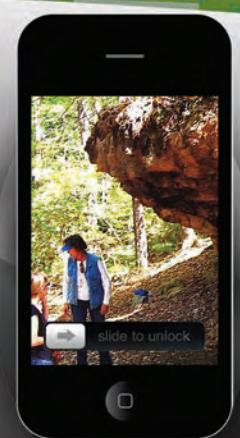
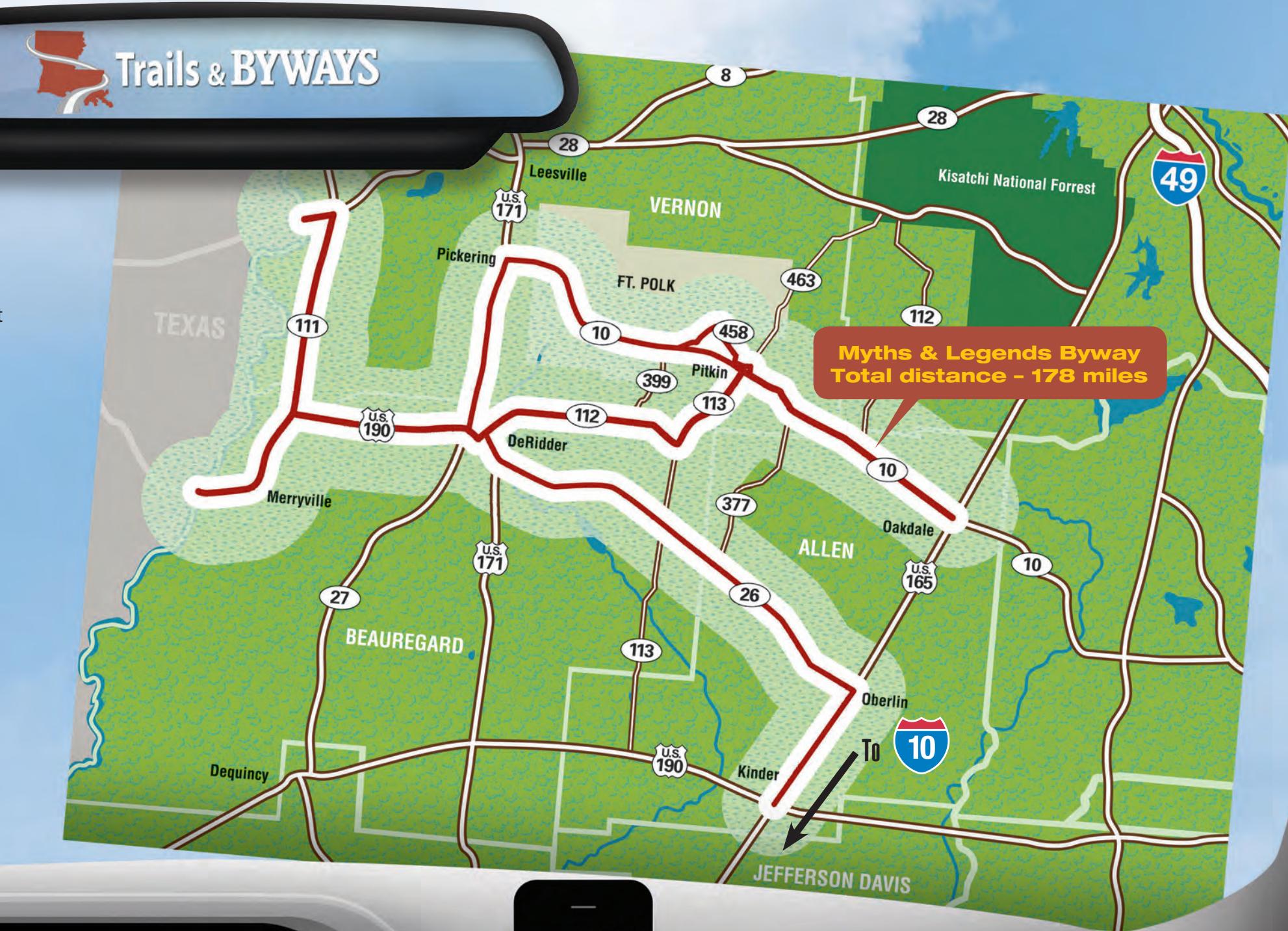


Hauntings, hidden treasures and hangings are all part of the folktales that have been passed down throughout the region now designated as the Myths & Legends Scenic Byway. Explore a former *no man's land* once populated by outlaws and gunslingers. Fish on the Calcasieu River, the waterway that infamous buccaneer Jean Lafitte is known to have traveled. Search for the ghost-protected buried treasure of two Jayhawkers—pro-Union Civil War rebel guerrillas—from the 1800s. These are all parts of a collection of true stories and tall tales that can be experienced along the 178-mile Myths & Legends Byway. The route begins in southwest Louisiana at the Texas state line and travels through land originally settled by the Atakapa and Coushatta tribes, now the parishes of Allen, Beauregard and Vernon. Today, visitors will find pine forests, white sandy beaches, blueberry farms, rodeos and friendly people ready to share their stories.



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The Hanging Jail is rumored to be haunted, and its proof can be found by viewing the picture of the Hanging Jail in the Beauregard Museum, located inside the Kansas City Southern Train Depot. There you will find a ghostly image of its old jailer, dressed in his white bibbed shirt and overalls, smoking his pipe and drinking his coffee as he did every morning while watching the horse and buggy carriages ride through. Visitors often pose in this very spot in hopes of capturing a picture with the jailer that still stands guard.

Explore the Myths & Legends Byways to experience legendary tales from this region first hand. Here is a sample of what visitors will discover:

Beauregard Parish

Hanging Jail and Beauregard Parish Courthouse

were built to symbolize the community's wealth as a booming sawmill town. The town's trademark and notorious Gothic revival building is known as the Hanging Jail and was built in 1914. Atop the spiral staircase and in view of the prisoners' jail cells, the condemned would meet their end in a dramatic way. The courthouse remains operational with nearly all of the allure and elegance of the original structure.

Open: 24 hours, no sign-in or registration required
18 miles east of DeRidder
8586 Hwy 112

Treasure City Market is listed as one of Louisiana's top ten flea markets. Visitors will find this two-story building, once the office of the Long Bell Lumber Company, nestled on the corner of Washington Ave. and E. First St. in DeRidder.

Open: Tuesdays – Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
121 S. Washington Ave.
DeRidder, La. 70634
337.460.6004

Cecil's Cajun Kitchen is located in downtown DeRidder and serves Louisiana cuisine and a variety of fresh seafood, burgers and hand-cut steaks that are Certified Angus Beef. The authentic menu and Cajun atmosphere creates a unique and enjoyable dining experience. There is also live music every Friday and Saturday night.

Open: Mondays – Thursdays, 11 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.; Fridays – Saturdays, 11 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.; closed on Sundays
120 West 1st St.
DeRidder, La. 70634
337.460.2002

Curious Cargo Gift Shop has a slogan that says it all; "We sell everything but motor oil!" They sell a wide variety of unique items—gourmet coffees, candles, Louisiana souvenirs and other one-of-a-kind gifts. Be sure to check out their Louisiana and Mardi Gras sections.

Open: Mondays – Fridays, 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
1118 N. Pine St.
DeRidder, La. 70634
337.462.2751

Old Campground Cemetery & Nature Walk is a 10-acre wildlife refuge and is the native home of the endangered red-headed woodpecker. The wildlife refuge also features a nature walk, a fresh water creek and primitive campsites. As a result of pro-Union Civil War rebel combatants, this area was once called the Jayhawkers campsite; now it's known as the meeting grounds.

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Vernon Parish

Burr Ferry Confederate Breastworks is Vernon Parish's lone Civil War site. It is also the location of the only known surviving example of *tête de pont* or bridgehead, a design element positioned at the end of a bridge that provides cover against the enemy at a river crossing.

La. Highway 8 at the Sabine River
Leesville, La. 71446

Kisatchie National Forest is a haven for a variety of nature lovers. The tranquility found at the Little Cypress Recreation Complex and Fullerton Lake Recreation Complex is ideal for hiking and biking. Anglers find fishing spots like Blue Hole to be supreme. The Enduro Trail was designed specifically for the more adventurous ATV, motor bike and horseback riders.

Kisatchie National Forest
Kisatchie Work Center
1992 La. Highway 10
Leesville, La. 71446
337.537.2113



Talbert-Pierson Cemetery in Cravens is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has 13 surviving wooden grave houses, a tradition that is upheld by the families today.

Victor Martin Road
La. Highway 399
Pitkin, La. 70656

Allen Parish

Elizabeth City Hall was originally built in 1924 to serve as the hospital for the Industrial Lumber Company. It now operates as City Hall for the town of Elizabeth and is considered to be haunted by former patients of the historic hospital.

Open: Mondays – Fridays, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
230 Poplar Street
Elizabeth, La. 70638
318.634.5100



Leatherwood House Museum is a historic house built in the late 1800s now used as a welcome center and museum for Allen Parish. Discover the history of the area and see a WWII exhibit, items once found in a mill store, tiger-oak furniture, a doll room and a 1930's dentist chair.

Open: Wednesdays – Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
202 E. 7th Ave.
Oakdale, La.
318.335.0062 or 888.639.4868



Jenkins Hardware Store makes you feel like you have actually stepped back in time. The store features items you remember from the *good ol' days* like cast iron pots and cookers, hand-cranked grain mills, and meat grinders, as well as just about any type of nut or bolt you need.

Open: Mondays – Fridays, 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
231 W. 6th Ave.
Oberlin, La. 71463
337.639.4915

Fausto's Restaurant serves up delicious burgers, locally-sourced seafood and scrumptious potatoes stuffed with crawfish, shrimp or beef. The restaurant also has a taxidermy showroom with deer, buffalo, a bear and cats.

Open: Sundays – Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. and Fridays – Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
La. Highway 165 & La. Highway 383
Kinder, La. 70648
337.738.5676