



The Myths & Legends Byway-- The best kept secret in Louisiana!

Explore Louisiana's Myths & Legends Byway-- a 178-mile drive of Western Louisiana based on tall tales, true stories, and legends. Today, visitors will find the festivals that make Louisiana famous, lush pine forests, historic cemeteries, unique museums, mysterious waterways, and friendly hospitable people ready to share their stories. 22 kiosks guide the way, creating a life-long travel memory.

Discover the real Louisiana, with its small-town museums, fabulous festivals, outdoor recreational opportunities, centuries of history, culture, stories and legends, and the people that make it all come alive.

The museum enthusiast in all of us will be astonished at the wealth of museums found along the Myths & Legends Byway, including the War Memorial Civic Center/USO Building in DeRidder, site of the first off base USO in the nation, the Leatherwood Museum in Oakdale, which focuses on the history of agriculture and timber and has displays of period artifacts, and the Museum of the New Llano Colony in New Llano, which tells the story of the Llano del Rio Cooperative Colony, one of the most successful socialist colonies of the early 20th century.



Festivals and events in Louisiana are a part of our culture and heritage, and we celebrate everything! From food to seasons to holidays, and the stories that help keep these traditions alive. One of the longest running festivals on the Louisiana western border, Leesville's MayFest is a two-day extravaganza of arts & crafts, music, and food, and has been named the Louisiana State Festival of the Year. Allen Parish celebrates Mardi Gras each year in the old style, with a "Courir de Mardi Gras" trail ride as well as with modern parades with lots of throws and beads. Sugartown, located in Beauregard Parish, is home to some of the best watermelons in the world, and Beauregard celebrates its pride with the annual Beauregard Watermelon Festival, held each year in June.

In Louisiana, we are tied to the land and the water, by history, culture, and tradition. We live in the Outdoors. It is as much a part of our culture as our music and food. The Myths & Legends Byway meanders through miles of countryside, with many lakes, parks, wildlife management areas, and even a national forest. From canoeing the Ouiska Chitto and Calcasieu Rivers to biking on and off the Byway to hunting wild game to fishing in the creeks, bayous, ponds, and lakes, we have it all! Water-lovers can experience canoeing in Allen Parish along the Ouiska Chitto ("Whiskey Chitto"), with its outfitters ready to supply canoes, paddles, floats, etc. Adults and children can spend a lazy day tubing on the Sabine River in Beauregard parish. In Vernon Parish, take advantage of outfitters to canoe Toro Bayou and the Sabine River.



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