

BAYOU TECHE SCENIC BYWAY

Nestled within the scenic Atchafalaya National Heritage Area, the Louisiana Bayou Teche Scenic Byway covers three parishes along LA 182 and LA 31. Celebrated for its cultural and historical significance, the route showcases the rich heritage of Native American, African American, Acadian, and Spanish communities.

Where to Go

Head west on Highway 90 from New Orleans, tracing the Bayou Teche National Water and Paddle Trail. Explore historic sites and museums in the smaller communities along the way.

Continue on Highway 90. Pass the Chitimacha Reservation and learn about the local sugar cane and lumber industry in Jeanerette. Arrive in New Iberia for a helping of history and delicious cuisine. Take Highway 31 to St. Martinville where you can explore Evangeline Oak Park. Finally, discover the historic district of Breaux Bridge before reaching Arnaudville, the end of the Byway.



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THE BAYOU TECHE SCENIC BYWAY'S SIGHTS, SITES, AND SAVINGS



Morgan City Historic District

Front Street to Federal Avenue and Greenwood Street to Railroad Avenue, Morgan City, LA, 70380

This nine-block historic district located along the Atchafalaya River features more than 40 unique shops, restaurants and nightspots in century-old buildings.



Franklin Historic District

East Main Street (downtown and surrounding area), Franklin, LA, 70538

Downtown Franklin's 155-acre historic district has over 400 buildings featuring Greek Revival, Stick/Eastlake, and Queen Anne architecture styles. Its picturesque streets are lined with distinctive lamp posts.



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Evangeline Oak Park

121 South New Market Street, St. Martinville, LA, 70582

The park is home to the famous, ancient live oak tree from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's 19th century poem "Evangeline: A Tale of Acadie." Here, you can also take a leisurely stroll along the Bayou Teche boardwalk.



The Breaux Bridge Historic District

314 East Bridge Street, Breaux Bridge, LA, 70517

The Breaux Bridge Historic District's proud community cherishes its Cajun French heritage with a significant bilingual population and an iconic bridge.



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Southwest Reef Lighthouse

3246 Bellview Front Street, Berwick, LA, 70342

The Southwest Reef Lighthouse, constructed in 1858 as a square pyramid, stands open to the public for sweeping views of the Atchafalaya River.



Downtown New Iberia Historic District

457 East Main Street, New Iberia, LA, 70560

Dating back to 1777, downtown New Iberia has evolved from a shipping hub to a historic district with picturesque streets, preserved architecture, and a variety of local shops.



St. Martinville Historic District

214 South Main Street to 101 North Main Street, 101 East Bridge Street to 225 East Bridge Street, St. Martinville, LA, 70582

This district brims with the history of French settlement and cultural diversity. It boasts rich Creole and Acadian heritage, evident in its Classic Revival architecture.



Longfellow-Evangeline State Historic Site

1200 North Main Street, St. Martinville, LA, 70582

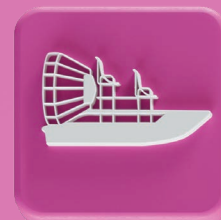
Spanning nearly 160 acres and recognized as the first park in the Louisiana State Parks system, the Longfellow-Evangeline State Historic Site highlights the cultural contributions the Acadians, Creoles, Native Americans, Africans, and Europeans had on the region. With a Raised Creole Cottage and a reproduction Acadian Farmstead, the site offers insights into the communities and their way of life in the early 19th century.



Atchafalaya National Heritage Area

1908 Atchafalaya River Highway, Breaux Bridge, LA, 70517

With twisting bayous, backwater lakes, and vast marshes, this heritage area is home to the nation's largest river swamp. It stretches across 14 parishes and is one of the most ecologically diverse regions in the U.S.



The Town of Arnaudville

107 Rue De Jausers Avenue, Arnaudville, LA, 70512

Named after the French explorer who first settled here with his family, this town has plenty of history, outdoor attractions, and events throughout the year.

Iberia Parish New Iberia

Explore parks, gardens, bayous, islands, and other natural areas, before delving into the region's rich history through visits to museums and historic sites.

St. Martin Parish Breaux Bridge

Known as the "Gateway to the Atchafalaya Basin," the "Crawfish Capital of the World," and the birthplace of Cajun culture. Here, you can experience a vibrant mix of natural beauty, yummy cuisine, and unique Cajun traditions.

St. Mary Parish Morgan City

Enjoy a variety of outdoor activities like golfing, boating, fishing, hiking, and more. Once you've worked up an appetite, indulge in the diverse dining scene.



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