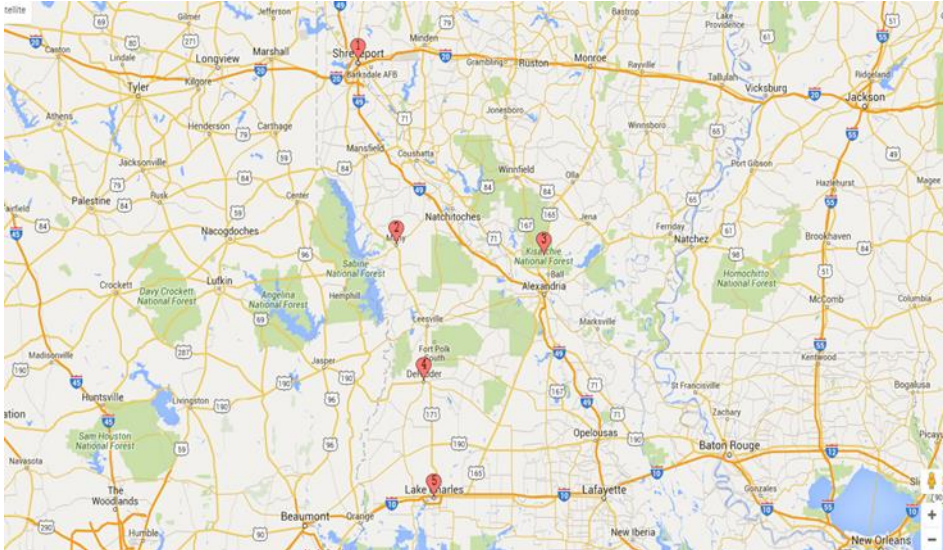




## Louisiana, Off the Beaten Path

*an outdoor adventure and nature lover's delight*



### HIGHLIGHTS

Located 2.5 hours east of Dallas and 2.5 hours east of Houston, Texas. These byways offer adventure, nature, museums, festivals and leisurely scenic drives.

### KEY POINTS OF INTEREST

- Largest man-made lake in the Southern United States
- The only National Forest in Louisiana
- Fresh and saltwater fishing, bird-watching and wildlife viewing
- A collection of museums and festivals

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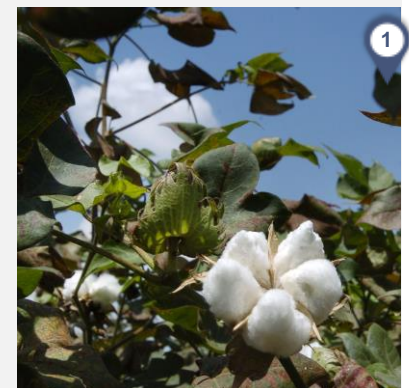
### Boom or Bust Byway

You'll drive along roads lined with colorful wildflowers. Depending on the season the highway might be lined with golden coreopsis, cheerful sunflowers or crimson clover often against a background of dark green pine trees. In the quaint towns, you'll discover hidden treasures in the shops and fascinating history in the museums. [www.BoomorBustByway.com](http://www.BoomorBustByway.com)

Free tour app available, search "LA Byway", in English, French and Spanish.

Length: 136 miles (218.8 km)

Time to Allow: Half day to one day for self-guided tour.



### Toledo Bend Forest Scenic Byway



The largest manmade lake in the South, Toledo Bend Reservoir is surrounded by some of Louisiana's most impressive pines and hardwoods. The area encompasses many parks, golf and fishing resorts, marinas and outlooks where visitors can drink in the scenery and spot eagles and blue herons.

[www.ToledoBendLakeCountry.com](http://www.ToledoBendLakeCountry.com)

Length: 78 miles (125.5 km)

Time to Allow: One day for a self-guided tour.

### **Kisatchie National Forest**

The only national forest in Louisiana. Hidden in the bayous, beneath the bald cypress groves and old growth pine, is a world of natural beauty, excitement, learning, recreation, resources and wildlife in their purest form.

[www.fs.usda.gov/kisatchie](http://www.fs.usda.gov/kisatchie)



### **Myths & Legends Byway**



Explore 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.

[www.VentureVernon.com](http://www.VentureVernon.com)

*Downloadable Map*

<https://www.vernonparish.org/sites/default/files/MLBywayMap.pdf>

Length: 181 miles (291.2 km)

Time to Allow: One to two day for a self-guided tour.

### **Creole Nature Trail – All American Road**

One of only 43 All-American Roads in the entire United States. Take a journey into the untamed wilderness of Louisiana’s Outback. World-class bird and alligator populations make this byway a natural wonder.

[www.Creolenaturetrail.org](http://www.Creolenaturetrail.org)

*Free tour app available, search “Creole”, available in English, French, Spanish, German, Japanese and Mandarin Chinese.*

Length: 180 miles (289.6 km)

Time to Allow: One to two days for a self-guided tour.



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