartmuseum.org

**i W.H. TUPPER GENERAL MERCHANDISE MUSEUM AND CHILDREN'S TELEPHONE MUSEUM** Step back in time 50 years with a visit to an authentic country store. The museum features antique toys, newspapers, games, hats, fashion, sewing notions, fabric, patent medicine, school supplies and hardware. Visit the interactive Children's Telephone Museum inside and learn about the science of communication and the development of telephone technology.

311 North Main Street, Jennings, LA 70546,  
337-821-5532, tuppermuseum.com

## 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.



**j LAKE ARTHUR PARK AND BOARDWALK** The park consists of a variety of day-use facilities including benches, picnic tables, picnic pavilions, restrooms, playground equipment, trash receptacles, BBQs, paved pathways, a boardwalk, and sandy beach, among others. The park offers a beautiful view of Lake Arthur.

Arthur Avenue, Lake Arthur, LA 70549,  
337-774-381, townoflakearthur.org

**k LOUISIANA OIL & GAS PARK AND JEFF DAVIS PARISH TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER** The Louisiana Oil and Gas Park and Jeff Davis Parish Tourist Center offers visitor information on the area. Find complimentary Louisiana coffee, restroom facilities, a playground, a picnic area, a pond for fishing and a walking path. Also home to the Gator Chateau.

100 Rue de l'Acadie (I-10 Exit 64),  
Jennings, LA 70546,  
337-821-5521 or 800-264-5521, jeffdavis.org

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**JEFF DAVIS PARISH INFORMATION CENTER**  
100 Rue de L'Acadie I-10 Park, Jennings  
800-264-5521, jeffdavis.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.

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