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 on 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.
Here’s a sampling of the many attractions throughout the Bayou Teche National Scenic 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.

**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

**INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM MUSEUM & EXPOSITION**
Home of "Mr. Charlie," an authentic offshore drilling rig built in 1962 and open to the public for tours. "Mr. Charlie," designed by industry pioneer A.J. "Doc" Lalladore, 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 rig of the same vintage.
111 First Street, Morgan City, LA 70380, 985-384-3744, igmuseum.com

**CAJUN COAST WELCOME CENTER**
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900 Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard, Morgan City, LA 70380, 985-380-8224, cajuncoast.com

**TOURIST INFORMATION CENTERS:**
ACHAPALALA STATE WELCOME CENTER
1000 Atchafalaya River Hwy., Breaux Bridge
337-326-1024, atchafalaya.state.welcome.centers@atlas.la.gov

BAYOU TECHE VISITORS CENTER
314 E. Bridge St., Breaux Bridge
337-394-3295, bayoutechemuseum.org

CAJUN COAST VISITORS & CONVENTION BUREAU
3202 Martin Luther King Blvd., Morgan City
985-380-8224, cajuncoast.com

IBERIA PARISH VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER
301 E. Main St., New Iberia
337-369-6446, shadowsontheteche.org

ST. MARTINVILLE TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER
121 S. New Market St., St. Martinville
337-384-2333, stmartinvile.org

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**LONGFELLOW-EVANGELINE STATE HISTORIC SITE**
The Longfellow-Evangeline State Historic Site spans 157 acres, and the Park interprets the history of the French-speaking peoples of Louisiana. From the visitor may enjoy 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 70559, 337-384-3764, crt.state.la.us/longfellow-evangeline-state-historic-site

**CONRAD RICE MILL**
The Wedell-Williams Aviation & Cypress Sawmill Museum (A KONRICK® 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, 337-367-0613, kconrict.com

**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 Historic Places. Dine on Creole dishes at Café Jefferson and enjoy the gorgeous views. The evergreen oaks, gardens and Lake Peigneur. Jefferson Island Rip’s Rockery 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.
3505 Rip Van Winkle Road, New Iberia, LA 70560, 337-359-8525, ripvwanke.com

**THE TOWN OF ARNAUDVILLE**
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 16 acres of land to the town to make a church that still exists today.
107 Rue De Jausiers, Arnaudville, LA 70512, 337-754-5911, stmartinplsherokoforum.com/townofarnaudville.htm

**THE BREAUX BRIDGE HISTORIC DISTRICT**
The Breaux Bridge Historic District is a community filled with pride in their heritage. The bridge is one of the highlights of the town. Breaux Bridge remains a bilingual community. The Town of Breaux Bridge Historic District is a national 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.
314 East Bridge Street, Breaux Bridge, LA 70517, 337-332-8500, breauxbridgela.net/visitors-center

**BAYOU TECHE NATIONAL PADDLE TRAIL**
Louisiana’s only nationally-designated Water Trail, the Bayou Teche Paddle Trail meanders for 130 miles along the Byway. Numerous canoe launch locations 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

**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 National Conservancy of Louisiana as one of the county’s “Last Great Gazets.”
1264 Prairie Highway, St. Martinville, LA 70559, 337-342-2475, nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/loru.DropDownList?_dr=7&select=10&state=2

**SHADOWS-ON-THE-TECHE**
This 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 “prairie-like” curves of the Bayou Teche. 131 East Main Street, New Iberia, LA 70560, 337-606-5977, bayoutechemuseum.org

**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 Market, eat at Restaurant 1898 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 Garden also has a bird refuge and a variety of wildlife such as alligators, deer, muskrats, egrets, bears and more.
LA 326, Avery Island, LA 70517, 337-373-6129, tabasco.com

**JEANNERETE 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, jeanneretemuseum.com

**CHITIMACHA MUSEUM** Take a trip back in time through the history of the Chitimacha (Indian) Nation. View exhibits & brief videos. (Gift shop available)
3289 Chitimacha Trail, Jeanerette, LA 70544, 337-923-4830, chitimacha.org/attractions-accommodations/museum

**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.
500 Iberia Street, Franklin, LA 70538, 337-828-3631, franklin-la.com/recreation-historic-district.php

**WEDELL-WILLIAMS AVIATION & CYPRESS SAWMILL MUSEUM**
The Wedell-Williams Aviation & Cypress Sawmill Museum is the legacy of Louisiana aviation pioneers who formed an air service together and became a major player in the aviation industry. Situated in the historic lighthouse built in 1858 at the end of the Atchafalaya River, the museum also includes exhibits about the Offshore oil and gas industry and the history of the cypress lumber industry in Louisiana.
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