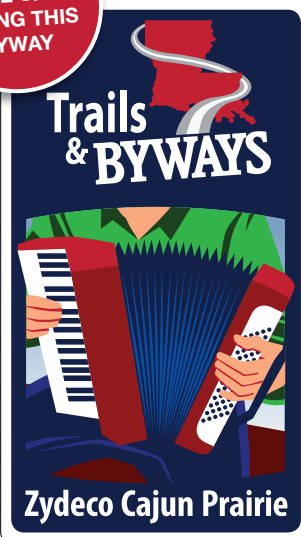


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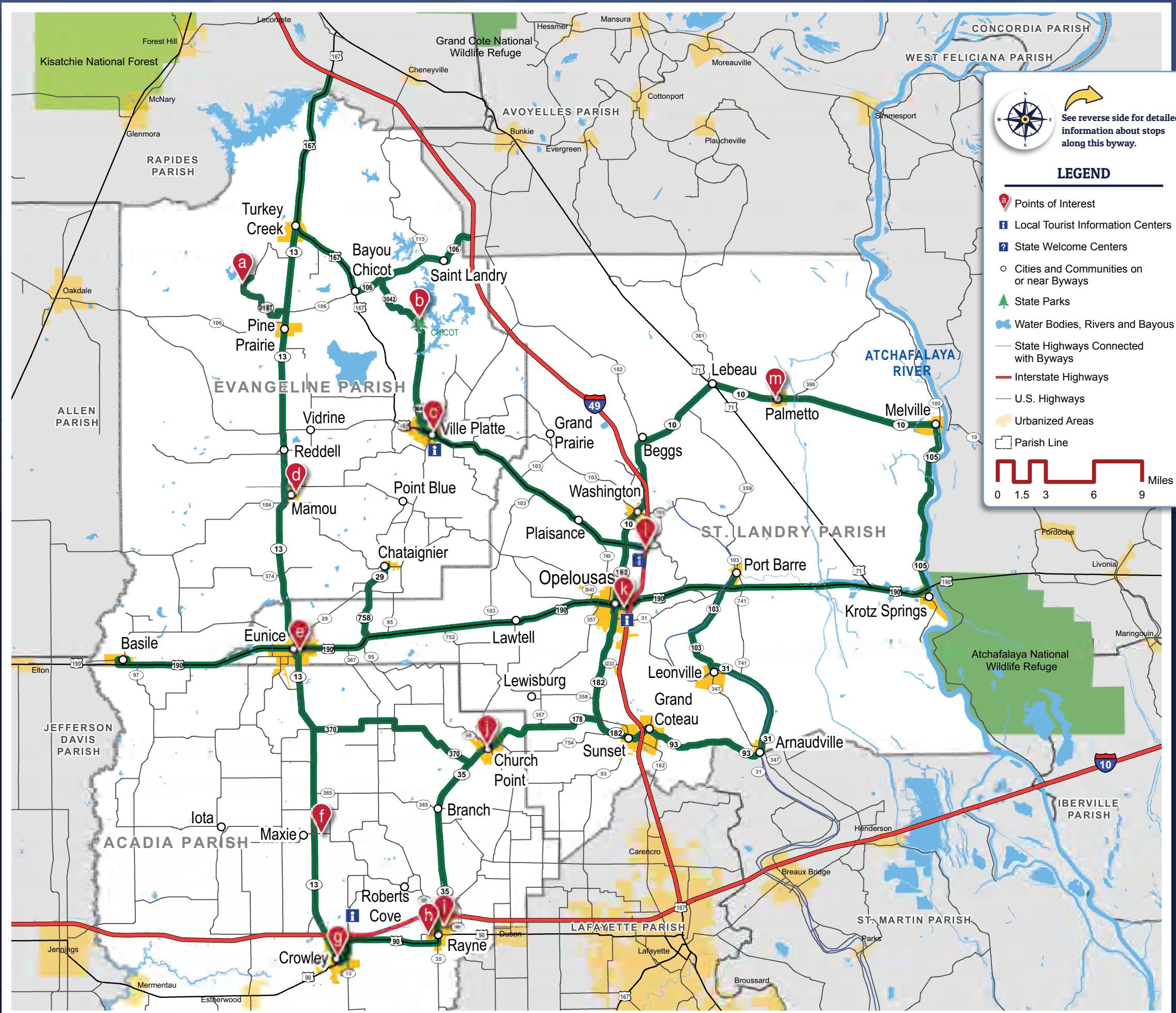
## 17 ZYDECO CAJUN PRAIRIE BYWAY



The Zydeco Cajun Prairie Byway pays tribute to the music of south Louisiana, touching many iconic music spots while ambling through serene, rolling prairies. Visitors will come upon crawfish farms, sweet potato fields and pastures where cattle and horses graze. A ride along this 283-mile byway also illustrates why Louisiana is famous for its festivals. The towns along the route in St. Landry, Acadia and Evangeline parishes hold celebrations to honor everything from cotton to cracklins. The Zydeco Cajun Prairie Byway offers visitors their choice of routes, suiting all paces and interests.

A trip along the Zydeco Cajun Prairie Byway gives visitors a taste of the Cajun music, beautiful landscapes and festivals that make Louisiana famous.

[LouisianaByways.com](http://LouisianaByways.com)







# Here's a sampling of the many attractions throughout the Zydeco Cajun Prairie Byway. Let your stories begin here.

## MORE INFORMATION

Call or visit the welcome centers or CVB visitor information areas listed, and find us online at [LouisianaByways.com](http://LouisianaByways.com).

## DRIVING TIPS:

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

### **a** CROOKED CREEK RECREATION PARK

This beautiful park includes a 400-acre lake, cabins, wilderness camping area, nature trail, group shelter with camper hookups, shaded tent area, swimming areas with a sand beach and a dock with boat launch.

1300 Sandy Beach Drive, Ville Platte, LA 70586, 337-599-2661, Email: [crookedcreekep@gmail.com](mailto:crookedcreekep@gmail.com)

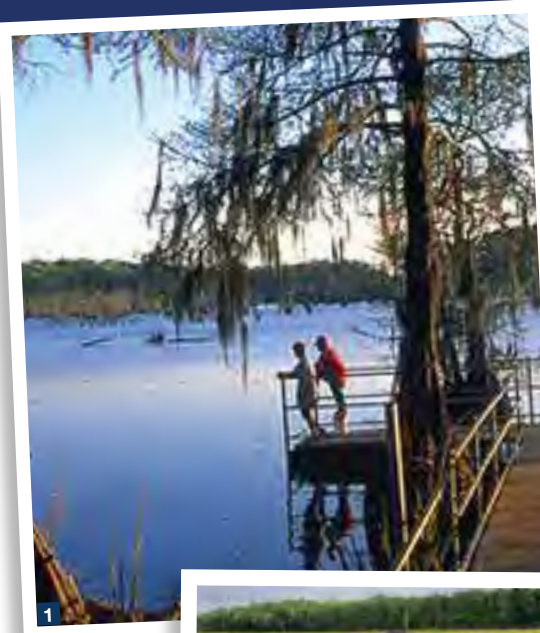
**b** **CHICOT STATE PARK** The 6,400-acre park boasts hiking trails, primitive campgrounds and camper hookups, as well as cabins, lodges and a group camp with kitchen and swimming pool available for rent. A well-stocked lake provides excellent fishing and water sports including boating, canoeing and kayaking. The Louisiana State Arboretum, housed within the beautiful park, is the home of a magnificent beech-magnolia forest.

3469 Chicot Park Road, Ville Platte, LA 70586, 337-363-2403 or 877-226-7652, [crt.state.la.us/louisiana-state-parks/parks/chicot-state-park](http://crt.state.la.us/louisiana-state-parks/parks/chicot-state-park)

### **c** LOUISIANA SWAMP POP MUSEUM

Step back in time to the 1950s and '60s and experience the sounds of swamp pop music, born on the bayous and prairies of Ville Platte. See the Swamp Pop Wall of Fame and listen to songs by Warren Storm, Johnnie Allen, Tommy McLain, Dale and Grace, Rod Bernard and many more.

205 NW Railroad Avenue, Ville Platte, LA 70586, 337-363-0900, [facebook.com/louisiana-swamp-pop-museum-296677220438597](https://facebook.com/louisiana-swamp-pop-museum-296677220438597)



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**d** **FRED'S LOUNGE** A place where people from all over the world meet to hear Cajun and zydeco music, sip a few brews and dance, dance, dance!

420 Sixth Street, Mamou, LA 70554, 337-468-5411

**e** **DOWNTOWN EUNICE** Four music and cultural attractions are located within two blocks on Second Street and Park Avenue in downtown Eunice. Visit the Prairie Acadian Cultural Center at the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve and the Eunice Depot Museum to see the history, remnants and present lifestyle of the Acadians. The Cajun Music Hall of Fame and The Liberty Theatre focus on the region's vibrant music culture.

Visit the following websites for more info and hours of operation: [nps.gov/jela/prairie-acadian-cultural-center-eunice.htm](http://nps.gov/jela/prairie-acadian-cultural-center-eunice.htm), [cajunfrenchmusic.org](http://cajunfrenchmusic.org), [eunice-la.com](http://eunice-la.com)

**f** **KELLY'S LANDING AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM & TOURS** Browse through Kelly's extensive and eclectic collection of old farm memorabilia. Marvel at one man's love of farming that turned into the hobby of a lifetime.

1109 Roberts Cove Road, Crowley, LA 70526, 337-788-0546, [acadiatourism.org](http://acadiatourism.org)

**g** **CROWLEY MOTOR COMPANY/ CITY HALL** One of 1,000 Ford Motor Company dealerships constructed in the U.S. with only a few remaining today, the building is home to City Hall and four museums—the Rice Interpretive Center, the History of Crowley, J. D. Miller Music Recording Studio and Ford Automotive Museum.

425 North Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, LA 70526, 337-783-0824, [crowley-la.com](http://crowley-la.com)

**h** **WORTHMORE'S 5-10-25 CENT STORE** Established in 1936, Worthmore's is truly a step into the past with its knick-knacks and memorabilia.

100 West Louisiana Avenue, Rayne, LA 70578, 337-334-3763

**i** **CANDYLAND COTTAGE & ICE CREAM SHOPPE** A friendly, old-fashioned candy store atmosphere featuring homemade ice cream, creamy fudge, gourmet drinks, bulk and boxed candies, gift baskets, party platters, and other delicious treats.

1319 The Boulevard, Rayne, LA 70578, 337-334-7210, [candylandcottage.com](http://candylandcottage.com)

**j** **LE VIEUX MOULIN FINE ARTS & GIFT SHOP** This unique purple shop consists of gifts, art, music, clocks, jewelry, Cajun Mardi Gras costumes, custom framing and much more. Clocks of all types are built and repaired here, which is almost a lost art. Learn about the area's French culture, sing a few songs and tell a few jokes. You will feel like family.

402 Canal Street, Church Point, LA 70525, 337-684-1200

**k** **LE VIEUX VILLAGE AND LOUISIANA ORPHAN TRAIN MUSEUM** This is a re-creation of The Old Village of the Opelousas Poste, with many structures donated by local families. The Louisiana Orphan Train Museum is on site, sharing the history of the Orphan Train riders who came to Louisiana from the New York Foundling Hospital between 1873 and 1929.

Le Vieux Village: 828 East Landry Street, Opelousas, LA 70570, 337-948-6263, [cityofopelousas.com](http://cityofopelousas.com)

Louisiana Orphan Train Museum: 223 South Academy Street, Opelousas, LA 70570, 337-948-9922, [laorphantrain.com](http://laorphantrain.com)

**l** **ST. LANDRY PARISH VISITOR CENTER** The state's only environmentally sustainable visitor center features reclaimed materials, energy efficient methods, indigenous landscaping with year-round blooms and plants, and soil and water conservation practices. An architectural award winner, the center is spacious and bright with outside panel exhibits along the boardwalk.

978 Kennerson Road, Opelousas, LA 70570, 337-948-8004, [cajuntravel.com](http://cajuntravel.com)

**m** **BUDDEN'S STORE** Established in 1934, this general store retains the character of Palmetto's early days when it was the trade center for the surrounding agricultural area. *Ici on parle français.* French is spoken here, as well as English.

165 West Railroad Avenue, Palmetto, LA 71358, 337-623-4711, [zydecocajunbyway.com](http://zydecocajunbyway.com)



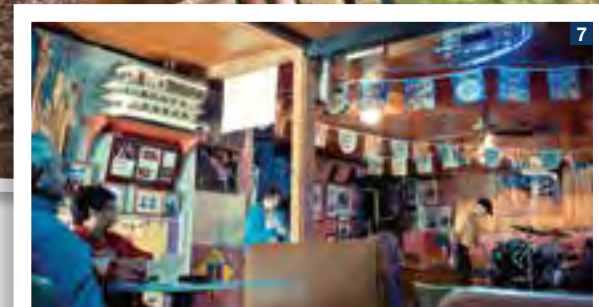
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## **i** TOURIST INFORMATION CENTERS:

**ACADIA PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION**  
401 Tower Rd., Crowley  
877-783-2109  
[acadiatourism.org](http://acadiatourism.org)

**EVANGELINE PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION AND TOURIST INFO CENTER**  
306 West Main Street  
Ville Platte, LA 70586  
337-363-1878

**ST. LANDRY PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION**  
978 Kennerson Rd., Opelousas  
877-948-8004  
[cajuntravel.com](http://cajuntravel.com)

Take your time, stop to take in the sights, dine on local Louisiana cuisine, shop at the local boutiques along the way and stay over a night or two.

Get additional trip ideas by visiting [LouisianaByways.com](http://LouisianaByways.com) or one of our Welcome Centers along the route.

**IMAGES:** 1 Chicot State Park. 2 Crawfish agricultural tour. 3 Louisiana State Arboretum interior. 4 Candyland Cottage & Ice Cream Shoppe.

5 Liberty Theater in Eunice. 6 Le Vieux Village and Louisiana Orphan Train Museum. 7 Fred's Lounge in Mamou.



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