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 270-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.
d) Louisiana Swamp Pop Museum
Step back in time to the 1950s and 1960s 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 McLean, Dale and Grace, Rod Bernard and many more.
Fridays & Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Admissions: Adults $3, Seniors $2 and Under 12 $1
265 North West Railroad, Ville Platte, LA 70586
337.363.0909
www.SwampPopMuseum.com

h) Candyland Cottage & Ice Cream Shoppe
A friendly, old-fashioned candy store atmosphere featuring homemade ice cream, creamy fudge, gourmet candies, bulk and boxed candies, gift baskets, party platters and other delicious treats.
Mondays – Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Fridays – Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Sundays, noon – 9 p.m.
1319 The Boulevard, Rayne, LA 70578
337.334.7270

i) Le Vieux Mouvlin 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 lost art. Learn about the area’s French culture, sing a few songs and tell a few jokes. You will feel like family.
Mondays – Fridays, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
402 Canal St., Church Point, LA 70525
337.664.1200

Evangeline Parish

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, Ville Platte, LA 70586
Call for rates: 337.593.2561
Email: crookedcreekpark@gmail.com

b) Fred’s Lounge
A place where people from all over the world meet to hear Cajun and zydeco music, sip a few broods and dance, dance, dance!
420 6th St., Mamou, LA 70554
337.468.5111

c) 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 Lafleur Archeological House within the beautiful park is the home of a magnificant beech-magnolia forest.
3460 Chicot Park Road, Ville Platte, LA 70586
337.363.2403 or 877.226.7652
Email: chicot@.crt.la.gov

m) Boudin’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.
Mondays – Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursdays, 8 a.m. – noon
165 W Railroad Ave., Palmetto, LA 71358
337.623.4711

www.ZydecoCajunByway.com

k) Le Vieux Village and Louisiana Orphan Train Museum
This is a recreation 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
Mondays – Fridays, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
 Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Tours: Tuesdays – Fridays, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Free admission
878 E Landry St., Opelousas, LA 70570
337.948.6263
Louisiana Orphan Train Museum
Tuesdays – Fridays, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Admission: Adults $5, Children and Seniors (65 and over) $3
225 S Academy St., Opelousas, LA 70570
337.948.9522 • www.LaOrphanTrain.com

I) 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.
Mondays – Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
376 Kenna Road, Opelousas, LA 70570
877.948.8084
www.CajunTravel.com

j) 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 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:
www.nps.gov/jla/prairie-acadian-cultural-center-eunice.htm
www.CajunFrenchMusic.org
www.EunicE-CA.COM

St. Landry Parish

g) 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.
Mondays – Thursdays, 7:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Saturdays, 7:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
100 W. Louisiana Ave., Rayne, LA 70578
337.334.3763

www.LouisianaTravel.com

j) Union Depot
The Union Depot is a historic and architecturally significant building that was once a train station. Today, it is a cultural center and museum. It offers exhibits on local history and hosts musical performances.

A trip along the Zydeco Cajun Prairie Byway gives visitors a taste of the Cajun music, beautiful landscapes and festivals that make Louisiana famous. Here’s a sample of what will be found along the route: