

Louisiana BYWAYS

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Louisiana Is Full Of Stories. Yours Begins Here.

Meandering through Louisiana are 17 byways—each offering an authentic taste of Louisiana food, music, culture and natural beauty like no other. Discover them by car, RV, motorcycle or bicycle year-round. You'll find a short description of each byway on the back of this sheet. For detailed maps and specific information about the history, sites and attractions along each byway, visit LouisianaByways.com.



1. Bayou Teche Byway (184 miles)

Immerse yourself in culture by visiting cafés and dance halls that serve up Cajun and zydeco music along with boiled crawfish and étouffée. Tour stately mansions for a look at how sugar barons lived in the 1800s.

2. Boom or Bust Byway (136 miles)

Keep your camera handy to snap the landmarks and icons that reflect fortunes made or lost in oil, lumber, farming and music in this land of rolling hills, tall pines, and beautiful lakes and bayous.

3. Cajun Corridor (33 miles)

Treat your taste buds! Sample fresh shrimp, crawfish, oysters or the spicy local sausage known as *boudin*. You'll find it all along this route through South Louisiana's rice and sugar cane fields and marshlands.

4. Cane River National Heritage Trail (35 miles)

Step into the setting of *Steel Magnolias*, discover the region's signature dish – the meat pie – and tour a plantation once owned by former slaves as you cross hills and prairies rich in historic sites and artifacts.

5. Creole Nature Trail All-American Road (180 miles)



Be inspired by the unsurpassed splendor and serenity of coastal prairies, rippling marshes and vast bodies of water teeming with wildlife—especially alligators. Crabbing, fishing, birding or shelling, the opportunities are endless for the whole family to personally experience one of America's untamed natural wonders.

6. Dixie Overland (105 miles)

Ancient peoples lived in Louisiana? That's right. See the remains of their society at Poverty Point, then amble westward through Sportsman's Paradise toward the cities of Monroe and Ruston.

7. Flyway Byway (54 miles)

Bike, hike, drive or canoe this scenic trail through swamp, river and unique terrain. Discover some of Louisiana's premier birding hotspots, see if you can spot any strange critters and watch out for gators!

8. Longleaf Trail Byway (17 miles)

Stunning views await you along a route through the majestic Kisatchie National Forest, where a rugged landscape features beautiful mesas, abundant wildlife and many chances to spot rare birds.

9. Louisiana Colonial Trails Byway (567 miles)

Follow in the footsteps of the brave men and women who settled Louisiana and Texas. View historic plantations, Civil War battlefields, ancient Indian mounds, and mile after mile of breathtaking wilderness.

10. Louisiana Great River National Scenic Byway (717 miles)



The longest portion of the 3,000 mile, 10 state Great River Road travels through Louisiana. As mighty as the river it follows, this byway traverses the history, diverse landscapes and rich cultural heritage that make Louisiana one of the most fascinating places on the globe.



11. Myths and Legends Byway (178 miles)

Like a good yarn? You'll love ambling through pine forests and blackberry farms during a tour based on true stories, tall tales and a gunslinger named Leather Britches Smith.

12. San Bernardo Byway (38 miles)

"In 1814 we took a little trip..." See where Andrew Jackson and pirate Jean Lafitte defeated the British at the Battle of New Orleans. Learn what drew Canary Islanders and Europeans to this area centuries ago.

13. Toledo Bend Forest Scenic Byway (78 miles)

Discover a fishing and boating paradise that's home to bald eagles, thousands of acres of woods, great local food and dozens of historic sites along a byway that parallels the sprawling Toledo Bend Reservoir.

14. Tunica Trace Byway (20 miles)

The home of Louisiana State Penitentiary may seem an odd place to begin a journey, but Angola is a community with a colorful past. Explore the town, then take a short scenic drive to historic St. Francisville.

15. Southern Swamps (67 miles)

Alligators and turtles slip through the quiet waters, snowy egrets and blue herons pick their way across marshes, and time seems to stand still in this fishing and seafood paradise. Be sure to stop for gumbo!

16. Wetlands Cultural Byway (204 miles)

Amble along bayous for views of shrimpers, tugboats and shipbuilders; stop for lunch at a Cajun restaurant; or catch a guided swamp tour for close-ups of egrets, turtles, snakes and alligators.

17. Zydeco Cajun Prairie Byway (231 miles)

Want a tour that sounds as good as it looks? This byway rolls past many iconic music spots, along with crawfish farms, sweet potato fields and the sites of some of Louisiana's favorite festivals. Stop for lunch!

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