

ST. LANDRY PARISH

St. Landry Parish is conveniently located at the crossroads of I-49 and US Hwy 190 in the center of Acadiana at the heart of Louisiana. Just twenty minutes north of I-10, our secluded communities are easily accessible with genuine, rural experiences waiting to be discovered.

Birders and outdoor enthusiasts have a lot to explore across our diverse ecosystems, which include coastal prairie, upland hardwood, bottomland hardwood habitats, along with the iconic wetlands of the Atchafalaya Basin.

Large wading birds, neotropical songbirds, raptors, and woodland birds all make their home or pass through St. Landry Parish.

Visit our Wildlife Management Areas and the Bayou Teche, the only National Water and Paddle Trail in the state of Louisiana, to identify over 200 species of birds.



Painted Bunting



Snowy Egret



Anhinga



Red-Cockaded Woodpecker



Black-Bellied Whistling Duck

Accommodations

- Bed & Breakfasts
- Campgrounds
- RV Parks
- Hotels

Whether you want to rough it out at a primitive campsite in the

Sherburne Wildlife Management Area, enjoy a nice homemade breakfast, or sleep in a luxury hotel suite, there are options available for you. Check out Where to Stay on CajunTravel.com for more information about accommodations in St. Landry Parish.

Where to Eat

- Boudin Stops
- Cajun & Creole Restaurants
- Cafés

St. Landry Parish food is guaranteed to tempt your taste buds. From upscale

dining to takeout joints, Cajun and Creole restaurants are plentiful in every town. Don't forget to check out Allons Manger!, our local eats rewards program. Sign up for the program and check out participating restaurants to collect points and win prizes.

Best Times to Visit

During winter, waterfowl like snow geese and ducks migrate down from their snowy homelands by the thousands. In Spring, beautifully colored neotropical songbirds make their way into the area. Summer calls for vireos, swallow-tailed kites, and the Swainson's warbler.



Thistlethwaite Wildlife Management Area

11,000 acres of mature bottomland hardwood. Here is where you'll see hawks, owls, and woodpeckers.



Bayou Teche National Water Trail

The leisurely pace of the Bayou Teche is perfect to see woodland birds and waterfowl. Paddle 7 miles or the whole 135.



Sherburne Wildlife Management Area

Over 40,000 acres of the Atchafalaya Basin. Catch large wading birds and neotropical songbirds when in season.

BIRDING LOCATIONS ST. LANDRY PARISH



These Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) and water trails are all publicly accessible. Check-in and out of the WMAs at self-clearing kiosks located at each location, online, or in the app. You can learn more at wlf.louisiana.gov.



Indian Bayou Area

28,500 acre, public access area located in the heart of the Atchafalaya Basin and home to the Prothonotary Warbler, also known as the Atchafalaya Canary.

Mileage & drive time to Opelousas, LA from

Atlanta, GA.....	610 miles	9 hr	Nashville, TN.....	646 miles	10 hr
Chicago, IL.....	946 miles	15 hr	New Orleans, LA.....	136 miles	2.5 hr
Dallas, TX.....	370 miles	5 hr	Oklahoma, OK.....	573 miles	8 hr
*Lafayette, LA.....	20 miles	.5 hr	St. Louis, MO.....	696 miles	11 hr
Little Rock, AR.....	332 miles	6 hr			

*Lafayette Regional Airport handles approximately 400,000 travelers annually and with direct flights from Atlanta, Charlotte, Dallas, and Houston, fly-in options are readily available.



Visitor Information Center

Opelousas, LA - 1-49, Exit 23
OPEN | Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm
2 hours west of New Orleans
4 hours east of Houston

