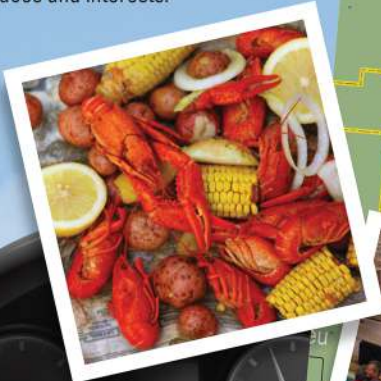


The Zydeco Cajun Prairie Byway pays tribute to the music of south Louisiana, touching many iconic music spots while ambling through serene, rolling prairies. Visitors will come upon crawfish farms, sweet potato fields and pastures where cattle and horses graze. A ride along this 270-mile byway also illustrates 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.





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:

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: 337.599.2661
Email: crookedcreekep@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 brews and dance, dance, dance!

420 6th St., Mamou, LA 70554
337.468.5411

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 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
Email: chicot@crt.la.gov

d) 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.

Fridays & Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Admissions: Adults \$3, Seniors \$2 and Under 12 \$1
205 North West Railroad, Ville Platte, LA 70586
337.363.0900
www.SwampPopMuseum.com

Acadia Parish

e) 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
www.AcadiaTourism.org

f) Crowley Motor Company Ford Building/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.

Mondays – Fridays,
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Free admission
425 N. Parkerson Ave., Crowley, LA 70526
337.783.0824
www.Crowley-LA.com



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 – Fridays, 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

h) 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.

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
337.334.7210

i) 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.

Mondays – Fridays, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
402 Canal St., Church Point, LA 70525
337.864.1200

St. Landry Parish

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

www.CajunFrenchMusic.org
www.Eunice-LA.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
828 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
223 S Academy St., Opelousas, LA 70570
337.948.9922 • www.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.

Mondays – Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
978 Kennerson Road, Opelousas, LA 70570
877.948.8004
www.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.

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

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