

## HERE'S YOUR GUIDE TO PLAN A LOUISIANA ROAD TRIP THAT WILL FEED YOUR SOUL





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### **HELLO FRIENDS**,

Louisiana is known around the world as a place to Feed Your Soul, and last year over 53 million visitors just had to come here to experience that for themselves. Lucky for us, we're already here.

I take every opportunity to enjoy those nearby but far-from-ordinary cafés, natural wonders and unique traditions that make up our culture. But the best Louisiana has to offer is our people. We treat both visitors and each other like family, so wherever you travel you'll feel welcomed.

Discover the great outdoors right in your backyard at one of our 21 State Parks. Or find a few surprises hiding in plain sight along scenic trails and byways. Sportsman's Paradise is not a mere slogan; it's our definition, with an abundance of hiking, biking, horseback riding and more. And fishing? You can go fishing anywhere. But you *catch* fish in Louisiana.

So get packed, get out and reacquaint yourself with the one-of-a-kind culture the world can't get enough of. After all, it's yours!

SEE YOU ON THE ROADS.

Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser



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#### IT'S A GREAT TIME TO EXPLORE YOUR STATE

Experience Louisiana by venturing down those less traveled roads, into the small towns and Main Street communities, to the offbeat and unusual, or to rediscover our beloved New Orleans. And while you can drive from the top of the boot to the toe in half a day, you can find yourself in completely different worlds. Come feed your soul in Louisiana with a one-of-a-kind, close-to-home, far-from-ordinary road trip you'll never forget.

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## Longleaf Trail

ake a road trip that includes a road less traveled. Louisiana's 19 Scenic Byways take you through the cultural heart of the state, where you can see, hear, taste and explore Louisiana landscapes and the towns whose heritage is inextricably connected to this unique geography. Each of our byways offers something different, from outdoor adventures to Cajun and Zydeco music experiences, to historic points of interest and beyond. So get up, get out and make sure to include Louisiana Byways on your next road trip.

#### **RECORD-BREAKING** PLACE TO VISIT

& EXPLORE

PLAN YOUR ROAD TRIP AT  $\rightarrow$ 

LouisianaByways.com

The top of the tallest State Capitol in the U.S. (for free) Louisiana State Capitol → Baton Rouge



#20 on The 50 Most Scenic Road



#### **RECORD-BREAKING PLACE TO DRIVE**

The longest cable-stayed span bridge in the Western Hemisphere, John James Audubon Bridge  $\rightarrow$  Pointe Coupee and West Feliciana Parish border

# LOUISIANA STATE PARKS



- STATE PARKS STATE PRESERVATION AREA
- STATE HISTORIC SITE

## SPECIAL OFFER

### Book 4 nights for the price of 3!

GRAND ISLE

Use promo code **WELCOMEBACK** at checkout when staying at any State Park through September 7, 2020.





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ouisiana's 39 State Parks and Historic Sites and one 🔚 Preservation Area offer you and your family a uniquely rewarding experience of our state's natural beauty and historical riches.

The State Parks feature first-class facilities, including cabins and activities such as canoe trails, fishing, hiking, biking and more. Louisiana's historic sites transport visitors to a community dating 1,500 years before the arrival of European settlers and explorers of the Louisiana Purchase, all the way through the turn of the 20th century. Most State Parks feature a waterfront location, campsites and picnic areas.





The parks' cabins reflect each area's cultural environment. The abundance of wildlife is amazing – inland and coastal waters are full of fish and shrimp, and Louisiana is home to North America's primary migratory flyway, with songbirds and waterfowl flocking across the sky.

From the piney woods of North Louisiana to the cypress swamps near the Gulf of Mexico, this state has long celebrated the respectful coexistence of man and nature; the result is soul-restoring, inspiring and life-affirming. THERE'S NO BETTER PLACE TO EXPERIENCE THIS THAN AT A LOUISIANA STATE PARK.

# MORE FUN AWAITS AT STATE PARKS



**DID YOU KNOW?** Water playgrounds are open year-round!

Camping

- Fishing
- Boating
- Hiking
- Biking
- Disc Golf
- Horse Trails
- Geocaching Tennis
  - Swimming

CAN'T MISS EATS

No matter where you venture, fresh Louisiana seafood is all along your way.

### YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO FAR TO HIT THE BEACH

- Grand Isle Holly Beach North Beach Rutherford Beach White Sands Lake Day Beach **Bogue Chitto State Park Cypremort Point State Park**
- Fontainebleau State Park Jimmie Davis State Park Lake Bistineau State Park Lake Bruin State Park Lake Claiborne State Park **Poverty Point Reservoir State Park** South Toledo Bend State Park



BOGUE CHITTO STATE P



### DID YOU KNOW?

No horse? No problem. You can rent one at Bogue Chitto State Park.

PLAN YOUR BIKING TRIP AT → BikeLouisiana.com



rom gentle rolling hills in the north to scenic flats in the south, Louisiana offers a wide array of opportunities to get on two wheels, four wheels or four hooves. Throughout the state, cyclists can enjoy road and off-road biking, horse lovers can get in the saddle and enjoy nature, and hikers have miles of trails to explore.

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MAKE TRACKS AND EXPLORE LOUISIANA WITH YOUR FAVORITE METHOD OF TRANSPORTATION! **†** SAM HOUSTON JONES STATE PARK



PLAN YOUR HORSE TRIP AT → LouisianaHorseTourism.com

↓ CHEMIN-A-HAUT STATE PARK



Tammany Trace was inducted into the National Rail-Trail Hall of Fame. Bike, hike or ride your horse on 31 miles along Lake Pontchartrain.

#### PLAN YOUR ROAD TRIP AT → LouisianaPaddle.com



#### The landscapes of Louisiana are as diverse and exciting as the people who live here, and one of the best ways to explore this natural beauty is by water. Our many rivers, lakes, bayous and marshes scattered throughout the state are waiting to be explored, as are the miles of coastline along the Gulf's edge. These waterways afford excellent opportunities for canoeing or kayaking through our natural landscapes, so grab life by the oars and head off on an aquatic adventure.

**OUVENTAL ADVENTAL** 



#### GRAB LIFE BY THE OARS

Bayou Teche is one of only 21 National Water Trails in the nation, and the only one in Louisiana.

THE CASTLE TREE, CHEMIN-A-HAUT STATE PARK

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## TAKE THE BAIT Kio PLAN YOUR FISHING TRIP AT → LouisianaTravel.com/fishing

👥 portsman's Paradise isn't just a catchy slogan; it's an actual way U of life here in Louisiana. Fishing ranks as the top activity in the state for outdoor enthusiasts. From family outings to the oldest fishing tournament in the U.S. – the Grand Isle Tarpon Rodeo – fishing is enjoyed by people from all walks of life. With numerous lakes, rivers and bayous, freshwater fishing is never far away in Louisiana.

And while the state's record catch happened at Caney Lake, in the northern part of the state, there are plenty of big ones out there ready to be reeled in. If you'd like an all-day saltwater fishing trip, charter captains know the best places to drop a line for redfish, tuna and other larger species out in the Gulf. Many of them partner with restaurants that will cook your day's catch to order...for the freshest meal you've had in ages!

SO, DIG UP SOME WORMS, GAS UP YOUR BOAT AND GO CATCH THAT BIG ONE!



Toledo Bend was ranked #6 in Bassmaster's Top 25 Best Bass Lakes of the Decade!

#### **FRESHWATER:**

Largemouth Bass Spotted Bass Yellow Bass Bluegill Bowfin Blue Catfish **Channel Catfish** Flathead Catfish White Crappie/Sac-a-lait Drum/Gaspergou Gar Sunfish Warmouth

Don't forget the most important piece in your tackle box...your fishing license! And hunting at State Parks is periodically allowed through special lottery applications with Wildlife & Fisheries. Visit wlf.louisiana.gov for more information on fishing and hunting licenses and regulations.

#### INLAND SALTWATER (OR BRACKISH WATER):

Black Drum Croaker Flounder Redfish (Red Drum) Sheepshead Speckled Trout



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House Rockers

wee lived in Ferriday and y member of the great blues band, Hezekiah and se Rockers.







alk the streets where legendary musicians created jazz. Learn about America's first Black governor. Hear how enslaved Black people fled the plantations to fight for the Union Army. And find out how one man's refusal to move from his seat on a train led to a long struggle against segregation. It all happened right here in Louisiana. Visit our African American Heritage Trail website to plan a road trip through history and retrace the footsteps of some of Louisiana's

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Madam C. J. Walker, born in Delta, LA, in 1867, is credited as being the first female self-made millionaire in America.

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# LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUMS







he Battle of New Orleans, Civil War sieges, famous riverboat races, the reign of the Kingfish and most recently the twin terrors of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita – Louisiana's history reads like a thrilling work of fiction. Louisiana's State Museums share this remarkable story with the world, with eight locations throughout the state. These National Historic Landmarks and architecturally significant structures house half a million artifacts showcasing Louisiana's history and culture.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Superbowl football is signed by all 53 Saints.

## THE UNUSUAL IS OUR USUAL

Don't miss some of these odd and obscure attractions that make Louisiana a truly one-of-a-kind experience:



















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