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Welcome to St. Landry Parish

Bienvenue a la paroisse de Saint Landry

In St. Landry Parish, accordions are cool, boudin is hot and history is not just in textbooks. Our events and festivals celebrate art, Cajun music, catfish, cracklins, étouffée, herbs, spices, yams and zydeco. Annually, we host three cook offs, more than a dozen festivals and cultural celebrations, six yard sales, numerous live music shows and trail rides. Our French heritage takes a front seat at major cultural events like *La Semaine Française* and Cajun Country *Courir de Mardi Gras*.

St. Landry Parish's rich culture and history come from the diverse people who have called it home. Acadian, Creole, French, African, Spanish, Italian and Native American people have mixed and matched here for almost three centuries. History not only lives in museums and antique markets, but plantations, schools and churches that have stood for centuries.

Those influences give St. Landry Parish music, food and culture that few can match. Our legislature recognizes the power of these attributes and has accordingly designated four capitals: Eunice - **Prairie Cajun Capital**; Opelousas - **Zydeco Music Capital**; Sunset - **Rubboard Capital**; Grand Coteau - **Sweet Dough Pie Capital**.

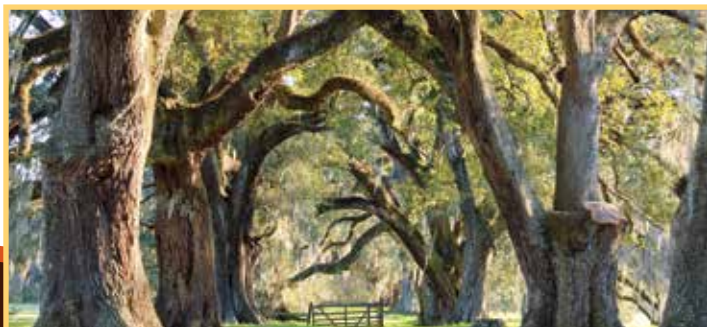
Jam sessions are ongoing with residents and visitors bringing their instruments to Eunice and Arnaudville. French tables are also popular every month in Arnaudville, Opelousas and Eunice with a cross section of people attending to learn how to speak, read and write the language. Taking advantage of the culture builds up an appetite for Cajun and Creole cuisine found in restaurants, grocery stores, diners, truck stops and gas stations.

St. Landry, a 939-square mile parish in south central Louisiana, is also known for its natural beauty and wildlife. Hiking, fishing, hunting, birding, camping, biking, paddling and other outdoor opportunities are possible in two wildlife management areas that cover thousands of acres of both forest and swamp land.

Along with its colorful surroundings and history, the parish is also recognized as a **Certified Louisiana Retirement Community**. Our warm and welcoming people are ready to make new residents feel right at home and may greet you with a friendly "*Comment ça va?*" or How are you?

You can respond "*toujours bon*" because life is always good in St. Landry Parish.

Oak Trees in Historic Grand Coteau





Local Art



The **Louisiana Cultural Districts Program** was created by Act 298 of the 2007 Regular Session of the legislature and is administered through the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. The primary goal of this initiative is to spark community revitalization based on cultural activity through tax incentives. Sales tax is waived on original works of art.

As of July 1, 2014, the total number of Cultural Districts is 75, in 47 towns and 30 parishes. St. Landry Parish is proud to have six Cultural Districts: Deux Bayous - Arnaudville (Oct. 2008), Eunice (Oct. 2008), Grand Coteau (July 2011), Opelousas (July 2012), Sunset (July 2012) and Washington (July 2014).

crt.state.la.us/cultural-development/cultural-districts/index



Corridor des Arts is an art and cultural trail following the highways and byways connecting colorful Louisiana towns (Hwys 182, 93, 31) from Sunset to Henderson. It features tax free shopping, locally owned art galleries and working studios, and LA Craft Guild members. The trail is a grassroots, multi community initiative.

corridordesarts.homestead.com/



2015 - Year of Food. After you visit St. Landry Parish, your tastebuds will never be the same. *We Live Our Culture* is not just our tagline, it is a way of life. St. Landry Parish is featured on the **Prairie Home Cooking Trail of Louisiana Culinary Trails**. Visit louisianatravel.com/culinary to see the video, get a map and snag a delicious recipe. And don't forget to grab a link of boudin from the **St. Landry Parish Boudin Trail** on your visit. Many of the stores ship so you can enjoy boudin all year long.



National Geographic U.S. Gulf Coast States GeoTourism MapGuide. The Gulf Coast of the United States, known by many as the 'southern crescent,' includes Alabama, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi, and is a mixing-pot of unique natural sites, cultures, history and artistic expression. Fifteen other regions across the world have completed MapGuide programs. St. Landry Parish has 35 locations.

usgulfcoaststatesgeotourism.com

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Cajun & Creole Heritage

Thumb through any St. Landry Parish phone book and you'll see surnames that indicate a gumbo of ethnicities – French, Spanish, German, African, Irish, Native American and more. Yet most residents celebrate their Cajun and Creole heritage.

Cajuns are descendants of the Acadians, French exiles who left Nova Scotia in the mid-1700s. Acadians were evicted from the region after their refusal to swear allegiance to the British crown for religious and other reasons.

Many of these Acadian exiles landed in south Louisiana, where they blended with other groups to have a lasting impact on the state's language, music and food.

Creole has numerous definitions that vary in different regions of the state, country and world. But in St. Landry Parish, Creole mainly refers to descendants of slaves and free people of color. Many trace their lineage to the Caribbean and Africa.

Creoles have heavily influenced the region's culture, especially with zydeco, the accordion-driven, dance music that now has fans across the globe. Accordionist Amédé Ardoin, a native Creole of St. Landry Parish, is widely regarded as a founding father of Cajun and zydeco music.

CAJUN FRENCH DICTIONARY

Allons (*al lohn*): Let's go.

Boudee' (*boo day*): to pout

Ça c'est bon (*sa say bohn*): That's good.

Ça va (*sa va*): That's enough.

C'est tout (*say too*): That's all.

Cher (*sha*): Dear. A term of endearment.

Envie (*ahnvee*): a desire for

Fais-do-do (*fay doe doe*): A dance. Literally "go to sleep," whispered to children so parents could join the dance.

Joie de vivre (*jhwa da veev*): Joy of living.

Lache pas la patate (*losh pa la pa tot*): Don't let go of the potato or don't give up (a testament to the enduring spirit of the Cajun people).

Lagniappe (*lahn yop*): Something extra.

Laissez les bons temps rouler (*lay say lay bohn tohn roo lay*): Let the good times roll.

Marraine (*ma rhain*): Godmother, Nanny

Merci (*mare see*): Thanks.

Parrain (*pa renh*): Godfather

Pauve ti bete (*pove tee bet*): Poor little thing.

Rodee' (*row day*): to run the roads and never stay home

Tante (*taunt*): Aunt.

Nonc (*nonk*): Uncle.



LA TABLE FRANÇAISE

Parlez Français! Grab a cup of coffee, share conversation, have fun and practice or learn French with native speakers.

ARNAUVILLE

Last Saturday of the month – 9AM
NuNu Arts & Culture Collective
1510 Bayou Courtableau Rd.
337.453.3307

OPELOUSAS

Last Wednesday of the month –
8:30AM Le Vieux Village,
828 E. Landry St. 337.948.6263

ARNAUVILLE

“Cultural economy” is not just a buzz phrase to a town of 1,400 residents located at the junction of Bayous Teche and Fuselier.



In recent years, Arnaudville has become a haven for musicians, artists, dancers, writers, culinary experts and champions of the French language. It has partnered with the Consulate General of France in New Orleans and the town of Redon, France to exchange ideas and business practices that enhance the residents' way of life and the economy.

Arnaudville hosts two annual events - the **Étouffée Festival** in April and **Le Feu et L'Eau (Fire and Water) Rural Arts Celebration** in December. Residents and visitors can enjoy breakfast *en français* on the last Saturday morning of each month at **La Table Française**, partake in a weekly quilting circle or hear live music monthly at the local potluck social.


Shoppers can browse for bargains during the **7 Mile Plus Yard Sale** spanning eastward every third Saturday in March and October.



ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

NUNU ARTS & CULTURE COLLECTIVE

1510 Courtableau Rd.

(LA 93E) 337.453.3307 | 

nunucollective.org

Thurs-Sun 11AM-4PM and by appt.

View artwork, meet working artists, shop local vendors for original art and products. Call for live music schedule.

RUSSELL'S SUPERMARKET & DELI

114 Main St.

337.754.5722

russellsfoodcenter.com

Mon-Sun 7AM-8:30PM

Plate lunches. On the Boudin Trail. Catering available.

THE BELONGING STUDIO

337.303.8665

lorihenderson.com

By appointment only.

Handmade hats and clothing, naturally grown honey, sculpture and paintings.

TOM'S FIDDLE & BOW

204 Fuselier Rd.

337.754.5528 | 322.5402

tomsfiddleandbow.com | 

Mon-Fri 12PM-5PM, Sat by appt.

Restoration, repair, and sales of new and used instruments and bows. Jam session from 1PM-3PM the first Sunday every month.

VINCENT DARBY'S ART STUDIO

400 Canal St.

337.754.7753 | vincentdarby.com

Tues-Sat 9AM-5PM and by appt.

Self-taught artist whose 25 years with the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries is the inspiration for bayou, swamp and outdoor scenes.

LIVE MUSIC

See listings and call for information:

- Bayou Teche Brewing
- Little Big Cup
- NuNu Arts & Culture Collective

Public Jam Session





• Tom's Fiddle & Bow

EAT & DRINK

BAYOU TECHE BREWING

1106 Bushville Hwy.
337.303.8000 | [f](#)
bayoutechebrewing.com
Mon-Thurs 10AM-6PM;
Fri-Sat 10AM-7PM
On LA Brewery Trail. All beers are named in French to preserve and promote the French culture and complement traditional food. Live music on Saturdays.

KENNY'S CAJUN KITCHEN

408 Market St.
337.754.5999 | [f](#)
Tues-Sat 10AM-8PM
A down-home country atmosphere offering breakfast, appetizers, burgers, chicken, po-boys and salads. Boiled with live music. Free WiFi. Catering.

ACCOMMODATIONS

CHEZ NOLA ARNAUD GUESTHOUSE

860 Seven Arpents Rd.
337.754.7724 | [f](#)
cheznolaarnaud.com
3-bedroom, 2-bath brick home. Enjoy farmland scenery and the warm hospitality of its English and

crawfish and shrimp when in season.

MINI MART DELI

443 Market St.
337.754.9400
Deli: Mon-Fri Lunch 9:30AM-2PM;
Dinner 5-9PM; Friday Buffet 5-9PM
Authentic LA dishes and Cajun plate lunches. Week-end buffet and live music.

MYRAN'S MAISON DE MANGER

1023 Neblett Rd. (HWY 31)
337.754.5064
Daily 7AM-9PM
Overlooks Bayou Teche and features daily plate lunches and a full menu. Boiled crawfish available when in season.

THE LITTLE BIG CUP

149 Fuselier Rd.
337.754.7147 | [f](#)
littlebigcup.com
Wed-Thurs 11AM-8:30PM;
Fri 11AM-9PM; Sat 9AM-9PM;
Sun 9AM-2PM
Bistro Café with outdoor deck dining on Bayou Fuselier. Weekend buffets

French speaking owner.

THE CAJUN CABIN GUEST COTTAGE

113 E. Railroad St.
337.331.6677 | [f](#)
cajuncabinguestcottage@yahoo.com
Downtown, cozy cabin in walking distance to Bayou Teche, shopping

CANKTON Cankton, in the Coulee Croche area of St. Landry Parish, takes its name from Dr. Louis Aristide Guidry, who was also known as "Cank." An avid hunter as a boy, Guidry would signal his family that he was home from a hunt with a duck call, "Cank, cank, cank." His folks would say, "Cank est revenu," (Cank is back) and the name stuck.

EAT & DRINK

MOMA C'S CANKTON DRIVE INN

613 Main St. | 337.668.4308 | [f](#)
Mon-Sat 10AM-8PM;
Sun 10AM-7PM
Sunday - BBQ lunches
Mon-Fri - Daily plate lunches, short order menu includes hamburgers and po-boys.

CANKTON COUNTRY STORE

729 Main St. | 337.668.4467
On the Boudin Trail - will ship.





EUNICE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TOURIST CENTER

200 S. C.C. Duson St. (HWY 13) | Mon-Fri 9AM-3PM
337.457.2565 | eunicechamber.com



Tourists from across the globe can always be found in Eunice - international visitors are typical on a Saturday night in the St. Landry Parish town of 12,000.

For almost 25 years, the world has flocked to the “*Rendez-vous des Cajuns*,” a live radio and TV show held Saturday nights at the **Liberty Theater**. The restored Vaudeville Theatre, built in 1924, comes alive as Cajun country’s answer to the Grand Ole Opry, Prairie Home Companion and the Louisiana Hayride. Cajun and zydeco bands perform live on stage, while dancers waltz and two-step where the orchestra pit used to be. This family friendly show is emceed in Cajun French and English.

Other stops on your music tour can include the downtown radio station KBON 101.1 FM, a variety music station that highlights Cajun, zydeco and swamp pop artists. Check out the wall with signatures of legends. Many of these legends are honored at **Le Cajun Music Awards**, held annually in August. Throughout the rest of the year, stop in at the **Cajun Music Hall of Fame and Museum** to see the past and present of Cajun music; you may meet one of the greats while there. And make sure you stop at **Savoy Music Center**, a family whose lives are built around the accordion, their heritage and music.

There’s plenty of family fun for campers: fishing, swimming and public barn dances. Those taking a scenic ride can catch a view of the glistening rice fields and crawfish ponds. For the appetite, many local restaurants feature downhome meals, authentic cuisine, live music and a chance to visit with locals.



Courir de Mardi Gras

One of the most widely recognized Louisiana holiday events is Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday). The traditional rural Mardi Gras celebration is based on early begging rituals and started here locally in the late 1800s.

Riders donned in traditional costumes, masks and hats, also known as capuchons, ride horseback from house to house soliciting “donations” of food items culminating in a community wide gumbo. In Eunice, the celebration takes place with five days of live music, street and barn dances, and art exhibits.

It ends with the Courir de Mardi Gras, the day before Ash Wednesday. This procession or “run” includes chicken chasing and silliness by revelers all day.

2013 *Country Roads Magazine* Annual Favorite Things Survey
-Unexpected Cultural Find: Mardi Gras in Cajun Country



Eunice Depot Museum



Cajun Music Hall of Fame & Museum

ATTRACTIONS

CAJUN MUSIC HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM

240 S. C.C. Duson St.

337.457.6534

cajunfrenchmusic.org

Summer: Tues-Sat 9AM-5PM;

Winter: 8:30AM-4:30PM

Operated by the Cajun French Music Assoc., this venue helps to preserve and showcase the history of this region's unique form of music. Learn about the "Greats of Cajun Music" and, maybe, meet one in person. Free admission.

CAJUN PRAIRIE HABITAT

635 E. Magnolia Ave.

337.457.6540 | cajunprairie.org

Visit this beautiful 10 acre living exhibit of Louisiana native plants, flowers, and grasses. Touted as one of the U.S.' leading restoration sites with more than 100+ flora species. Enjoy the paved walking path, covered pavilion and benches.

EUNICE DEPOT MUSEUM

220 S. C.C. Duson St.

337.457.6540

Tues-Sat 9AM-5PM

The depot was the site where developer C.C. Duson, in 1894, auctioned lots for what became the City of Eunice. On the National Register, it serves as a museum housing educational, cultural and historical exhibits relating to the town's past.

JEAN LAFITTE NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE PRAIRIE ACADIAN CULTURAL CENTER

250 W. Park Ave.

337.457.8499

nps.gov/jela/prairie-acadian-cultural-center-eunice.htm

Wed-Fri 9:30AM-4:30PM; Sat 9:30AM-6PM; Closed Christmas Day

The center tells the story of the Acadians who settled the prairie region of southwest Louisiana through extensive exhibits and artifacts interpreting the history, language, music, and architecture of the Cajuns. Music, crafts and cooking demonstrations every Saturday. Cultural items available for purchase. Free admission.

THE LIBERTY THEATRE

200 W. Park Ave.

337.457.7389 | eunice-la.com | [f](#)

Saturdays 6PM-7:30PM

This restored 1924 Vaudeville Theatre (listed on the National Register of Historic Places) hosts the internationally recognized radio and TV show *Rendez-vous des Cajuns*. Family friendly, emceed in French and English.

ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

DAMIAN CUCCIO DESIGNS

110 S. Second St

337.580.3092

Mon-Fri 9AM-5PM & by Appt.

Original art includes clay pieces, ceramics, paintings, and various furniture and home accents. Groups (adults & children) of up to 20 are welcome for classes and events.

EUNICE COMMUNITY ART HOUSE

231 S. Second St.

337.580.3110 | [f](#)

Wed-Fri 10AM-3PM; Sat 9AM-7PM

eunicecommunityarthouse@gmail.com

@gmail.com

Original works of art by novice and professional artists. Group classes offered.

NICHE ARTIST GALLERY & STUDIO

211 S. Second St.

337.580.3110 | [f](#)

Mon-Fri 10AM-5PM; Sat 10AM-2PM

Shop art gallery and view working artists.

SAVOY MUSIC CENTER

4413 Hwy. 190 East

337.457.9563

savoymusiccenter.com

Tues-Fri 9AM-5PM

(Closed 12PM-1:30PM)

A stop for Louisiana music fans. Find books, instruments, recordings and supplies for musicians of all levels and ages. Marc Savoy's hand crafted accordions are available. Public jam session every Sat. 9AM-12PM.

SOILEAU'S COWHIDE CHAIRS & FURNITURE REPAIR & RESTORATION

248 Rodeo Dr.

337.457.4379 | 337.945.3650

By appt. only

Noonie Bell continues the craft of using cowhides to cover chairs and as decorative rugs.



Old Fashioned Fais-Do-Do Barn Dance

LIVE MUSIC

See listings and call for information:

- Cajun Campground
- Jean Lafitte National Park & Preserve
- Lakeview Park & Beach
- Rocky's Cajun Kitchen
- Savoy Music Center
- The Liberty Theatre

EAT & DRINK

ALLISON'S HICKORY PIT

501 W. Laurel Ave. (HWY 190W)

337.457.9218 | [f](#)

Wed-Sun 11AM-2PM

Known for their ribs. Plate lunches served Wed-Fri. BBQ Fri-Sun. Take-out orders only.

CAFÉ MOSAIC

202 S. 2ND St.

337.546.6276 | [f](#)

Mon-Fri 6AM-10PM;

Sat 7AM-10PM; Sun 7AM-7PM

Located in an old drugstore and men's store circa 1900s. Offers flavored coffees, sandwiches, a variety of sweets. Free WiFi.

D.C.'S SPORTS BAR & STEAKHOUSE

1601 W. Laurel Ave. (HWY 190W)

337.457.7001

Open daily 11AM-10PM

The place to go for sports, local cuisine and lively atmosphere.

EUNICE SUPERETTE

Hwy 91 | 337.546.6041

Mon-Fri 6AM-5PM; Sat 6AM-12PM

Meat market with locally sourced beef. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

EUNICE POULTRY

251 E. Laurel Ave | 337.457.5614

Mon-Fri 6AM-5PM; Sat 6AM-12PM

Sun 7AM-11AM

On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

LEJEUNE'S SAUSAGE KITCHEN

104 Tasso Circle

337.457.8491

Mon-Fri 7AM-5:30PM

Open since 1977, this family owned local smoke house sells sausage, ponce and tasso.

MEL'S QUICK STOP

1894 Veterans Memorial Hwy

337.457.1958

Mon-Sat 6AM-6PM; Sun 7AM-5PM

On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

MOWATA GROCERY STORE

30283 Crowley Eunice Hwy 13

337.457.1140

Mon-SAT 6AM-6PM

On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

RAY'S BAKERY

971 E. Laurel Ave. (HWY 190E)

337.457.5366 | [f](#)

Mon-Sat 6AM-6PM; Sun 6AM-3PM

In business for 50 years, this local bakery offers daily fresh donuts, bread, cakes, rolls and pistolettes.

ROCKY'S CAJUN KITCHEN

1415 E. Laurel Ave. (HWY 190E)

337.457.6999 | [f](#)

rockyscajunkitchen.com

Mon-Fri 11AM-9PM;

Sat 11AM-9:30PM; Sun 11AM-2PM

Fresh seafood, steaks, po-boys, gourmet burgers, stuffed potatoes, salads and more. Live music Wed, Fri. and Sat.

RONNIE'S CAJUN CAFÉ

541 W. Laurel Ave. (HWY 190W)

337.457.2004

Open daily 6AM-9PM

Breakfast, lunch and dinner served Cajun style. Catering available.

RUBY'S CAFÉ

221 W. Walnut Ave.

337.550.7665

Mon-Fri 6AM-2PM

Ruby's has been in business for more than 30 years. Open for breakfast, drop in for the homemade biscuits and jelly - a local favorite. For lunch, visit Ruby's Restaurant & Courtyard.

RUBY'S RESTAURANT & COURTYARD

123 S. 2ND St.

337.550.7665 | [f](#)

Mon-Fri, lunch, 10AM-2PM;

Wed-Sat full dinner menu, 5PM-9PM

Cajun and Creole dishes, steaks, seafood, po-boys, burgers and a children's menu. Boiled crawfish in season. Groups welcome.

T-BOYS

1500 W. Laurel Ave

337.457.3344

Mon-Fri 7AM-5:30PM; Sat 7AM-1PM

On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

1st place winner in 2013 Boudin

Cook-off & People's Choice Award

BED & BREAKFAST

LE VILLAGE

121 Seale Lane

337.457.3573 | [f](#)

levillagehouse.com

7 beautifully furnished guest rooms located in the restored Main House, c. 1910 and Grand-pere's, c. 1920.

The Chapelle Country Store is open for bed & breakfast guests, special events, by appointment and for special markets.

CAMPGROUNDS

CAJUN CAMPGROUND

5552 Hwy. 190 East

337.457.5753

cajuncampground.com

Shaded campground along Bayou Doza, open year round on 40 acres with 135 full hookups, 7 cabins, 5 pavilions and complimentary WiFi.

Swimming, fishing, game room, hiking, mini golf and paddle boats. Clubhouse open to groups. Jam session every Friday 7PM-11PM.

LAKEVIEW PARK & BEACH

1717 Veteran Memorial Hwy (HWY 13)

337.457.2881 | [lvpark.com](#) | [f](#)

4 cabins, 95 full hook-ups with 30, 50 amps, water, sewer, cable, free WiFi, 13 acre fishing pond, swimming pond and beach, playgrounds, movie theatre, pavilions, family restrooms, laundry and live music.

Various special rates available. Fais-do-do dances in the barn every Saturday at 8PM, Feb-Nov.

HOTELS & MOTELS

BEST WESTERN OF EUNICE

1531 W. Laurel Ave. (HWY 190W)

337.457.2800 | [f](#)

bestwesterneunice.com

34 rooms. Pool, W/D, free WiFi, HBO and complimentary breakfast, gazebo and BBQ pit.

DAYS INN & SUITES

1251 E. Laurel Ave. (HWY 190E)

337.457.3040 | [daysinn.com](#) | [f](#)

41 rooms. Fridge, microwave, W/D, free WiFi, HBO, complimentary breakfast, gazebo and BBQ pit.

EUNICE INN

1145 E. Laurel Ave. (HWY 190W)

337.457.4274

27 rooms. Fridge, microwave, and free WiFi.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

1698 Hwy. 190 W.

337.546.2466

hiexpress.com/eunicela

66 rooms. Fridge, microwave, free WiFi, complimentary breakfast and motorcoach parking. Groups welcome.

HOWARD'S INN

3789 Hwy. 190 E.

337.457.2066

24 rooms. Fridge, microwave, W/D, free WiFi, gazebo and BBQ pit.

L'ACADIE INN & RV PARK

259 Tasso Loop

337.457.5211 | [hotboudin.com](#) | [f](#)

20 rooms with microwave and fridge. Continental breakfast on weekends. 17 full hook-up RV sites with 30, 50 amps, water, sewer, cable, free WiFi, pool, playground and fishing pond.



Multi-Touch Multi-Media Table Exhibit

While at the St. Landry Parish Visitor Information Center, visitors have the opportunity to use the “Explore St. Landry” multi-touch multimedia table exhibit – the first of its kind in Louisiana. It’s a fun way to learn more about the area’s attractions and events through photo galleries, historical information, videos and printable maps.



Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House

GRAND COTEAU

grandcoteau.org

Grand Coteau, French for big ridge, rests on what was the west bank of the Mississippi River some 2,000 years ago. It was settled in 1776 and became home to Acadian, Creole, Irish and German immigrants. The town is one of the primarily few rural districts on the National Register of Historic Places with more than 70 structures designated as architecturally significant. It is noted for its magnificent trees that form alleys, groves and gardens. Creole, French, Acadian, Anglo-American, and Victorian styles are reflected in the houses, stores and religious institutions.

Catholicism and Grand Coteau have been deeply connected for almost 200 years with the establishment of the **Academy of the Sacred Heart**. Along with the church and retreat centers, spiritual and educational guidance is extended to the local community and visitors from afar.

The town hosts three major events each year: **Sweet Dough Pie Festival** (October), **Festival of Words** (November) and the **Exit 11 Yard Sale** on the third Saturday in March and September.



ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

BELLA BELLA SALON & BOUTIQUE

202 E. Martin Luther King Dr.

337.662.2370 |

Mon-Fri 9AM-5:30PM;

Sat 10AM-4PM

Browse contemporary clothing and accessories. The salon offers Aveda products and services.

JELLY BEAN GIFTS & ACCESSORIES

506 Martin Luther King Dr.

337.344.8394 |

Mon-Thur 1PM-6PM;

Fri-Sat 10AM-6PM

Ladies of all ages welcome to shop for hair accessories, jewelry, handbags, Hello Kitty, sunglasses, hats and, of course, jelly beans.

PETITE ROUGE ANTIQUES & ORGANICS

272 Martin Luther King Dr.

337.662.4002

petiterougeantiques.com |

Wed-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 1PM-4PM

Antiques, iron and vintage jewelry.

PISTACHE

294 Martin Luther King Dr.

337.662.3599

pistacheatthekitchenshop@yahoo.com

Tues-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 1PM-5PM

Clothes, jewelry and accessories.

Large selection of April Cornell women's and children's clothing.

REVISITED ANTIQUES & ADORNMENTS

232 E. Martin Luther King Dr.

337.662.3051 |

Thur-Sun 10AM-6PM

Quality, upscale shop offering fine antiques, individually designed jewelry and gifts ranging from fine porcelain to custom made floral arrangements.

THE KITCHEN SHOP & TEA ROOM

296 Martin Luther King Dr.

337.662.3500 |

Tue-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 1PM-5PM

Gourmet food, books, greeting cards, linens, items for garden and bath.

Café-au-lait and Gateau NaNa served daily by Pastry Chef Nancy Brewer.

ATTRACTIONS

SHRINE OF ST. JOHN BERCHMANS

1821 Academy Rd.
337.662.5275 | sshcoteau.org | [f](#)
Mon-Fri 9AM-2PM, by appt. only
Housed in the main building where the miracle occurred. Located on grounds of Academy of Sacred Heart, a private, Catholic learning institution.

JESUIT SPIRITUALITY CENTER AT ST. CHARLES COLLEGE

313 E. Martin Luther King Dr.
337.662.5251
home.centurytel.net/spiritualitycenter/
Founded in 1837, St. Charles College is the site of the first Jesuit college in the South. Today it is a Jesuit seminary and spirituality center. Retreats are offered by reservations. Private.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CHURCH

174 Church St.
337.662.5279
st-charles-borromeo.org
By appt. only
Designed by New Orleans architect James Freret, this wooden structure, architecturally the finest gem in Grand Coteau, has stained glass windows, paintings, statues and ornate altars. After the approval of the plans by Pope Pius IX, the first cornerstone was blessed and placed on March 19, 1879. The rear belfry, added in 1886, has a 3,104 pound bell that still rings today.

OUR LADY OF THE OAKS RETREAT HOUSE

214 Church St.
337.662.5410
ourladyoftheoaks.com
Built in 1938 on the site of the original St. Charles Church, this Spanish mission-style building sits under moss-draped oak trees. Retreaters are welcome. Private.

ACCOMMODATIONS

CASITA AZUL

151 Church St. | 337.254.9695 | [f](#)
Relax in a private guest cottage with quaint accommodations incl. queen and twin sized beds, WiFi, a large bathroom and continental breakfast with use of a coffee maker, microwave and refrigerator.

FROZARD PLANTATION COTTAGE

307 Frozard Rd. | 337.945.0204 | [f](#)
frozardplantationguestcottage.com
Private, historic 2-room guest cottage on the beautiful wooded grounds of the Frozard plantation. Full service kitchenette, queen bed, third occupancy available. GPS city location is Arnaudville.



Sweet Dough Pies

EAT & DRINK

BEAU CHENE RESTAURANT

1828 I-49 N. Service Rd.
337.662.3509
Mon-Thurs 6AM-9PM;
Fri-Sat 6AM-11PM; Sun 6AM-6PM
Full-service restaurant serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Buffet on Friday and Saturday nights.

BRENT'S CATERING

180 E. Martin Luther King Dr.
337.662.4003 | 344.3562
Brentscatering.com | [f](#)
Mon-Fri 10:30AM-1PM
Award winning, home cooked lunches served to go only. Catering for groups available to include special occasion cakes and party trays.

CREOLA CAFÉ

284 Martin Luther King Dr.
337.662.3914
Wed-Sat 11AM-3PM
A unique and homey café. Food is prepared fresh daily, incl. soups, salads and sandwiches, homemade desserts and daily specials.

P&D'S CAKE COTTAGE

106 St. Joseph St.
337.662.CAKE (2253) | [f](#)
pdcakecottage.com
Tues-Fri 8AM-5PM; Sat 8AM-10AM
Specializing in cakes for weddings and other occasions. Pastries and cakes sold by the slice daily for take-out only.

TIMELESS CHARM

107 Martin Luther King Dr.
337.937.4267 | sonnierrental.com
Downtown, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, cozy country cottage with shaded back yard. Walking distance to shops.

THE SANCTUARY

320 Martin Luther King Dr.
337.303.8896
Downtown, 3 bedroom, butterfly and rose gardens, front and back porch, pond.



Guest Room

KROTZ SPRINGS

Around the turn of the 20th century, Ohio native and sawmill owner C. W. Krotz put down the first oil well in St. Landry Parish. Krotz struck water instead of oil, so the town formerly known as Lantania became Krotz Springs.

Situated on the **Atchafalaya River**, Krotz Springs is a port and refinery center handling almost three million tons of liquid and dry bulk cargo such as oil and grain. The town is also a gateway to the outdoors with the 40,000-acre **Sherburne Wildlife Management Area** along its eastern border. Krotz Springs offers access to **Indian Bayou**, a 28,000-acre public access area in the **Atchafalaya Basin**.

Krotz Springs is well known for its “**Mile of Boudin**” whose stores are listed on the **Boudin Trail**.



Boudin – the Original Cajun Fast Food

SHOPPING



CRICKET'S BAIT SHOP

24386 Hwy. 190

337.592.0452

Open daily 5:30AM-6PM

Cricket's has the goods that will not only lure fish, but shoppers too. Open since 2004, Cricket has a talent for acquiring eclectic and even folk-artsy items of all sorts.

ATTRACTIONS

INDIAN BAYOU AREA

337.585.0853

wlf.louisiana.gov/wma/2769

Access this area via US Hwy. 190, exit at Krotz Springs. Take LA Hwy. 105 south 11.5 miles to the Ranger Station, 5th parking area on the right. Managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, this 28,000-acre, public access area is located in the heart of the Atchafalaya Basin.

SHERBURNE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA)

337.948.0255 | 337.566.2251

Access to this WMA is via Hwy. 975, which connects with Hwy. 190 near Krotz Springs on the North, and I-10 at Whiskey Bay on the South. Encompasses 40,000 acres within the Atchafalaya Basin and crosses 4 parishes (Pointe Coupée, Iberville, St. Martin, St. Landry.) Offers outdoor activities and shooting range complex. Boat launches available.

EAT & DRINK

BILLY'S DINER

24467 Hwy. 190

337.566.2080

Sun-Wed 10:30AM-8PM;

Thurs-Sat 10:30AM-10PM

On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

CAJUN CORNER CAFÉ

24386 Hwy. 190E

337.566.8003

Sun-Thurs 10AM-9PM;

Fri 10AM-10PM; Sat 9AM-10PM

On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

KARTCHNER'S

24562 Hwy. 190

337.566.0529

Mon-Sat 7AM-7PM; Sun 8AM-6PM

Specialty meat market. Traditional food. Available frozen.

On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

MORROW'S DINER

24442 Hwy. 190

337.566.3737

Mon-Fri 4AM-10PM;

Sat 5AM-10PM; Sun 10AM-10PM

Short-order menu featuring daily plate lunches and breakfast specials. Located in the Exxon Station.

WHITETAILS BAR & GRILL

24399 Hwy. 190

337.566.2800

Mon-Tues 11AM-2PM;

Wed-Sun 11AM-11PM

With a motif centered around the whitetail deer, you can enjoy wild game in the Doe or Antler Burgers. Daily Buffet. Groups welcome.

Indian Bayou Alligator Trail



LEONVILLE

Nestled along scenic **Bayou Teche** between Opelousas and Arnaudville on Highway 31, the community of Leonville was founded as a settlement of *gens de couleur libres*, or free men of color. The town took its name from the settlement's first pastor, Father Leon Mailluchet, who built the first church in 1898.

The **IFBS Lodge**, located just west of town on Highway 31, is available for events and is the frequent headquarters for zydeco trail rides. Built in 2012, the public boat launch provides easy access to Bayou Teche for boating or paddling.

SHOPPING

CHAMPAGNE'S MARCHÉ

3802 Hwy. 31
337.879.2586 | [f](#)
champagnesmarche.com
Mon-Sat 6:30AM-8PM
Sun 8AM-2PM
Plate lunches. On the Boudin Trail. King cakes available in Mardi Gras season.

EAT & DRINK

SILVER SLIPPER, CAJUN HIBACHI GRILL

2818 Hwy. 31
337.879.2050 | [f](#)
Wed, Thur, Sun 11AM-9PM;
Fri-Sat 11AM-10:30PM; Brunch
Sun 10AM-2PM with live music
Local landmark reopened in 2014 with Cajun Asian fusion menu, outdoor deck and live music every Fri and Sat night.

ACCOMMODATIONS

CAMELOT WILDERNESS RANCH B&B

4457 Hwy. 31
337.781.4312 | [f](#)
camelotwildernessranch.com
Country cottage accommodates up to four guests with a fully equipped kitchen, queen bed and satellite TV. Hiking trails, fishing and crawfish ponds and bicycles available.

PALMS ON THE TECHE

4834 Hwy. 31
904.866.0899 | 386.5212
palmsontheteche.com
Lodging in a rural setting on scenic Bayou Teche, minutes from historic sites, shopping and attractions. This 3-bedroom, 1-bath country cottage has a full kitchen, satellite TV, WiFi, a large screened porch, and boat launch. Fully equipped for small gatherings.

MELVILLE

There's good reason that the town of Melville celebrates the **Catfish Festival** every October. Much of the town's history and commerce are tied to the **Atchafalaya River**. Historically, the town made its fortune in river commerce and as a crossing point for the railroad.

Documents also indicate that Melville had several fish docks and ice houses. By the turn of the century, 50 barrels of fish were being shipped from Melville each day. Remnants and photos of those early days can be found at the town's grocery and hardware store, which has been in business since the early 20th century.

SHOPPING

CANNATELLA'S GROCERY & HARDWARE

421 Landrum St.
337.623.4211 | [f](#)
Mon-Fri 7AM-6PM; Sun 9AM-3PM
Home of "Finest Italian Sausage" and "One Good Muffaletta!" This grocery/hardware store has been serving the people of Melville since 1923. While visiting, browse the "The Old Store", which is adjacent, to shop for antiques and things, and look at historical photos. On the Boudin Trail.

ATTRACTION

LONG RIVER LODGE

497 Cannatella Rd.
337.623.4595 | 877.623.4595
longriverlodge.com | [f](#)
Seasonal
Open since 2008, visitors can hunt quail and or register for a sporting clay course or package, some of which include lodging and meals. Shooting instruction is offered for men, women, and junior shooters. The lodge is open during hunting season (primarily Nov. to March). Groups can call for private rental.



Horse Racing - and they're off!

About 200 years ago, horse racing started in Louisiana on bush tracks, which were unregulated and located all over Cajun Country. The last bush track closed in 1997, but horse racing and breeding is alive and well today in St. Landry Parish.

Today, the horse industry is the 4th largest industry in Louisiana contributing more than \$1.5 billion to Louisiana's economy. As you drive our scenic byways, you can appreciate the numerous horse farms and sprawling pastures that have long been part of the equine industry, which provides jobs in Acadiana.


Major businesses located here cater to the equine industry providing jobs, tax revenue and events for visitors and residents. **Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino** is the first "Racino" built in this country from the ground up, featuring a one mile oval track. The racing season is open Wednesday-Saturday in the spring and summer for thoroughbreds and in the fall for quarter horses. The entire property rests on 750 acres and features 1,000 stalls, hosts horse sales and has a clubhouse offering spectacular views. Inside, choose from four dining options, a sports bar and slot machines.




Four to six horse sales are hosted per year at **Equine Sales of Louisiana**. The facility, which rests on 13 acres, opened in 2010 as the first Louisiana facility dedicated to horse sales.

Millions of dollars are transacted at each sale. When not being used for a horse sale, the facility is available for groups to host parties, events, reunions, weddings and live music. **Copper Crowne Equestrian Center** is adjacent on 200 acres and offers professional services such as breeding, training, stalls, boarding and an onsite vet clinic.

EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO

2235 Creswell Lane Extension
(I-49, Exit 19), Opelousas
337.594.3000 or 866.4.RACINO
Evangelinedowns.com | 
See page 21 for details.

COPPER CROWNE EQUESTRIAN CENTER

5180 Hwy 182 (I-49, Exit 15),
Opelousas | 337.942.2401
coppercrowne.com | 

EQUINE SALES OF LOUISIANA

372 Harry Guilbeau Rd.
(I-49, Exit 15), Opelousas
337.678.3024 | equinesalesofla.com



Visions of Art

Art is a precious resource in St. Landry Parish. And it is not just music, dance and cuisine. Visual art is plentiful here, from murals honoring ancestors and music to colorful, oversized fiddles created by area artists. In many of these public exhibits, artists and business joined forces to bring concepts to life, enriching the quality of life in local communities and highlighting a living cultural economy.



ARNAUDVILLE

Town Mural 1

Created by artist and Arnaudville native, Vincent Darby, this mural takes you back to a time before there were paved roads. Arnaudville Town Hall, 107 Rue de Jausiers.

EUNICE

Prairie Mural 2

Robert Dafford, renowned Louisiana native and artist, captures an explorer and his horse gazing out on the land that was to be Eunice, the Prairie Cajun Capital, chartered in 1894. At the corner of US Hwy. 190 and 2nd Street.

OPELOUSAS

Acadian to Cajun Mural 3

Jerome Ford of Opelousas, created this mural depicting the journey of the Acadians, from their exile from Nova Scotia in the mid-1700s to south Louisiana. 113 W. Landry Street – side of building.

Zydeco Capital of the World 4

Robert Baxter's zydeco mural salutes the pioneers, innovators and award winners of zydeco music, which was born in Opelousas and St. Landry Parish.

Mural History 5

Tony Wimberly of Church Point portrays a chapter in the life of Jim Bowie, a hero of the Battle of the Alamo and resident of Opelousas in the early 1800s. Parking lot on W. Landry Street between Main Street and Court Street.

Seven Brothers Oak 6

Robert Tinney shows early settlers of the Opelousas area enjoying music and dancing under the historic oak. Parking lot on W. Landry Street between Main Street and Court Street.

Louisiana Orphan Train Mural 7

Artist Robert Dafford depicts the arrival of the orphans at the Opelousas train depot. This impressive mural measures 7'x14' and hangs in the main area of the Orphan Train Museum.

Early Fire Fighting Tribute 8

The mural, Early Fire Fighting: A Tribute to Lelle, was painted by a group of local student artists at Opelousas Catholic under the direction of Cindy Pitre. The mural depicts the fire truck named after Marie Celeste "Lelle" Dupre' Robertson. Along with her husband, she was an active member of the Hope, Hook and Ladder Fire Company Number 1 est. in 1871. 109 N Union St., Opelousas, LA 70570

Fiddlemania 9

Larger-than-life, three dimensional, fiberglass fiddle sculptures – each designed, painted and adorned by local artists. St. Landry Parish Courthouse Square on W. Landry between Court Street and Market Street and at various Opelousas businesses.



Celebrate the Year of Food in Louisiana!

This year, the Louisiana Office of Tourism is celebrating what locals do everyday – eat great food! Our Cajun & Creole culinary traditions are known around the world and our festivals celebrate every food imaginable.

Louisiana Culinary Trails has grouped the state by its cuisine with St. Landry Parish spearheading the Prairie Home Cooking Trail (louisianatravel.com/culinary) focusing on home style cooking including étouffée, gumbo, sausage and boudin. Stop at one of the many stores on the Boudin Trail, taste our local craft brew that complements our cuisine or eat up at our many festivals that celebrate our traditional foods. See our events calendar on page 34 for dates and locations.

A SOUTH LOUISIANA TRADITION

Chicken & Sausage Gumbo

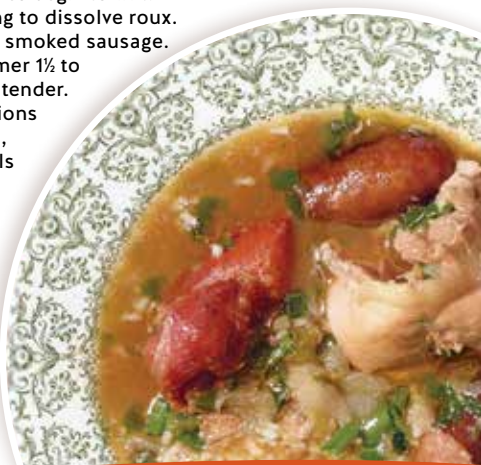
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| 1 (4-5lb.) chicken, cut into pieces | 1 green bell pepper, chopped |
| Season chicken to taste | 4 cloves garlic, minced |
| 4 tbsp. oil | 1 lb. Savoies Smoked Sausage, sliced |
| 4 tbsp. flour | 3 quarts water |
| 2 large onions, chopped | 3 tbsp. green onions, chopped |
| 2 stalks celery, chopped | 3 tbsp. parsley, chopped |

Season chicken to taste. In a large heavy pot or Dutch oven, heat oil until hot and gradually add flour, stirring continuously until well blended. Lower heat and continue stirring until roux is chocolate brown. Add chopped onion, celery, bell pepper and garlic.

Stir well and let vegetables begin to wilt. Slowly add water stirring to dissolve roux. Add chicken and sliced smoked sausage. Bring to a boil and simmer 1½ to 2 hours or until meat is tender. Add chopped green onions and parsley at very end, then serve in soup bowls with rice.

Yields 10 servings.

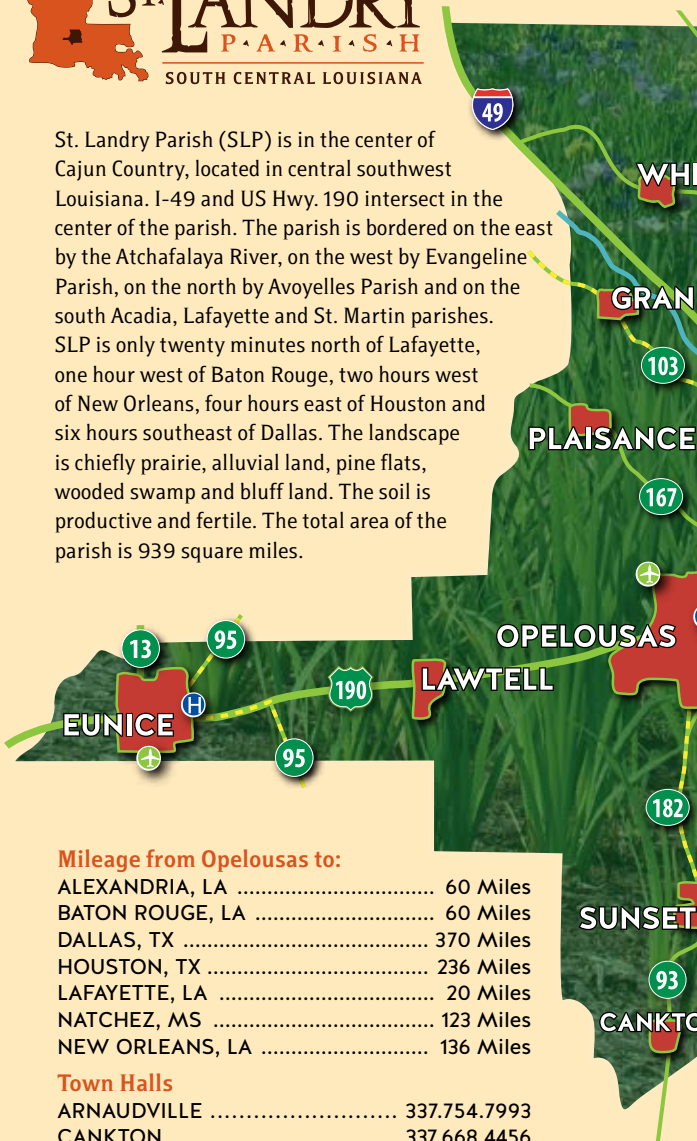
Don't forget to drop in a few hard boiled eggs and serve baked yams with your gumbo – a true St. Landry Parish tradition!



It's Gumbo for Your Soul!

ST. LANDRY
P·A·R·I·S·H
SOUTH CENTRAL LOUISIANA

St. Landry Parish (SLP) is in the center of Cajun Country, located in central southwest Louisiana. I-49 and US Hwy. 190 intersect in the center of the parish. The parish is bordered on the east by the Atchafalaya River, on the west by Evangeline Parish, on the north by Avoyelles Parish and on the south Acadia, Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. SLP is only twenty minutes north of Lafayette, one hour west of Baton Rouge, two hours west of New Orleans, four hours east of Houston and six hours southeast of Dallas. The landscape is chiefly prairie, alluvial land, pine flats, wooded swamp and bluff land. The soil is productive and fertile. The total area of the parish is 939 square miles.

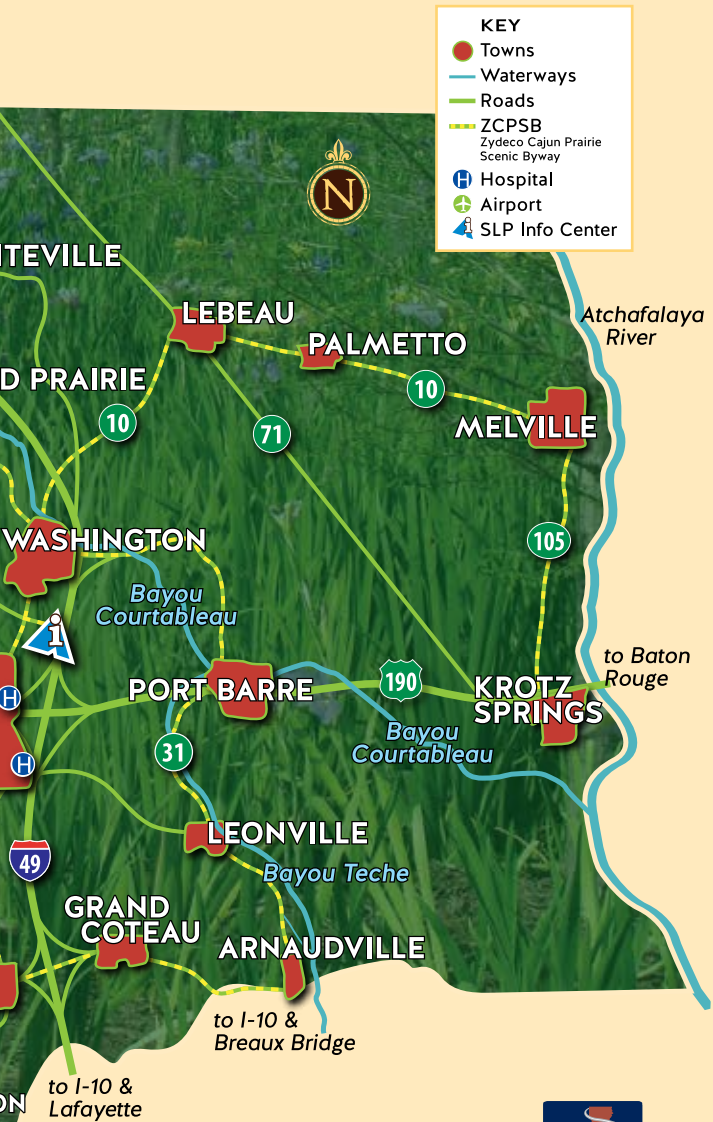


Mileage from Opelousas to:

ALEXANDRIA, LA	60 Miles
BATON ROUGE, LA	60 Miles
DALLAS, TX	370 Miles
HOUSTON, TX	236 Miles
LAFAYETTE, LA	20 Miles
NATCHEZ, MS	123 Miles
NEW ORLEANS, LA	136 Miles

Town Halls

ARNAUDVILLE	337.754.7993
CANKTON	337.668.4456
EUNICE	337.457.7389
GRAND COTEAU	337.662.5246
KROTZ SPRINGS	337.566.2322
LEONVILLE	337.879.2601
MELVILLE	337.623.4226
OPELOUSAS	337.948.2527
PALMETTO	337.623.4426
PORT BARRE	337.585.7646
SUNSET	337.662.5297
WASHINGTON	337.826.3626



**ZYDECO-CAJUN PRAIRIE
SCENIC BYWAY (ZCPSB)**

877.948.8004

zydecocajunbyway.com

Travel down the Scenic Byway that includes Acadia, Evangeline and St. Landry Parishes.

Along the way you'll visit the birthplace of zydeco and Cajun music. You'll see the sights that inspired this unique music and sample food found nowhere else. While driving the byway, tune into one of our local radio stations (page 26) to hear local Cajun and zydeco music.



CAJUNTRAVEL.COM | 877.948.8004

OPELOUSAS

Founded in 1720, Opelousas is Louisiana's third oldest city. Take a walk through downtown and see some of the original architecture, Historic District homes and public art. Some of the parish's oldest buildings survive at **Le Vieux Village**. Nearby historic structures include Louisiana's oldest governor's mansion (1848) and the **Michel Prudhomme Home** (late 1700s).



C.J. Chenier
Zydeco Musician

In 2000, when the state legislature proclaimed Opelousas as the **Zydeco Music Capital of the World**, the government was only making official what locals already knew. Generations of local families have witnessed this Creole house party music, once called "la la," grow into Grammy-winning music that is celebrated around the world.

Opelousas, a **Main Street Community**, is the birth place of **Clifton Chenier**, a master accordionist hailed as the **King of Zydeco** and recipient of the **Grammy Lifetime Achievement award**.

Terence Simien is another native, who is a two Grammy winner, and world renowned music ambassador of zydeco music. Every week, visitors can enjoy live music throughout the venues and restaurants.

In the spring and fall on Friday evenings, zydeco, Cajun and a variety of bands perform at the **Opelousas Music & Market Series**. Before, after or during live music performances, enjoy flavorful Cajun and Creole cuisine that can only be found here.

Renowned **Chef Paul Prudhomme** and seasoning entrepreneur **Tony Chachere** are both Opelousas natives. Restaurants throughout the city satisfy appetites with signature dishes such as fried chicken salad and Catfish Opelousas.

Besides music, food and history, Opelousas is home to the **Father Joseph Verbis Lafleur Monument** and a cemetery with graves of Civil War soldiers and Gov. Jacques Dupré. Every October, the lives of those buried in **St. Landry Catholic Cemetery** are vividly recreated through cemetery tours.



Fiddle Mania features oversized fiddles designed and painted by local artists, around the St. Landry Parish Courthouse Square. The designs display Louisiana's rich heritage depicting wildlife and waterways, diverse people, food, music and places.

For more than 10 years, some of America's finest thoroughbreds and quarter-horses have raced at **Evangeline Downs Racetrack**, which houses a casino offering slot machines and a luxury hotel. Try your luck or catch one of the performances at the event center.

A city overflowing with culture and diversity, Opelousas easily lives up to its motto: **Perfectly Seasoned**.

OPELOUSAS TOURIST INFORMATION & JIM BOWIE DISPLAY

828 E. Landry St. (HWY 190) | Mon-Fri 8AM-4:30PM & Sat 9AM-4PM
337.948.6263 | 800.424.5442 | cityofopelousas.com

An essential stop for information on Opelousas and surrounding areas. The tourist center also houses a display with photos and information on Jim Bowie, one-time resident of Opelousas.



ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

BECKY'S BARN

1145 Hwy. 357 (OLD LEWISBURG HWY)
1/4 mile north of Vidrine's cafe
337.356.3192 | [f](#)

Wed-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 10:30AM-5PM
8,000-sq. ft. Over 50 vendors. Crafts, antiques, wreaths, gift bags, black iron pots, glassware, goat milk soap, Camp Dog Cajun Seasoning, furniture, jewelry and more.

DOUCET'S ACADIANA ANTIQUES

1665 N. Main (HWY 182)
337.942.3425

Thurs-Fri 10AM-12PM, 1PM-4PM;
Sat 10AM-12PM, 1PM-3:30PM

One of Opelousas's oldest dealers and most knowledgeable in antiques. Wonderful estate acquisitions.

DURIO'S CURIOS ANTIQUES & RESTORATION

5853 Hwy. 182 S.
337.308.4664 | [f](#)

Wed-Sat 10AM-5PM

Antiques, primitives, shabby chic, collectibles, doors, architectural, gifts, plants and flowers. Furniture restoration.

FAVEUR

109 S. Court St.
337.308.3379 | [f](#)

Tues-Fri 9AM-6PM; Sat 12PM-4PM

A 40s themed village boutique features all natural skincare, handmade jewelry and accessories, located in Main Street District.

J. B. SANDOZ, INC.

312 N. Main St.
337.942.3564

Mon-Fri 7AM-5PM; Sat 7AM-2PM

A true find for any shopping and history enthusiast, this hardware store has been open since 1878 and is Opelousas's 2nd oldest business. Hardware, housewares and gifts.

KAPPY'S KORNER FLEA MARKET & COLLECTIBLES

3512 Hwy 182

337.678.0542 | [f](#)

Thurs-Sat 9AM-5PM

Fresh produce, craft items, antiques, home décor and collectibles.

SPOTTED CAT ANTIQUES, ETC.

637 Creswell Lane

337.678.1081 | 337.945.2593 | [f](#)

spottedcatantiques.com

Thurs-Sun 10AM-6PM (Spring/Summer)

Thurs-Sun 10AM-5PM (Fall/Winter)

More than 65 dealers and 30,000 sq. ft. of antiques, vintage clothing, furniture and primitive items.

TARGIL SEASONING & BUTCHER SUPPLIES

229 Wartell Ave.

targil.com | 800.578.0130 | [f](#)

Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM

Visit this spice house to create your own blend and custom label. 2.5 billion pounds of spices are produced annually.

ATTRACTIONS

CREOLE HERITAGE FOLKLIFE CENTER

1113 W. Vine St.

337.945.5064

astorylikenoother.com

Tues-Fri 12PM-4PM;

Sat 1PM-4PM; Sun - by appt.

Relive traditions of Creole culture. Call for guided tours. Featured on the LA African American Heritage Trail.

EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO

2235 Creswell Lane Ext.

337.594.3000 | 866.4.RACINO

evangelinedowns.com | [f](#)

Open 24 hours a day

Live thoroughbred and quarter horse racing. More than 1,400 slot machines, concerts, sports bar and a variety of restaurants. Groups welcome.

Michel Prudhomme Home



HISTORIC MICHEL PRUDHOMME HOME

1152 Prudhomme Circle

337.942.8011 | 337.523.6074

Tours by appt.

The home is believed to be the oldest structure in St. Landry Parish. This French Colonial house built in the late 1700s is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Now owned by the Preservationists of St. Landry and is available for tours, meetings and receptions.

HOLY GHOST CATHOLIC CHURCH

747 N. Union St.

337.942.2732 | hgatholic.org

This church boasts the largest Catholic congregation of African Americans in the United States. The gospel choir sings on the first, third and fifth Sundays during the 11AM Mass. The youth choir performs on the second and fourth Sundays.

ATTRACTIONS *continued*


LE VIEUX VILLAGE

828 E. Landry St.
337.948.6263 | 800.424.5442
cityofopelousas.com
Open year round. Tours by appt.
Take yourself back to a small town in the 1700s and visit an array of original buildings. Groups and tours welcome by appointment. Private space available.


LOUISIANA ORPHAN TRAIN MUSEUM

223 S. Academy St.
Located within Le Vieux Village
337.948.9922 | 337.945.4691
laorphantrain.com
Tues-Fri 10AM-3PM; Sat 10AM-2PM
The Louisiana Orphan Train Society, Inc. of Opelousas, is dedicated to collecting and preserving items that tell the history of the Orphan Train Riders who came to Louisiana by train from the New York Foundling Hospital between 1873 and 1929. One of two museums in the USA dedicated to this historical movement. Admission.

HISTORIC DISTRICT TOURS

828 E. Landry St.
337.948.5227 | 
Louisiana's third oldest city's historic district includes antebellum, Victorian and turn-of-the-century homes and other structures, which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. See where the governor lived when Opelousas was the Hidden Capital during the Civil War. A brochure is available for self-guided tours.

OPELOUSAS MUSEUM & INTERPRETIVE CENTER

315 N. Main St.
337.948.2589 | 
cityofopelousas.com
Mon-Fri 8:30AM-4PM
Group tours by appt.
Discover the history and culture of the Opelousas area from prehistoric times to the present. Special exhibits include The Geraldine Smith Welch Doll Collection, Civil War Room, Louisiana Video Collection Library, and the Southwest Louisiana Zydeco Music Festival Archives.

EAT & DRINK

BACK IN TIME

123 W. Landry St.
337.942.2413 | 
Mon-Sat 11AM-4PM
Lunch 11AM-2:30PM
Café serving award-winning recipes. Collectibles, unique gifts, jewelry, gourmet foods and gift baskets.

BILLY'S BOUDIN & CRACKLIN

904 Short Vine
337.942.9150
billysboudinandcracklin.com
Mon-Fri 7:30AM-6PM;
Sat 8AM-5PM; Sun 8AM-2PM
A Legend in Hot Boudin, Billy's serves two great recipes, his and Ray's. Enjoy smoked sausage, smoked boudin, cracklins and crawfish boudin. Drive through window. On the Boudin Trail.

BLACKBERRY'S RESTAURANT & BAR

2235 Creswell Lane Ext.
Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino
337.594.3023
evangelinedowns.com
Wed-Thur 5PM-10PM;
Fri-Sat 5PM-11PM
Upscale dining and comfort food bring legendary Southern hospitality to the table.

CAFÉ 5696

5696 I-49 S. Service Rd.
337.948.3300
Mon-Sat 6AM-10AM, 5PM-10PM;
Sunday 7AM-10AM
Serving American and Cajun cuisine. Groups up to 100 welcome.

CRAWFISH HOUSE & GRILL

1214 S. Union St.
337.948.0049 | 
Sun-Fri 11AM-2PM; Tues-Sat 5PM-9PM
"Birthplace of the Cajun Girl Poboy"
Daily plate lunches, seafood, burgers and sandwiches. Boiled crawfish, shrimp and oysters when in season.

DUOS CAJUN CORNER

840 Hwy 167
337.628.0123
Mon-Sat 8AM-7PM; Sun 8AM-2PM
Locally cured, smoked meats and sausages, canned preserves, boudin, cracklins and sweet dough pies. Featured in Bon Appetit Magazine, 2012. On the Boudin Trail.

Boiled Crawfish



HEBERT'S BOUDIN & CRACKLIN

4932 I-49 N. Service Rd.

337.942.8828

Mon-Sat 5:30AM-7PM;


Sun 6AM-7PM

Specialty meat market and local products. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

JAVA SQUARE CAFÉ

103 W. Landry St.

337.678.1055

javasquarecafe.com | 

Mon-Sat 7AM-6PM; Sun 7AM-1PM

Coffee specialties and light fare served in the old Parish Trust & Savings building (1927).

JOE'S SANDWICH SHOP

1633 W. Vine St.

337.942.5163

Mon-Thurs 7:30AM-8PM;

Fri 7:30AM-9PM; Sat 8:30AM-9PM

Est. in 1941, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Burgers, po-boys, fried seafood and chicken. Plate lunches served Mon-Fri. Party trays available.

KELLY'S COUNTRY MEAT BLOCK & DINER

1531 Union St.

337.942.7466

Store: Mon-Fri 7AM-5:30PM;


Sat 7AM-4PM; Sun 7AM-1PM.

Diner: Daily 11AM-2PM

Hearty homemade Cajun fare, daily plate lunches, BBQ on Thurs and Sun. On the Boudin Trail-will ship.

MAMA'S FRIED CHICKEN

508 E. Landry St.

337.948.9203 | 

Sun-Thurs 10AM-10PM;

Fri-Sat 10AM-11PM

The best fried chicken you'll eat in the parish. Desserts include funnel cakes and fried oreos. Family friendly environment.

MECHE'S SUPERMARKET

1508 W. Landry St.

337.942.2089

Mon-Fri 7:30AM-6:30PM;

Sat 7:30AM-5:30PM

On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

PEARL'S KITCHEN

8247 Hwy. 182

337.594.8899

Mon-Fri 10:30AM-5PM;


Sun 10AM-2PM

Home cooked plate lunches. BBQ served on Sunday. Cakes and catering for all occasions.

PHATZ CAFÉ

732 S. Union St.

337.943.1970

phatzcafe.com | 

Mon-Wed 7:30AM-3PM, Thur-Fri 7:30AM-8PM, Brunch 9AM-2PM on select Sats

Specialty burgers, light fare and famous bread pudding.

RAY'S GROCERY PLUS

6028 Hwy. 182

337.942.9077

Mon-Sat 8AM-6PM

On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

SAVOIE'S FOODS

1742 Hwy. 742

337.942.9955

Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM

On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

SOILEAU'S DINNER CLUB

1618 N. Main St.

337.942.2985 | soileaus.com

Mon-Fri 6AM-8:30PM;

Sat 7AM-3PM

Est. in 1937, Soileau's offers fresh seafood, char-broiled angus beef, Cajun specialties. Family and candlelight dining, private banquet room and take-out available. Family owned and operated.

THE PALACE CAFÉ

135 W. Landry St.


337.942.2142

Daily 6AM-9PM

Open since 1927, this popular diner serves down home Cajun cooking. Try the daily lunch special and the most popular fried chicken salad.

VIDRINE'S CAFÉ

1011 Hwy. 357

337.948.9273 | 

Mon 7AM-2PM; Tues-Thurs

7AM-9PM; Fri-Sat 7AM-10PM;

Sun 7AM-2PM

Breakfast, lunch and dinner served. Plate lunches served daily. Boiled crawfish, shrimp and crab are available when in season.

YAM COUNTRY PIES

1115 S. Union St.

337.948.4553

yamcountrypies.org | 

Tues-Fri 10AM-5:30PM; Sat 10AM-2PM

Traditional and folded pies made with sweet dough in yam, apple, lemon and seasonal flavors.

Crawfish & Sausage Jambalaya



LIVE MUSIC

MILLER'S ZYDECO HALL OF FAME

11154 Hwy 190
millerdustin70@yahoo.com | [f](#)
Open weekends

This legend in live music attracts large crowds and zydeco musicians. Call for schedule.

ZYDECO'S INSIDE EVANGELINE DOWNS

2235 Creswell Lane Ext.
337.594.3000 | 866.472.2466
evangelinedowns.com
Thurs 6PM-12AM; Fri & Sat 6PM-1AM
Live music Fri & Sat nights at 9PM.

SLIM'S Y KI-KI

8471 Hwy. 182 | 337.942.6242
Open weekends
A popular zydeco dance hall since 1947. Call for schedule.

BED & BREAKFAST

COUNTRY RIDGE B&B

169 Country Ridge Rd.
337.948.1678 | cajunbnb.com
Located on a topographical ridge, aesthetic landscaping, pool and life-size yard chess. 4 bedrooms, 4½ baths, jacuzzi, fireplace, WiFi, breakfast area and dining room.

CAMPGROUNDS

ALICE'S RV PARK

631 Desiree Rd. | 337.288.9633
8 full hook-up sites with access to electricity, water and sewer. RV rental, laundry, picnic tables, church services available. One pet allowed per party.

CARIBBEAN CAMPGROUND AND WELLNESS CENTER

1077 Wisdom Rd. | 337.678.1500
caribbeancampground.com
23 RV sites, can accommodate RVs up to 70ft, 30/50 amp, full hookups, water, sewer, dump station, Cable TV, Wi-Fi, laundry, restrooms, showers, accessible. Family friendly activities and wellness center on site.

DALE WHITE RV PARK

7829 Hwy 31 | 337.652.8353
39 full hook-up sites, near Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino with access to electricity, running water dump station. Showers, laundry and partial handicap access. Camping clubs welcome. Pets allowed.

SOUTH CITY PARK CAMPGROUND

1524 S. Market St. | 337.948.2562
61 RV sites with water, electricity, 30/50 amp, dump station. Tent camping. Year-round tennis courts in walking distance. Pavilion and meeting halls for special events.



Fiddles

HOTELS & MOTELS

BUDGET INN

1125 N. Main St. | 337.942.9762
18 rooms. Daily & weekly rates, microwave/fridge, free WiFi, HBO.

CARDINAL INN MOTEL

12012 Hwy. 190 | 337.942.5624
35 rooms. Daily & weekly rates.

COMFORT INN

5454 I-49 N. Service Rd, Exit 18
337.942.4900 | comfortinn.com
57 rooms. Complimentary breakfast, free WiFi, pool.

DAYS INN & SUITES OF OPELOUSAS

5761 I-49 S. Service Rd, Exit 18
337.407.0004 | daysinn.com
58 rooms. Complimentary breakfast, microwave/fridge, free WiFi, pool. Groups welcome.

EVANGELINE DOWNS HOTEL

2235 Creswell Lane, Exit 18, Lot B
337.407.2121 | [f](#)
evangelinedownshotel.com
117 rooms. Connected to Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino. Fridge, microwave, free WiFi, fitness room, indoor pool, hot tub and business center. Groups welcome.

HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & SUITES

5696 I-49 N. Service Rd, Exit 18
337.948.3300
holidayinn.com/opelousasLA
National Award Winner for Design. Only full service hotel. Heated spa and indoor pool. Groups welcome, private space available.

RANCH MOTEL

315 S. Cane St | 337.942.9775
19 rooms

REGENCY INN & SUITES

4165 I-49 S. Service Rd, Exit 15
337.948.9500
65 rooms.

SUPER 8 MOTEL OF OPELOUSAS

5791 I-49 S. Service Rd, Exit 18
337.942.6250
46 rooms, WiFi, pool, cable TV/HBO complimentary hot breakfast.

TOWNHOUSE MOTEL

337 W. Landry St. | 337.948.4488
30 rooms. Daily & weekly rates.

PALMETTO & LEBEAU



Palmetto Plants

Located on Hwy. 10, between Melville and Hwy. 71, Palmetto earned its name from the plentiful plants that grow in the area. Before a sign was made for the train depot, fronds of palmetto plant were nailed to the building. The spirit of early Palmetto is still felt at the community's general store, which has been open since the 1930s. On the Saturday before the Fourth of July, thousands head to Lebeau for its annual **Zydeco Festival**, a fundraiser for the local catholic church.

SHOPPING

BUDDEN'S STORE

165 W. Railroad Ave., Palmetto
337.623.4711 | 

Mon-Sat 8AM-5PM; Thurs 8AM-12PM

Established in 1934, this general store retains the character of the early days of Palmetto when it was the trade center for the surrounding agricultural area. French is spoken here.

EAT & DRINK

STELLY'S OF LEBEAU, INC.

8611 Hwy. 71, Lebeau
337.623.4458

Store: Daily 7AM-8PM

Restaurant: Daily 6AM-8:30PM

Open since 1920, this grocery store-restaurant combo offers local specialties, breakfast and plate lunches. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.



Living off the Land

Milo Harvest (above), Farmers Market (bottom left), Crawfish Pond (bottom right)

Sixty percent of St. Landry Parish acreage (almost 600 square miles) is used for agricultural purposes. Crops grown for the commodity and consumer markets include corn, cotton, crawfish, hay, produce, rice, soybeans, sugarcane, sweet potatoes and wheat. Louisiana's economy reaps close to \$1 billion in commodity contributions.



Visitors and residents enjoy the weekly local farmers markets in Eunice, Opelousas, and Washington. Vendors sell an abundance of homegrown produce such as beets, blueberries, figs, green onions, okra, pecans, sweet corn, and tomatoes.

PORT BARRE

Bayou Teche

Port Barre is the birthplace of the **Bayou Teche**. Settled as a French trading post in the early 1800s, Port Barre sits at the point where **Bayou Courtableau** flows into the historic **Bayou Teche**.

In October, hundreds gather for the **Tour du Teche**, a 133-mile staged marathon for canoes and kayaks of all sizes. The course is the length of the Bayou Teche from Port Barre to Berwick. The race snakes through St. Landry, St. Martin, Iberia and St. Mary parishes, woods, swamps and cane fields.

Mouth-watering bread made with jalapenos, sausage and cheese may be the town's most famous food export. In November, crunchy pork skins take center stage at the **Port Barre Cracklin Festival**.



2013 Port Barre Annual Cracklin Festival, photos by Edgar LaFleur.

EAT & DRINK

BOURQUE'S SUPERMARKET & DELI

581 Saizan Ave.

337.585.6261 | [f](#)

[bourquespecialties.com](#)

Deli: Mon-Sun 7AM-7:45PM

Famous for jalapeno, sausage and cheese bread. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

CHICKEN KING

17560 Hwy. 190

337.585.7150

Open daily 8AM-10PM

Breakfast biscuits, burgers, po-boys, fried chicken, seafood, steaks and plate lunches served daily. BBQ lunches on Tues. and Sun.

KING'S TRUCK STOP

16470 Hwy. 190

337.585.2993

Open 24 hours a day

Offers breakfast and a large menu selection with authentic Cajun and seafood dishes.

ACCOMMODATIONS

BAYOU TECHE RV PARK

100 Bayou Dr. | 337.585.7646

47 shaded camp sites located on the banks of Bayou Teche with access to electricity and running water. Dump site, large pavilion and showers available.

TRAVELERS MOTEL

17425 Hwy. 190 | 337.585.7642

31 rooms with cable TV, some with microwave/fridge. Daily and weekly rates available.



LOCAL RADIO STATIONS

KBON 101.1FM

Louisiana artists | [kbon.com](#)

KEUN 105.5FM/1490AM

Cajun & Country | [f](#)

KOGM 107.1FM

Old Gold

SUNSET

Former Sunset High School

Legend has it that Sunset received its name from railroad workers who were building tracks in the late 1800s. The workers named new train stops as they reached them. Apparently, they arrived in Sunset at the end of the day.

Today, the town's sun is rising, especially in the arts community. Old buildings have been revived into restaurants and stores for antiques, collectibles, leather goods, furniture and memorabilia.

The **Exit 11 Yard Sale**, which includes the neighboring community of Grand Coteau, is host to thousands of shoppers the third Saturday of March and September.

Surrounded by fertile fields and horse farms, Sunset was once billed as the sweet potato capital of the world. It has also become known for herbs. Each spring, **A Celebration of Herbs & Gardens** takes place. This one day festival showcases yard art, native plants, fresh herbs and flowers.

Attend the **2nd Saturday in Sunset** along *Corridor des Arts* (Sunset to Henderson) celebrating a different theme each month. The events are family friendly and highlight various aspects of our culture.



ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

ANTIQUE WOODS OF LA

184 Pershing Hwy.
337.662.2121
antiquewoodsla.com
Mon-Fri 9AM-4PM


Custom projects and woodworking services including floors, ceilings, staircase parts, furniture, entire log cabins.

BAYOU SOME STUFF THRIFT SHOP

789 Napoleon Ave.
337.331.5577
Thurs-Sat 9AM-5PM

Furniture, kitchen stuff, clothing, toys, music, jewelry, collectibles, and art.

HANDMADE METAL DESIGN & SECRET CYPRESS

758B Napoleon Ave.
318.582.9014 | 
Fri-Sat 9AM-5PM

Metal designs for indoor and outdoor tables, accent pieces, garden and gate décor. Incorporated into the designs is sinker cypress, which has been submerged for 50+ years. Custom orders.

HOME AGAIN ANTIQUES


125 S. Budd St.
337.298.1183 | 
Thurs-Sat 10AM-5PM;
Sun 12AM-4PM

Home decor, antiques, glassware, artwork, vintage furniture, books and knick knacks.

J&B QUILTING


988 Napoleon Avenue
337.662.1183 | jbquilting.com
Tues-Fri 9AM-5:30PM; Sat 10AM-3PM
Quilting fabrics and supplies. Call for class schedule.

JERILYN'S FUSED GLASS GALLERY & ART STUDIO

819 Napoleon Ave.
337.662.5409 | 
Wed-Sat 11AM-6PM
and by appt.

Wind chimes, fan pulls, garden stakes, masks, framed art and jewelry. Commissions upon request.

MON AMOUR BOUTIQUE & GIFTS

784 Napoleon Ave.
337.849.7890 | 
Mon-Sat 10AM-6PM

Vintage inspired clothing lines, accessories and home décor.

REMEMBER WHEN ANTIQUES

959 Napoleon Ave
337.308.4899
Fri-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 12-5PM

Vintage and antique furniture, home décor and agricultural items in the former Squirt building.



Exit 11 Yard Sale

SHOPPING *continued*

SUNSET ANTIQUE MARKET

151 Leo Richard Lane

337.212.2091 | [f](#)

Fri-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 12-5PM

Find antiques, art and collectibles in a unique shopping experience at an old sweet potato farm. The buildings are vintage warehouses approximately 50-75 years old.

SUNSET RAIL STOP FLEA MARKET

312 Anna St.

337.662.1118 | 337.945.9188 | [f](#)

Thurs-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 12PM-4PM

Located in a converted feed store & warehouse. Primitives, furniture, art, jewelry, collectibles, memorabilia and more.

THE FUNKY FLEA

829-A Napoleon Ave.

337.662.6222 | [f](#)

Thurs-Sat 10AM-5PM;

Sun 12PM-4PM

Flea market featuring antique and vintage furniture, glassware, music albums and jewelry. Local art is abundant - photography, paintings, pottery, glass, metal and mixed media.

THE GLASS PORCH STUDIO

297 Pershing Hwy.

337.322.7906 | [f](#)

By appt. only

Working glass studio by Charla Guidry. Fused glass art specializing in garden and home décor.

WATER OAK FARMS

829 Napoleon Ave

337.662.3276 | [f](#)

Wed-Sat 10AM-4PM

wateroakfarmsinc.com

Handmade, natural bath & body products specializing in CAOS - Conditioning All natural Olive oil Soap. Will ship.

EAT & DRINK

CAFÉ JOSEPHINE

818 Napoleon Ave.

337.662.0008 | [f](#)

cafejosephinesunset.com

Tue-Thurs 11AM-2PM/5PM-9PM;

Fri 11AM-2PM/4PM-10PM;

Sat 11AM-10PM

Specializing in Cajun cuisine. It has a full service bar, complete with a large screen TV. Private group dining.

JANISE'S SUPERMARKET & DELI

147 Oak Tree Park Dr.

337.662.5512 | [f](#)

janisessupermarket.com

Open daily 7AM-8PM

Specialty meats, po-boys and Cajun cuisine. Homemade plate lunches made daily. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

LE PETIT GATEAU

829-B Napoleon Ave

337.662.3000 | [f](#)

lepetitgateau.co

Tues-Sat 9AM-6PM, Sunday

reserved for private parties

French style bakery featuring eclairs, macaroons, cupcakes, scones and petit fours. Coffee and tea salon offering three and five course tea parties for adults and children.

ACCOMMODATIONS

LA CABOOSE B&B AND GIFT SHOP

145 S. Budd St.

337.662.5401

Restored railroad caboose, depot, mail car and ticket office hosts guests in Certified Natural Backyard Habitat. Gift shop includes gourd art, local art and personally made jams and jellies.

I-49 RV PARK

116 I-49 North Service Rd.

337.945.1118

(GPS city location is Carencro)

Located on the service off I-49 between Exits 7 and 11, the park features 18 full hookups with 30, 50 amps, water, sewer, stocked fishing pond, complimentary washer/dryer, restrooms and shower. Daily, weekly and monthly rates available.

SUNSET MOTOR INN

2153 I-49 North Service Rd.

337.662.3726

31 rooms.

Gourd Art



WASHINGTON

Washington, first named Church Landing, was the site of the first Catholic Church (built in 1770) in St. Landry Parish.

Located on Bayou Courtableau, and a thriving steamboat town in the 1800s, Washington served as the largest port between New Orleans and St. Louis. Steamers worked their way through a maze of bayous and rivers to carry cargo to New Orleans.

Plantation homes, cottages, warehouses and other buildings from those steamboat days are still standing serving as restaurants, bed and breakfast inns, and shops. Much of the original town is included in the **Washington Historic District**, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Trolley car tours provide an enjoyable way to see the town's historic sites. Antique lovers can spend hours browsing through treasures at the numerous shops along Main Street.

The Old Schoolhouse Antique Mall, which is a former high school built in the 1934, is now host to more than 100 antique dealers and open every weekend. The second weekend in April and October is the Semi-Annual Antique Fair & Yard Sale that attracts thousands of shoppers.



Nature walks and birding are popular activities in the hardwood forest of the Thistlethwaite Wildlife Management Area.

Traditions of living off the land are celebrated at the **Rabbit Cookoff** and the annual **Catfish Festival**, featuring arts, crafts and musicians.



Washington has many buildings included on the National Register of Historic Places.

ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

DISCOVERED TREASURES

104 S. Main St.

337.628.0111 |

Fri-Sun 10AM-5PM

Variety of vintage and antique items, upcycled, restored or altered project pieces.

NANNY BELLE'S ANTIQUES

402 S. Main St.

337.826.8793 | 337.849.8477

Fri-Sun 9AM-6PM;

Special Holiday Hours

More than 10,000 sq. ft. of treasures, antiques, glassware, china and more. Enjoy complimentary coffee and pastries in the morning. Home of Cajun Country antiques.

OLD SCHOOLHOUSE ANTIQUE MALL

123 Church St.

337.826.3580 |

Fri-Sun 9AM-5PM

oldschoolhouseantiquemall.com
40,000 sq. ft. - antiques, collectibles, vintage clothing, jewelry and primitives. 50s-style cafe offers home-cooked meals. Semi-annual Antique Fair & Yard Sale on the 2nd weekends of April and October with vendors on six acres.

OLE WOOD ACCENTS

400 S. Main St.

Mon-Fri 7AM-4:30PM

Beautiful cypress furniture, floors and stairs made to order. Furniture repairs and woodworking.

STEELE MAGNOLIA

104 N. Main St.

337.826.3321

Fri-Sun 9AM-6PM

French-American antique furniture incl. French armoires, marble estate jewelry, tabletops, lamps, Belgium chandeliers, assortment of stain leaded glass, exclusive crystal glassware and linens.

Shop for Antiques, Crafts & Art





Thistlethwaite Wildlife Management Area

ATTRACTIONS

WASHINGTON MUSEUM & TOURIST CENTER

404 N. Main St.
337.826.3627
townofwashingtonla.org
Mon-Fri 8AM-4PM;
Sat-Sun 9AM-4PM

Information on historic sites, maps, house and walking tours, antique shops, and B&B listings. Artifacts of the steamboat era are housed in the museum. Trolley rental is available for groups.

THISTLETHWAITE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

522 Plant Rd.
337.948.0255
Take I-49 North to Exit 27. Travel north on LA 10/LA 182 for 1.5 miles. Turn right onto Plant Rd. Go approx. 3.5 miles to the WMA. Thistlethwaite is a 17-square mile tract offering 11,000 acres of mature hunting as well as birding and nature walks. It is incl. on America's Wetland Red River Birding Trail.

EAT & DRINK


ARDOIN'S GROCERY

321 N. Saint John St.
337.826.7136
Mon-Fri 6:30AM-6:30PM;
Sat 6:30AM-2PM
On the Boudin Trail-will ship.

OLD SCHOOLHOUSE CAFÉ

123 Church St.
337.826.3580
schoolhouseantique@att.net
Fri-Sun 9AM-5PM
50s-style cafe offers home cooked meals, homemade desserts, coffee and beverages.

STEAMBOAT WAREHOUSE RESTAURANT

525 N. Main St.
337.826.7227 | 

steamboatwarehouse.com
Tue-Sat 5PM-UNTIL; Sun 11AM-2PM
This is the last of the old steamboat warehouses on Bayou Courtableau, this brick building was built in the 1820s and restored in 1977. Enjoy cocktails on the deck overlooking the bayou, then feast on delicious steaks, seafood and specialties.

WASHINGTON CITGO

311 North Main Street
337.826.5704
Sun-Thurs 5AM-7PM;
Fri-Sat 5AM-8PM
Daily breakfast. Short order menu with burgers, fried chicken, salads and more. Deli closes one hour and fifteen minutes prior to store closing.



Steamboat Warehouse Restaurant

ACCOMMODATIONS

RED GATE HOUSE B&B

415 N. St. John St.
337.826.0074 | 504.234.0608
A restored Acadiana house, c. 1949, incl. a bedroom furnished in period antiques with adjoining bath. Guests have use of the living room and comfortable front porch. Breakfast included. A block from Steamboat Warehouse Restaurant.

STEAMBOAT COTTAGES

513 N. Main St.
337.826.1009
steamboatwarehouse.com
Nestled on scenic Bayou Courtableau, the cottages feature spacious living areas, bedrooms with French doors leading to patios, full baths, cypress furnishings, TV, min-fridge and microwave. Next to Steamboat Warehouse Restaurant.

THE CRAWFORD HOUSE B&B

331 E. Carriere St,
337.826.3003 | 337.945.8274
tinney.net/portraits/crawford.htm
In 1864, this property was acquired by steamboat Captain William Crawford and his wife, Delia. Guests can enjoy an atmosphere of 19th-century living with three porches overlooking the landscaped grounds including 150-year-old live oaks.

TOWN OF WASHINGTON RV PARK

403 Front St.
337.826.3626
Office closed on weekends
Enjoy five acres in a family and pet friendly environment with 50+ full hookups incl. water, electricity and sewerage. Sites available year round except during the Catfish Festival (April dates).

WASHINGTON CAMPGROUND

1408 Hwy 10 N.
337.826.4822
Office closed on Monday
This rustic campground of 60 sites is situated along Bayou Courtableau. Water, electricity, sewerage and shower room provided. Live music Sat. nights. French is spoken here.

Beautiful B&Bs in Historic Homes



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Did you know?

- Established on April 10, 1805 by a legislative act, St. Landry Parish became the largest parish in the Louisiana state. 12 municipalities make up the parish with Opelousas serving as the parish seat.
- According to the 2010 census, the population is slightly under 84,000.
- Water covers 10 square miles and is home to many wildlife habitats and offers adventures and activities for outdoor enthusiasts.
- Music is part of our culture and has been recognized with Grammy Awards. Terrance Simien & The Zydeco Experience have earned two (2008 & 2014) and Clifton Chenier (1925-1987) earned a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2014.
- The word zydeco evolved from the French phrase *les haricots sont pas salés*. Literally translated it means "the snapbeans are not salty," a metaphor for times being so tough that people could not afford salt meat to season their food. Zydeco now refers to a specific genre of music.

GENEALOGY



The Opelousas-Eunice Library offers many resources for local genealogy searches.

St. Landry Parish is fortunate to have archival records dating back to the early 1800s and welcomes visitors to search for ancestry through several resources open to the public.

Louisiana is the only state to have parishes rather counties because it was officially Roman Catholic under both France and Spain's rule. These land territories coincided with church parishes until 1807. At that time, the legislature adopted the ecclesiastical term.

The Imperial St. Landry Genealogical & Historical Society has an active membership that meets monthly with periodic workshops and seminars. The public is invited to attend. Members are happy to assist with research that may answer some of your family's questions about roots of origin. (imperialstlandrygenealogy.org and [facebook.com/ImperialStLandry](https://www.facebook.com/ImperialStLandry))

Other public resources include:

ST. LANDRY PARISH CLERK OF COURT

118 S. Court St., Suite 109, Opelousas
337.942.5606 ext 145 | stlandryparish.org
Mon-Fri 8AM-4PM

ST. LANDRY CATHOLIC CHURCH

1020 N. Main St., Opelousas
337.942.6552 | stlandrycatholicchurch.org
Research requests must be made in writing via email - stlandrychurch@diolaf.org.
Mon-Thurs 8:30AM-12PM; 1PM-4PM

OPELOUSAS-EUNICE PUBLIC LIBRARY

212 E. Grolee St. Opelousas
337.948.3693
Mon-Fri 8AM-5:30PM, Sat 8AM-5PM
www.opelousas.lib.la.us

Visit www.la-cemeteries.com to find cemeteries in St. Landry Parish. Here are just a few.

- **Jesuit Cemetery** – Grand Coteau
- **St. Landry Catholic Church Cemetery** – Opelousas
- **Myrtle Grove Cemetery** – Opelousas
- **Cedar Hill Cemetery** – Washington
- **Hebrew Rest Cemetery** - Washington

On the first and second weekends of October, St. Landry Catholic Church conducts **Cemetery Tours** in order to help preserve the gravesites. Plan your trip to see some of the parish's "older" residents come to life and tell their story through reenactments.



BAYOU TECHE

Tour du Teche Racers

Explore Bayou Teche, part of the **Atchafalaya National Heritage Area**, by canoe, kayak, stand up paddle or small boat. What the Chitimacha Indians once claimed was a large poisonous snake is actually a 135 mile long bayou, perfect for paddling, birding, fishing, and host to several events and races. The bayou starts in Port Barre, St. Landry Parish, flows through St. Martin and Iberia Parishes ending in Berwick, St. Mary Parish (bayoutechecorridor.com).

What started as cleanup projects has blossomed into a nonprofit organization called the **TECHE Project** (techeproject.com). Through their efforts, the bayou is now recognized as a Paddle Trail featuring 13 established access points for paddle trips. In 2015, it helped bring recognition to Louisiana as the first waterway to be listed as a National Water Trail. This designation places the Teche in an elite group of rivers across the nation and will increase recreational tourism for the visitors and residents in the 15 communities and the four parishes.

Be sure to bring binoculars; more than 250 species of birds visit this area annually like the Little Blue Heron, Downy Wood Pecker, Prothonotary Warbler, Northern Water Thrush, Wood Duck, and Red Tailed Hawk. Pack a pole and fishing net as well because the Teche is home to more than 90 species of fish, crawfish, crabs and shrimp.

Several events occur on Bayou Teche starting in the spring - Top of the Teche, *Petit Tour du Teche*, Chitimacha, and *Tour du Teche* – the three day marathon race from Port Barre to Berwick (tourduteche.com).



To enhance your experience, purchase a waterproof map that marks restaurants and attractions along the bayou. Email: techeproject@gmail.com.



Enjoy a variety of culture, art, food and music festivals held throughout the year.

CAJUN COUNTRY EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Cajun Country

Mardi Gras Celebration

Downtown Eunice

337.457.7389 | eunice-la.com

5 day celebration beginning the Friday before Mardi Gras Day

Opelousas Mardi Gras Celebration

Opelousas | 337.407.2288 | 948.5227

cityofopelousas.com

Lundi Gras Day (Mon.)

& Mardi Gras Day

MARCH

Here's the Beef Cook-off

Opelousas | 337.684.6751

1ST Sunday

World Championship

Crawfish Étouffée Cook-off

Eunice | 337.457.2565

4TH Sunday

APRIL

Semi-Annual Antique

Fair & Yard Sale

Washington | 337.826.3580

oldschoolhouseantiquemall.com

2ND weekend

La Semaine Française

Arnaudville | 337.453.3307

semaine-francaise-arnaudville.org

3RD weekend

Arnaudville Étouffée Festival

Arnaudville | 337.754.5912

4TH weekend

MAY

A Celebration of Herbs & Gardens

Sunset | 337.662.5225

sunsetherbfestival.com

1ST Saturday

Sportsmen's Heritage Festival

Krotz Springs | 337.566.3527

Last full weekend

JULY

Lebeau Zydeco Festival

Lebeau | 337.623.5909 | 623.4362

1ST Saturday

AUGUST

Original Southwest Louisiana

Zydeco Music Festival

Plaisance | 337.942.2392

zydeco.org

Saturday before Labor Day

SEPTEMBER

Holy Family Bazaar

Lawtell | 337.351.0855

home.catholicweb.com/holyfam-

ily_saintann/

3RD weekend

OCTOBER

Atchafalaya Catfish Festival

Melville | 337.623.4226

2ND weekend

Semi-Annual Antique

Fair & Yard Sale

Washington | 337.826.3580

oldschoolhouseantiquemall.com

2ND weekend

St. Landry Catholic Church

Cemetery Tours

337.942.6552

stlandrycatholicchurch.org

2ND & 3RD weekends

Experience Louisiana Festival

Eunice | 337.457.1776

3RD weekend

Sweet Dough Pie Festival

Grand Coteau | 337.662.3058

sweetdoughgc.com

4TH Saturday

NOVEMBER

Holy Ghost Creole Bazaar & Festival

Opelousas | 337.942.2732

holyghostcreolefestival.com

1ST weekend

Cracklin Festival

Port Barre | 337.457.1776

portbarreacklinfestival.com

2ND weekend

Festival of Words

Grand Coteau | 337.254.9695

festivalofwords.org

DECEMBER

Le Feu et L'eau (Fire & Water)

Rural Arts Celebration

Arnaudville | 337.453.3307

fireandwaterfestival.org

1ST Saturday

When planning your visit please refer to the Calendar of Events on our website cajuntravel.com for updates and additional events.

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER



The 4,600 sq. ft. St. Landry Parish Visitor Center, located at 978 Kennerson Rd in Opelousas, opened its doors in May 2011. The Center was constructed utilizing sustainable practices and many LEED certified materials. It was designed to incorporate both old and new practices, many relating back to those used by our Cajun ancestors. Such examples are a water cistern, gabion baskets, vertical axis wind turbine, reclaimed materials (brick, wood, and asphalt).

The landscape design features indigenous plantings and trees that reflect Louisiana's ecosystems and can survive in our (sometimes) extreme seasons.

Staying true to the sustainability goal, construction scrap was kept out of the landfill and materials were collected to be repurposed by local artists. These artistic, visual pieces are proudly displayed.

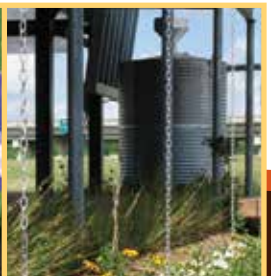
The Center is also known as a working classroom for students interested in architecture, landscape design, environmental science, soil conservation, and construction. School groups of all ages are welcome – from elementary to university.

These tours reference much of our culture and also feature outdoor kiosks that are also translated in French. The Center has earned the gold status of the Franco-Responsible Certification by CODOFIL, Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, through its deployment of French speaking staff and translated visitor information. CODOFIL's mission, as Louisiana's French language agency, is to support and grow Louisiana's francophone communities through scholarships, French immersion schools and various other community - and language skill-building programs.



The Visitor Center is warm, welcoming and serves our area by spreading news about St. Landry Parish and surrounding areas. It has won numerous awards since its completion and we congratulate our architectural firms Ashe, Broussard, Weinzettle and Environmental Designs. *Now if we can brag a bit:*

- ▲ 2012 Gold Winner, Architecture-Commercial by *The Independent*, INDesign Awards
- ▲ 2012 Honor Award and the Member's Choice Award by the *American Institute of Architects*, Louisiana Affiliate



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