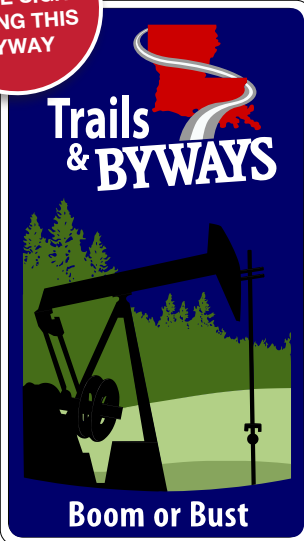


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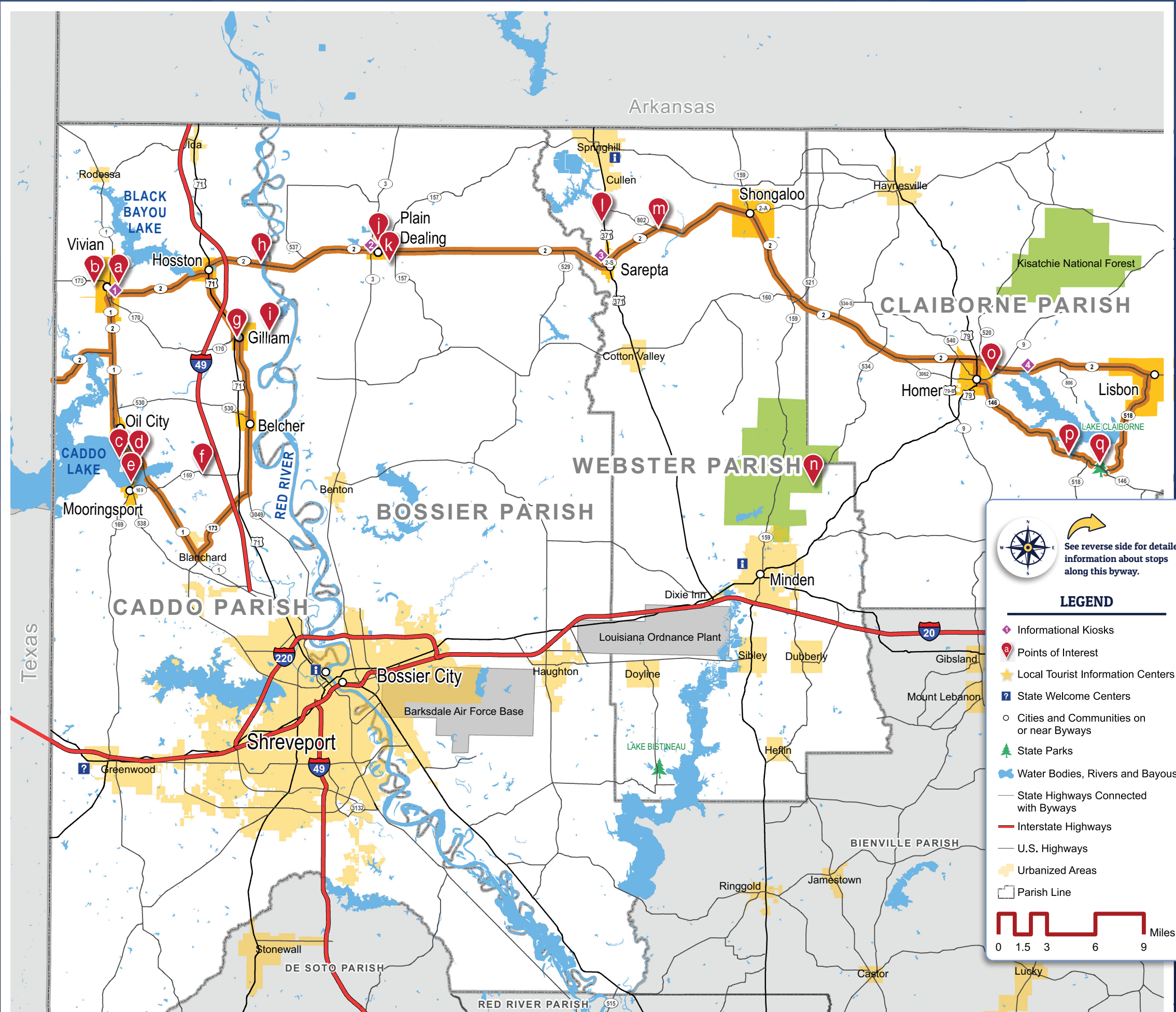
## 2 BOOM OR BUST BYWAY



Dramatic ups and downs in the oil and gas, lumber, transportation, farming and entertainment businesses throughout Louisiana's history produced the best and the worst of times in northwest Louisiana. The 137-mile Boom or Bust Byway, which runs along LA 2 and includes LA 3049 to the west and LA 518/146 to the east, pays tribute to the fortunes made and lost in this area while applauding the resiliency of its people. Along the way, visitors can take in the beauty of north Louisiana, known for its rolling hills, tall pines and beautiful lakes and bayous. Oil derricks stand as reminders of the state's ties to the energy industry, while fields of cotton and tranquil pastures reflect the ongoing importance of agriculture. Not far from the city of Shreveport, communities such as Plain Dealing and Sarepta preserve a small-town, relaxed way of life.

A trip along the Boom or Bust Byway is a good way to get a feel for the adventurous, entrepreneurial spirit of local people and the region's many natural attributes.

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

**LEGEND**

- Informational Kiosks
- 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 Boom or Bust 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](http://LouisianaByways.com).

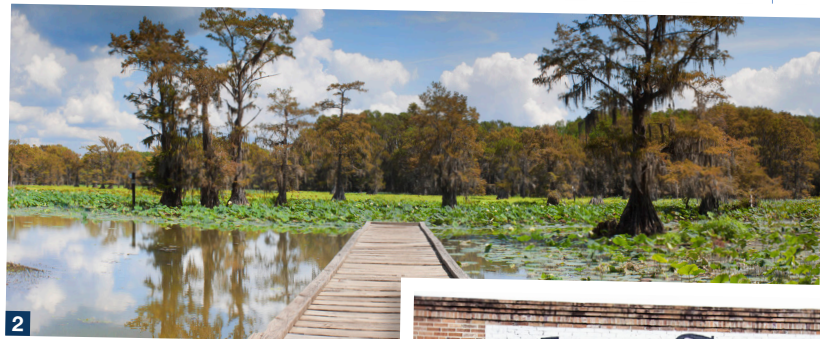
## DRIVING TIPS:

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

### **a** VIVIAN RAILROAD STATION MUSEUM

The Vivian Railroad Station Museum houses rotating exhibits that depict the history and culture of the area as well as several written accounts of the history of Vivian, including its fascinating railroad connection. Each meticulously restored room of the museum exhibits a diverse array of north Caddo Parish history.

100 Front Street, Vivian, LA 71082, 318-375-5300  
[vivianrailroadstationmuseum.weebly.com](http://vivianrailroadstationmuseum.weebly.com)



### **b** RASCALS RESTAURANT

American lunch diner for great comfort food, casual atmosphere.

117 W. Louisiana Ave, Vivian, LA 71082, 318-375-5292

### **c** EARL G. WILLIAMSON PARK

Earl G. Williamson Park on Caddo Lake is a 40-acre park that provides a public boat ramp, a 450-foot fishing pier, restrooms with showers, RV camper hook-ups, areas for tent camping, extensive picnic facilities, two playgrounds, volleyball nets, a lighted ball field, lighted tennis courts and a swimming area.

11425 LA 1, Oil City, LA 71061, 318-995-7139  
[www.caddo.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/3](http://www.caddo.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/3)



### **d** THE LOUISIANA STATE OIL & GAS MUSEUM

The Museum describes the history of the oil industry in Caddo Parish and Louisiana with interactive exhibits, photographs, films, and life-size dioramas.

200 South Land Avenue, Oil City, LA 71061, 318-995-6845,  
[townofoilcity.com/louisiana-state-oil-and-gas-museum.html](http://townofoilcity.com/louisiana-state-oil-and-gas-museum.html)

### **e** HISTORIC CADDO LAKE DRAWBRIDGE

The historic Caddo Lake Drawbridge in Mooringsport is the town's signature landmark. The lift bridge, a 1914 landmark, replaced the ferry and is the last surviving Waddell vertical-lift bridge in Louisiana.

LA 538 at Caddo Lake, Mooringsport, LA 71060  
318-212-0220, [caddolakedrawbridge.com](http://caddolakedrawbridge.com)

### **f** KWKH TOWER

KWKH signed on the air in 1926 from outside Shreveport. The call letters come from founder W.K. Henderson, Jr., a Shreveport businessman who was a partner in WGAQ Radio from 1922 to 1925. By 1930, KWKH was one of the nation's most influential radio stations. After the success of live country music shows like WLS' "National Barn Dance" and WSM's "Grand Ole Opry," KWKH launched "The Louisiana Hayride" in 1948. The "Hayride" was a hit, airing over a 25-station regional network and spawning similar programs. The show went off the air in 1960.

10406 LA 169, Belcher, LA 71004  
[louisiana.hometownlocator.com/maps/feature-map,ftc,2,fid,1632484,n,kwkh-fm%20\(shreveport\).cfm](http://louisiana.hometownlocator.com/maps/feature-map,ftc,2,fid,1632484,n,kwkh-fm%20(shreveport).cfm)

### **g** RED RIVER CROSSROADS MUSEUM

Nestled inside of the Gilliam branch of the Shreve Memorial Library, the Red River Crossroads Historical and Cultural Museum is open to the public, and we hope you will come view our displays and learn about the rich history of Caddo Parish. The museum offers education beginning with our Native American heritage, from which the parish derives its name, through the French Territorial days, the Louisiana Purchase, the Red River Raft and the discovery of oil. Here you will find plantation history and maps, learn the steam boat routes, follow the train tracks and travel the historic LA 3049.

12797 Main Street, Gilliam, LA 71029  
318-296-4227 or 318 296-4303,  
[redrivercrossroadshistorical.org/museum](http://redrivercrossroadshistorical.org/museum)

### **h** RED RIVER

The Red River is 1,360 miles long and starts near the Texas/New Mexico state line. It flows across the Texas panhandle and enters Arkansas where it turns south and enters Louisiana, where it eventually runs into the Mississippi. As it flows, it picks up soil with iron oxide, which gives it a reddish-orange color and thus its name. In the early 1800s the river became logjammed

and the "Great Raft" extended for 165 miles. Capt. Shreve was appointed in 1833 and with 300 men they broke through the Raft in 1838, taking a total of 5 years to clear. Not a single worker died. However, in 1841, the Raft again was 20 miles long. In 1872 Congress funded permanent removal of the Raft. Cotton was shipped to New Orleans. Food and troops were shipped during the Civil War. Today, as a result of locks and dams, the river is fully navigable.

### **i** MAIN STREET CAFÉ

Main Street Café has delicious home-style made from scratch food in one of Gilliam's quaint old brick store buildings.

12807 Main Street., Gilliam, LA 71029, 318-296-4400

### **j** BOSSIER PARISH LIBRARY - RITA SANDERS KEOUN

**MEMORIAL PLAIN DEALING BRANCH** Inside this branch library are hidden treasures that recall the region's past. Historical reproductions of a barn, made of locally sourced pine, as well as a circa 1900 bedroom containing a fireplace, bed, dresser and other period pieces that reflect the style of the time.

208 East Mary Lee Avenue (LA Hwy 2), Plain Dealing, LA 71064, 318-326-4233, [bossierlibrary.org/plain-dealing-branch](http://bossierlibrary.org/plain-dealing-branch)

### **k** GILES SNACK SHOP

Giles Snack Shop in Plain Dealing offers delicious breakfast and lunch plates prepared with various locally grown ingredients. Scrumptious pies are made from scratch daily.

210 East Palmetto Street, Plain Dealing LA 71064, 318-326-4088

### **l** LUMBERJACK GRILL

Simple Southern classics are served up with a side of charm at Lumberjack Grill. Stop in for the daily lunch specials and the outstanding (and filling!) breakfast selection.

26026 Hwy. 371, Sarepta, LA 71071, 318-994-2018

### **m** SIKES FERRY LANDING/BAYOU DORCHEAT

Launch your fishing boat, canoe or kayak at Sikes Ferry Boat Ramp to explore the exquisite nature of Webster Parish.

2890 Fire Tower Road, Shongaloo, LA 71072

### **n** GERMANTOWN COLONY STATE MUSEUM

Established in 1835, the colony is one of three founded in the United States in the early 19th century by the Utopian Movement of the Harmonist Society, which originated in Germany. Several of the original log buildings have been preserved, and the museum holds artifacts rescued from the structures.

200 Museum Road, Minden, LA 71058  
318-377-6061, [visitwebster.net](http://visitwebster.net)

### **o** HERBERT S. FORD MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Built in 1890 as the Hotel Claiborne, the Ford Museum contains a large collection of artifacts that reflect the life, culture and society of north central Louisiana. The Museum has hosted Smithsonian touring exhibitions and serves as a resource to those interested in learning about the history of this area from pre-Columbian times to the present.

519 South Main Street, Homer, LA 71040  
318-927-9190, [hfordmuseum.com](http://hfordmuseum.com)

### **p** PORT AU PRINCE RESTAURANT

Port Au Prince Restaurant is known for succulent catfish and a dining room that overlooks beautiful Lake Claiborne.

3327 LA 146 (White Lighting Road), Homer, LA 71040, 318-927-6792

### **q** LAKE CLAIBORNE STATE PARK

Lake Claiborne State Park is located seven miles southeast of Homer on LA 146. The park offers a multitude of recreational opportunities on and around the 6,400-acre lake including swimming, fishing, boating, picnicking and hiking.

225 State Park Road, Homer, LA 71040  
318-927-2976 or 888-677-2524  
[crt.state.la.us/louisiana-state-parks/parks/lake-claiborne-state-park](http://crt.state.la.us/louisiana-state-parks/parks/lake-claiborne-state-park)

## **i** TOURIST INFORMATION CENTERS:

**SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CONVENTION & TOURIST BUREAU**  
629 Spring St., Shreveport  
888-45-VISIT, [sbctb.org](http://sbctb.org)

**WEBSTER PARISH CVB & VISITOR CENTER**  
110 Sibley Rd., Minden  
888-972-7474, [visitwebster.net](http://visitwebster.net)

## Informational Kiosks

Stop and learn more about the Boom or Bust Byway at interpretive kiosks located:

- 1 In front of the Vivian Railroad Station Museum at 100 Front Street in Vivian
- 2 Next to the U.S. Post Office on LA 2 in Plain Dealing
- 3 On the town square in Sarepta between Town Hall and the U.S. Post Office, one block off the intersection of LA 2 and LA 371
- 4 At Lisbon Landing on Lake Claiborne on LA 2, just outside of Homer toward Lisbon

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](http://LouisianaByways.com) or one of our Welcome Centers along the route.

