

BAYOU TECHE/LOWER ATCHAFALAYA PADDLING TRAIL

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NEARBY CITIES

Patterson, Bayou Vista, Berwick, Morgan City

MILEAGE

- Jesse B. Hayes Landing to Calumet Locks: 3.9 miles
- Jesse B. Hayes Landing to Two Sisters Landing: 6.3 miles
- Jesse B. Hayes Landing to Berwick Locks: 9.6 miles

TYPE OF TRAIL

Linear route; shuttle service may be necessary.

SKILL LEVEL

Beginner

DIFFICULTY

Easy

APPROXIMATE PADDLING TIME

7 hours

USUAL CURRENT

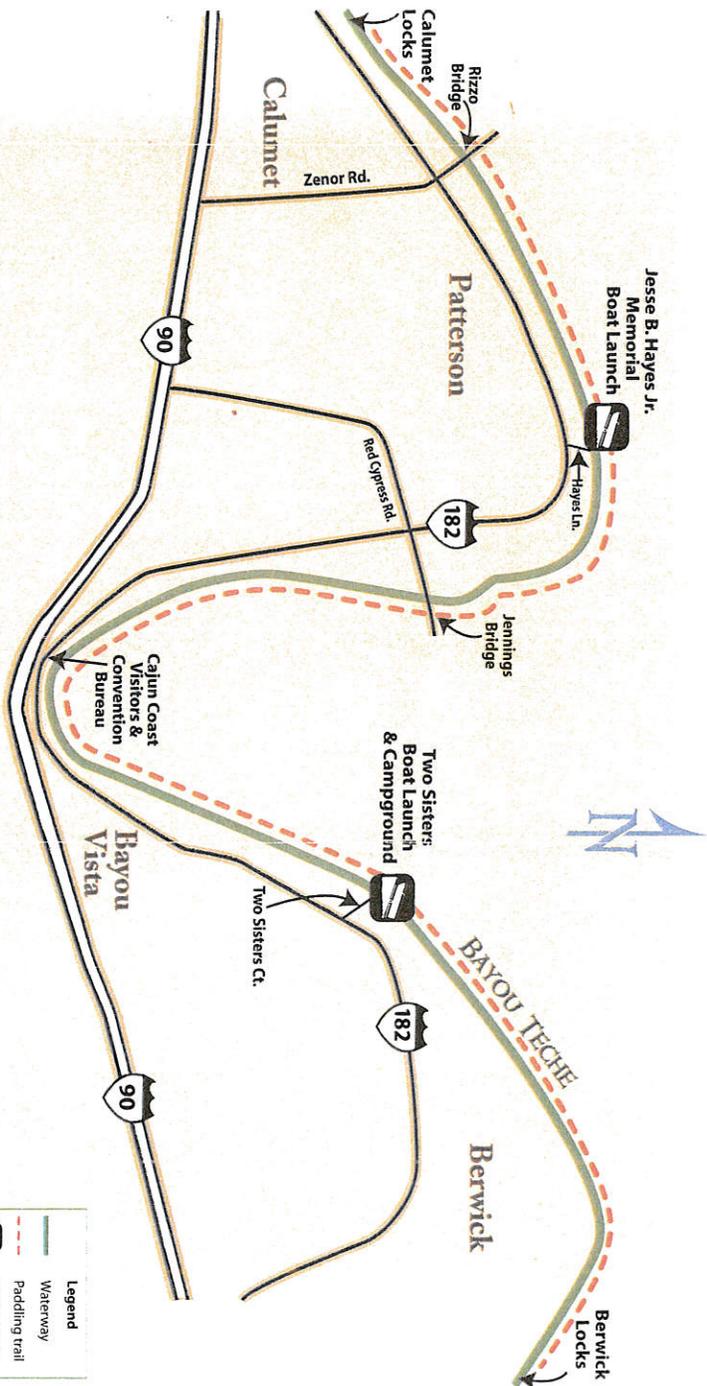
One mph from north to south (Calumet to Berwick)

NOTES & PRECAUTIONS

Bayou Teche and Lower Atchafalaya are very wide and wind can be a problem, but the water is usually calm. Invasive grasses may clog waterway. Be aware of hunting season. May through September can be very hot. Bring sunscreen, plenty of water and bug spray.

ACCESS

- Jesse B. Hayes Jr. Memorial Boat Launch (Hwy. 182, Patterson)** - Located on Hayes Lane off Hwy. 182, Patterson. From Hwy. 90, turn onto Red Cypress Road in Patterson. Turn left onto Hwy. 182 W. Travel 1.5 miles. The landing will be on your right.
- Two Sisters Boat Landing (Hwy. 182, Bayou Vista)** - From Hwy. 182, turn onto Two Sisters Court, located in the 2700 block of Hwy. 182 in Bayou Vista.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This trail begins at the Calumet Cut and takes you through Patterson to the mouth of the Bayou Teche at the Atchafalaya River. The name *calumet* is a French word meaning "pipe." Calumet is the site of the Civil War Battle of Bisland, where the gunboat *Cotton* was sunk in the Bayou Teche. When paddling along the Bayou Teche from Calumet to the Atchafalaya River, you will see homes along the right side of the river and mostly natural vegetation along the left side.

The town of Patterson, named after Captain John Patterson in 1907, was once home to the largest cypress sawmill in the world, owned by Frank B. Williams. His two sons, Kemper

and Harry, were prominent citizens and left an outstanding mark on the community. Kemper Williams, an extraordinary philanthropist, left behind a foundation for the support of the Kemper Williams Park and Campground in Patterson. Harry Williams, on the other hand, was a wealthy playboy with a love for speed. He and Jimmie Wedell, a daredevil with innovative ideas, developed the Wedell-Williams Air Service. Today, the Louisiana State Museum (Wedell Williams Aviation and Cypress Sawmill Museum), which is located in Kemper Williams Park, displays numerous aircraft, 1930s air race trophies and memorabilia.

The Atchafalaya Golf Course at Idlewild is the newest addition to Kemper Williams Park and Campground. This championship 18-hole golf course, designed by internationally renowned Robert Von Hagge, Smelck & Bartl, reflects the natural beauty of the Atchafalaya Basin. The grounds feature over 40 native Louisiana flora and fauna and a picturesque view from the elevated, plantation-style clubhouse.

You are welcome to stop at the Cajun Coast Visitors & Convention Bureau, located along the Bayou Teche in Patterson, for a picnic lunch on the grounds. Camping is available at the Two Sisters Boat Launch in Bayou Vista.

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NEARBY CITIES

Jeanerette, Charenton, Baldwin, Franklin, Centerville

MILEAGE

Approximately 37

- Jeanerette City Park to Sorrel Bridge – 3.82 miles
- Sorrel Bridge to Adeline Bridge – 1.91 miles
- Adeline Bridge to Covarrut/Charenton Bridge – 4.27 miles
- Covarrut/Charenton Bridge to Katy Bridge – 5 miles
- Katy Bridge to Oaklawn Bridge – 5.4 miles
- Oaklawn Bridge to Sterling Bridge – 4.9 miles
- Sterling Bridge to Willow Street Bridge – 1 mile
- Willow Street Bridge to Centerville Bridge – 4.7 miles
- Centerville Bridge to Calumet Locks – 6.1 miles

TYPE OF TRAIL

Linear route – shuttle service may be necessary

SKILL LEVEL

Beginner

DIFFICULTY

Easy

APPROXIMATE PADDLING TIME

18 hours

USUAL CURRENT

One mph from north to south (Jeanerette to Calumet)

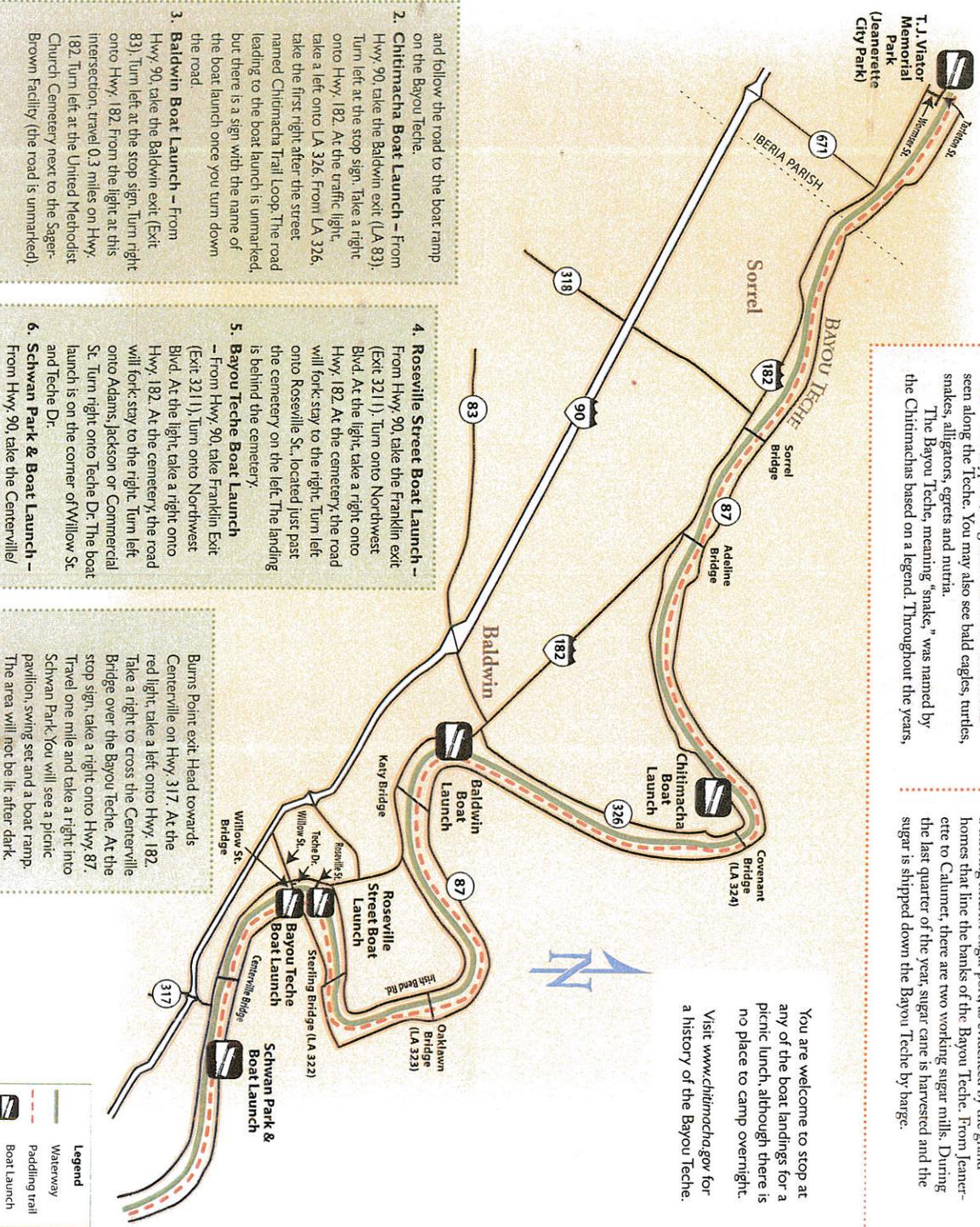
NOTES & PRECAUTIONS

Invasive grasses may clog waterway. Please be aware of sugar barges. May through September can be very hot. Bring sunscreen, plenty of water and bug spray.

ACCESS

1. **T.J. Vator Memorial Park (Jeanerette City Park)**
(337) 276-4424 – From Hwy. 90, take the Jeanerette exit 668, which turns into LA 671 (LA 671 is also Canal St.). Turn left onto Hwy. 182 (Hwy. 182 is also Main St.). Travel 0.5 miles on Main St. and take a right onto Worniser St. Take a left onto Tarleton

T.J. Vator Memorial Park (Jeanerette City Park)



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Bayou Teche is a flat, slow moving body of water that is great for paddling. Oak trees draped with moss, cypress, magnolia and redbud trees are all seen along the Teche. You may also see bald eagles, turtles, snakes, alligators, egrets and nutria.

The Bayou Teche, meaning "snake," was named by the Chitimachas based on a legend. Throughout the years,

the Bayou Teche has been used for transportation, moving people and products between its cities. Franklin was once a thriving interior sugar port, as evidenced by the grand homes that line the banks of the Bayou Teche. From Jeanerette to Calumet, there are two working sugar mills. During the last quarter of the year, sugar cane is harvested and the sugar is shipped down the Bayou Teche by barge.

You are welcome to stop at any of the boat landings for a picnic lunch, although there is no place to camp overnight.

Visit www.chitimacha.gov for a history of the Bayou Teche.

and follow the road to the boat ramp on the Bayou Teche.

2. **Chitimacha Boat Launch** – From Hwy. 90, take the Baldwin exit (LA 83). Turn left at the stop sign. Take a right onto Hwy. 182. At the traffic light, take a left onto LA 326. From LA 326, take the first right after the street named Chitimacha Trail Loop. The road leading to the boat launch is unmarked, but there is a sign with the name of the boat launch once you turn down the road.
3. **Baldwin Boat Launch** – From Hwy. 90, take the Baldwin exit (Exit 83). Turn left at the stop sign. Turn right onto Hwy. 182. From the light at this intersection, travel 0.3 miles on Hwy. 182. Turn left at the United Methodist Church Cemetery next to the Sagen-Brown Facility (the road is unmarked).
4. **Roseville Street Boat Launch** – From Hwy. 90, take the Franklin exit (Exit 3211). Turn onto Northwest Blvd. At the light, take a right onto Hwy. 182. At the cemetery, the road will fork; stay to the right. Turn left onto Roseville St., located just past the cemetery on the left. The landing is behind the cemetery.
5. **Bayou Teche Boat Launch** – From Hwy. 90 take Franklin Exit (Exit 3211). Turn onto Northwest Blvd. At the light, take a right onto Hwy. 182. At the cemetery, the road will fork; stay to the right. Turn left onto Adams, Jackson or Commercial St. Turn right onto Teche Dr. The boat launch is on the corner of Willow St. and Teche Dr.
6. **Schwan Park & Boat Launch** – From Hwy. 90, take the Centerville/

Burns Point exit. Head towards Centerville on Hwy. 317. At the red light, take a left onto Hwy. 182. Take a right to cross the Centerville Bridge over the Bayou Teche. At the stop sign, take a right onto Hwy. 87. Travel one mile and take a right into Schwan Park. You will see a picnic pavilion, swing set and a boat ramp. The area will not be lit after dark.

CYPREMORT POINT/BURNS POINT PADDLING TRAILS

CYPREMORT POINT PADDLING TRAIL #1

NEARBY CITIES

Cypremort Point, Jeanerette, Charenton, Baldwin, Franklin

MILEAGE

- Burns Point to Cypremort Point: 36.6 miles (following the shoreline)
- 25.3 miles (paddling across the bay)

TYPE OF TRAIL

Linear route; shuttle service may be necessary

SKILL LEVEL

Experienced

DIFFICULTY

Hard

APPROXIMATE PADDLING TIME

Approximately 12 to 14 hours

USUAL CURRENT

Subject to coastal tides

NOTES & PRECAUTIONS

Saltwater trail with lots of open water! Self rescue is a must! High winds can cause chopiness in the water. Watch for high-speed boat traffic and sudden storms. May through September can be very hot! Bring sunscreen, plenty of water and bug spray. Restrooms available at Cypremort Point State Park.

ACCESS

1. Cypremort Point State Park (Quintana Boat Launch) – From Hwy. 90, take the Baldwin/Louisiana exit to Hwy. 83. Head west on Hwy. 83. Cypremort Point State Park is 20 miles from the exit. From Hwy. 83 take a right onto Hwy. 319. Cross over the bridge. Cypremort Point State Park will be on your right. There will be a launch fee.

2. Burns Point – From Hwy. 90, take the Centerville/Burns Point exit onto Hwy. 317. Head towards Burns Point. Travel 17 miles south on Hwy. 317, then right on Burns Point Lane. There is a small fee to enter the park. There are restrooms/shower facilities, picnic pavilions and RV/rent sites. The campground is on East Core Blanche Bay.

BURNS POINT PADDLING TRAIL #2

NEARBY CITIES

Cypremort Point, Jeanerette, Charenton, Baldwin, Franklin

MILEAGE

- Baldwin Boat Launch to Burns Point Boat Launch – 26.2 miles
- Baldwin Boat Launch to Cypremort Point State Park – 27.4 miles

TYPE OF TRAIL

Linear route; shuttle service may be necessary

SKILL LEVEL

Experienced

DIFFICULTY

Hard

APPROXIMATE PADDLING TIME

Approximately 12 to 14 hours

USUAL CURRENT

0.5 – 3 miles per hour between the bay and Bayou Teche.

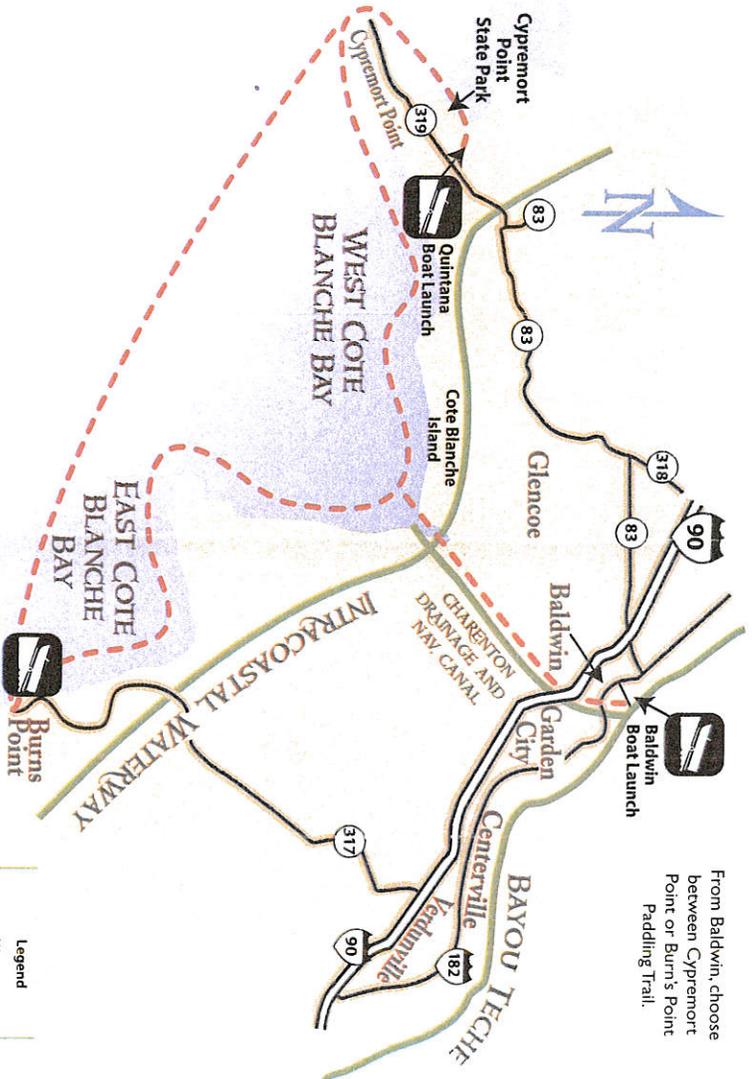
NOTES & PRECAUTIONS

Saltwater trail with lots of open water. Self rescue is a must! Use caution crossing the Intracoastal Canal due to barge traffic; wind direction may deflect the sound of oncoming barges. High winds can cause chopiness. Watch for high-speed boat traffic and sudden storms. May through September can be very hot! Bring sunscreen, plenty of water and bug spray. Restrooms available.

ACCESS

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From Baldwin, choose between Cypremort Point or Burns Point Paddling Trail.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Cypremort Point Paddling Trail is located in Vermilion Bay and Core Blanche Bay. Paddlers can put in and take out at Cypremort Point State Park and at Burns Point. Cypremort Point has sandy beaches, open ocean, schools of fish, sailboats, pelicans, oil platforms and beautiful sunsets. Novice paddlers can put in here to fish in secluded bays, or experienced paddlers can cross the bay to Burns Point.

At Burns Point, cypress and oak trees shade the quiet waters of East Core Blanche Bay. Pelicans wheel and swoop over oil platforms and shrimp boats. Novice paddlers can fish around the park or cross the bay to Cypremort Point State Park. Burns Point Paddling Trail begins at the Baldwin Boat Launch on Bayou Teche.

turns onto the Charenton Drainage and Navigation Canal and continues into the open waters of West Cote Blanche Bay. The trail ends at the landing in Cypremort Point State Park or Burns Point Boat Launch.

The coast is low lying marsh except at Core Blanche Island. Core Blanche Island is one of the highest points of land along this coast, and it is also the location of one of Louisiana's coastal salt mines. This area offers an abundance of fishing opportunities and myriad shore birds to view while paddling.

Six cabins are available to rent at Cypremort Point State Park; reservations are recommended and no tent camping is allowed. Camping at Burns Point is first come, first served; no reservations.

PIERRE PART PADDLING TRAIL

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NEARBY CITIES

Pierre Part, Belle River

MILEAGE

10

TYPE OF TRAIL

Loop route

SKILL LEVEL

Beginner

DIFFICULTY

Easy

APPROXIMATE PADDLING TIME

5 hours

USUAL CURRENT

None

NOTES & PRECAUTIONS

High winds may cause chopiness on the open lake. Invasive grasses may clog waterway. Be aware of hunting season. May through September can be very hot! Bring sunscreen, plenty of water and bug spray.

ACCESS

John Landry's Boat Landing -

The landing is approximately 22.2 miles from Lake End Park, located at 2300 Hwy. 70 in Morgan City. From Morgan City, take Hwy. 70 to Belle River. As you cross the bridge over Belle River, it is exactly 8.0 miles to Landry's Landing in Upper Pierre Part. Turn right onto First Street. Coming from the east (Donaldsonville, Sunshine Bridge, etc.), the landing is approximately 8.5 miles from the junction of Hwy. 70 and Hwy. 1. It is also 6.2 miles to Sportsman's Landing on Bayou Corne.

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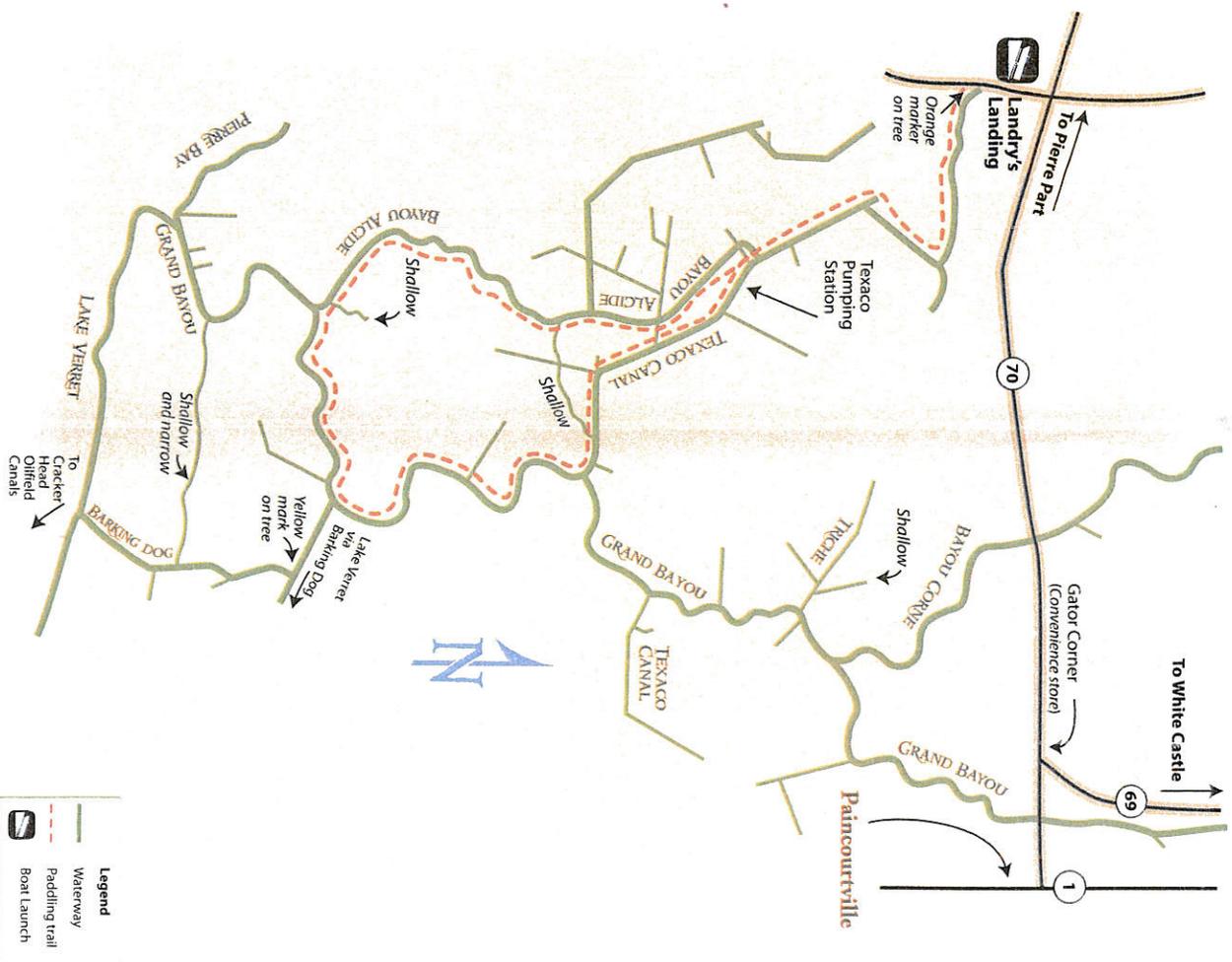
Ihis trip begins at John Landry's Landing in Upper Pierre Part on Hwy. 70. Gas is available at the Gator Corner or along Hwy. 70. The Gator Corner serves breakfast and lunches and there are several places to eat right on Hwy. 70 in Pierre Part.

There are restrooms available at Landry's Landing. Parking is abundant. The launch is concrete with docks on either side and picturesque houseboats line the sides. The bayou is narrow and scenic with low banks and overhanging trees. When you reach the Texaco tank battery barge, take a right and, shortly after, take a left into Bay Alcide. (Continuing straight after turning right by the barge will lead to a dead end.)

Bay Alcide is fairly wide and shallow; sometimes it is covered with duckweed and does not look very inviting, but the trail soon clears out. The bay narrows and leads into Bayou Alcide. To make a shorter round trip, turn left at the junction of Bayou Alcide and Grand Bayou and follow the map directions. Follow the Texaco Canal back to the pumping station where you originally made the right turn and, from there on, just follow the map back to Landry's Landing. Watch for the tree with the orange mark for the turn back to Landry's Landing.

If you choose to go to Lake Verret, continue on Bayou Alcide to Grand Bayou and on into the lake. From that point, you can turn left along the edge of the lake to the Barking Dog Canal. Follow along the canal to the tree with the yellow mark; then you have a choice of following the bayou, which leads back to Bayou Alcide, or taking the Grand Bayou back to the Texaco Canal.

The only place you will encounter motorboats is on the return trip close to Lake Verret where boats are heading to or from Sportsman's Landing on Bayou Corne. The basic round trip is 10 miles. It is not difficult to find a dry bank for a rest stop or lunch, although there is no place to camp overnight.



FRANKLIN PADDLING TRAILS

An outstanding choice for paddlers with time for only one trail

HANSON CANAL PADDLING TRAIL

NEARBY CITIES

Franklin, Centerville, Jeanerette, Charenton, Baldwin

MILEAGE

Approximately 9 or 10 miles (depending on takeout point)

TYPE OF TRAIL

Linear route; shuttle service may be required

SKILL LEVEL

Beginner

DIFFICULTY

Easy

APPROXIMATE PADDLING TIME

5 hours

USUAL CURRENT

0-2 mph

NOTES & PRECAUTIONS

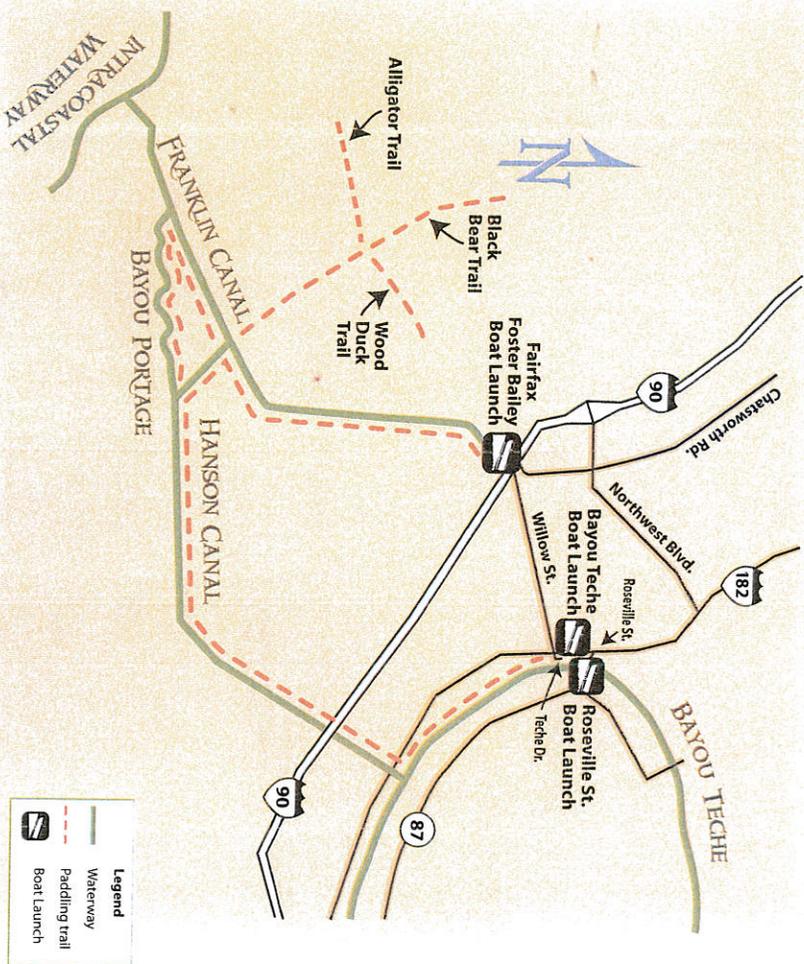
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ACCESS

1. Fairfax Foster Bailey Boat Launch - From Hwy 90, take the Franklin exit (Exit 3211). Turn onto Northwest Boulevard. At the four-way stop, take a right onto Chatsworth. After you cross the bridge, take an immediate right onto Willow Street. Take the first right to the Fairfax Foster Bailey Memorial Boat Launch, located under the overpass.

2. Bayou Teche Boat Launch - From Hwy 90, take the Franklin exit (Exit 3211). Turn onto Northwest Boulevard. At the light, take a right onto Hwy 182. At the cemetery, the road will fork; stay to the right. Turn left onto Adams, Jackson or Commercial. Turn right onto Teche Drive. The boat launch is on the corner of Willow Street and Teche Drive.

3. Roseville Street Boat Launch - From Hwy 90, take the Franklin exit (Exit 3211). Turn onto Northwest Boulevard. At the light, take a right onto Hwy 182. At the cemetery, the road will fork; stay to the right. Turn left onto Roseville Street, located just past the cemetery on the left. The landing is behind the cemetery.



BAYOU PORTAGE PADDLING TRAIL

NEARBY CITIES

Franklin, Centerville, Garden City, Patterson

MILEAGE

Approximately 9 miles round trip

TYPE OF TRAIL

Loop route

SKILL LEVEL

Beginner

DIFFICULTY

Easy

APPROXIMATE PADDLING TIME

6 hours

USUAL CURRENT

0-2 mph

NOTES & PRECAUTIONS

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ACCESS

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Founded in 1808 as Carlin's Settlement, Franklin (named for Benjamin Franklin) became the parish (county) seat in 1811 and the first incorporated town in 1820. Though early settlers included French, Acadian, German, Danish and Irish, the town's culture and architecture is heavily influenced by the unusually large numbers of English who chose to settle there after the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. Numerous huge sugar plantations arose in the area and, with the development of steamboats, Franklin became an interior sugar port. By the 1830s, Bayou Teche was the main street of Acadiana and home to a series of plantations.

The area's sugar cane planters were among the South's wealthiest agriculturalists. This is reflected in the grand plantation homes and mansions they built in Franklin and the surrounding countryside. Most of these magnificent structures are still standing and well preserved, giving Franklin its unique architectural flavor. Franklin's Historic District is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and encompasses over 420 noteworthy structures. Many of

the spectacular Greek Revival antebellum homes are along the five oak arcade on the East Main boulevard. East Main Street retains its distinctive turn-of-the-century iron street light standards, which have become a symbol of the picturesque town.

Though a small town, Franklin has produced more than its share of statesmen, including five Louisiana governors, four United States senators, a chief justice and a lieutenant governor. Franklin was also the boyhood home of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy.

During the Civil War, the Battle of Irish Bend was fought near Franklin on April 14, 1863. Though eventually forced to retreat, the badly outnumbered Confederate forces cost the Union troops significant losses. Four hundred men were killed or wounded in the confrontation, which proved to be an important point in stopping the Union drive to invade Texas.

Today Franklin is a modern town with a population of about 9,000. The area produces oil, gas, carbon black, salt, seafood and, of course, sugar.

BAYOU TECHÉ NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE PADDLING TRAILS

WOOD DUCK PADDLING TRAIL

NEARBY CITIES
Franklin, Garden City, Centerville and Patterson

MILEAGE
Approximately 10 miles round trip

TYPE OF TRAIL
Loop route

SKILL LEVEL
Beginner

DIFFICULTY
Easy

APPROXIMATE PADDLING TIME
3 hours

USUAL CURRENT
None

NOTES & PRECAUTIONS
Invasive grasses may clog waterway. Be aware of hunting season. May through September can be very hot. Bring sunscreen, plenty of water and bug spray.

ACCESS
Fairfax Foster Bailey Boat Launch - From Highway 90 take the Franklin exit 321. Turn onto Northwest Boulevard. At the four-way stop, take a right onto Chestnut. After you cross the bridge, take an immediate right onto Willow Street. Take the first right to the Fairfax Foster Bailey Memorial Boat Launch, located under the overpass.

BLACK BEAR PADDLING TRAIL

NEARBY CITIES
Franklin, Garden City, Centerville and Patterson

MILEAGE
Approximately 7 miles round trip

TYPE OF TRAIL
Loop route

SKILL LEVEL
Beginner

DIFFICULTY
Easy

APPROXIMATE PADDLING TIME
6 hours

USUAL CURRENT
None

NOTES & PRECAUTIONS
Invasive grasses may clog waterway. Be aware of hunting season. May through September can be very hot. Bring sunscreen, plenty of water and bug spray. From time to time, canals could be open, dug with floating lilies.

ACCESS
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ALLIGATOR PADDLING TRAIL

NEARBY CITIES
Franklin, Garden City, Centerville and Patterson

MILEAGE
Approximately 12 miles round trip

TYPE OF TRAIL
Loop route

SKILL LEVEL
Beginner

DIFFICULTY
Easy

APPROXIMATE PADDLING TIME
5 hours

USUAL CURRENT
None

NOTES & PRECAUTIONS
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YELLOW BAYOU PADDLING TRAIL

NEARBY CITIES
Franklin, Garden City, Centerville and Patterson

MILEAGE
Approximately 6 miles round trip

TYPE OF TRAIL
Loop route

SKILL LEVEL
Beginner

DIFFICULTY
Easy

APPROXIMATE PADDLING TIME
3 hours

USUAL CURRENT
None

NOTES & PRECAUTIONS
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ACCESS
Verdunville Boat Launch #1 - From Hwy 90, take the Centerville/Burns Point exit. Head towards Centerville on Hwy 317. At the red light, turn left onto Hwy 182. Turn right to cross the Centerville Bridge over Bayou Teche. At the stop sign, turn right onto Hwy 81. Travel about two miles until you come to a paved road on the left. Turn left and head to the levee. Turn left onto the road on the side of the levee. The boat landing will be approximately one mile on left.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal Federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System, which encompasses 545 national wildlife refuges, and thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 69 national fish hatcheries, 63 Fish & Wildlife Management offices and 81 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife law, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Assistance program, which distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Franklin Unit, Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge (BNTNWR), established in 2001, is located in St. Mary Parish in southeast Louisiana. The 2,282-acre refuge is composed of wet bottomland hardwood forests fringed with levees and canals. The primary mission of the refuge is to preserve and manage habitat for the Louisiana black bear, a federally threatened subspecies of the American black bear. The refuge also provides excellent habitat for wading birds, non-avian songbirds, waterfowl, reptiles and amphibians. In addition to fish and wildlife, other objectives include providing environmental education and opportunities for public recreation.

The refuge's waterways are ideal for paddling of a variety of watercraft, including kayaks, canoes, and rowing boats. Visit the Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge Web site www.fws.gov/bayouteche for maps and additional information regarding paddling on the refuge.

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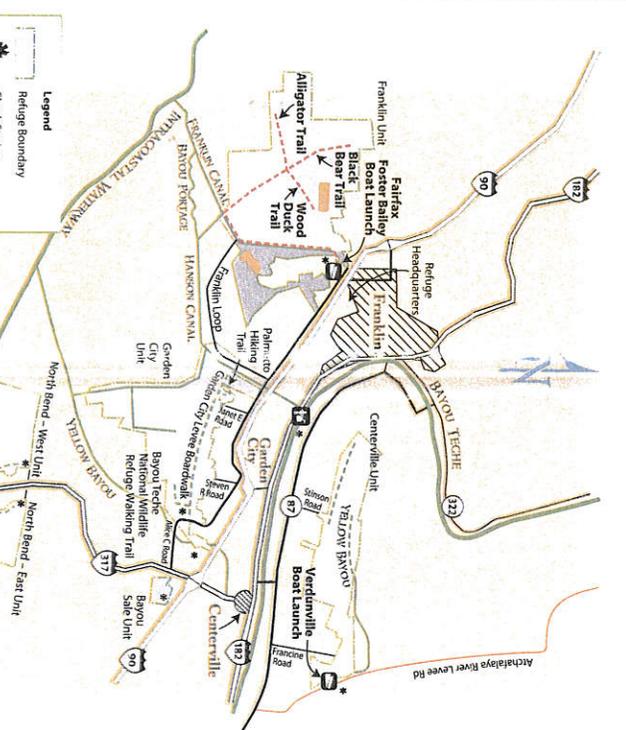
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NEARBY CITIES

Jeanerette, Charenton, Baldwin

MILEAGE

- Jeanerette Canal Landing to Grand Avouille Cove boat launch: 7.3 miles
- Jeanerette Canal Landing to Chitimacha Boat Launch: 10.8 miles (following the tree line)

TYPE OF TRAIL

Linear route; shuttle service may be necessary

SKILL LEVEL

Beginner

DIFFICULTY

Easy

APPROXIMATE PADDLING TIME

5 hours

USUAL CURRENT

0-2 mph

NOTES & PRECAUTIONS

High winds can cause choppiness in the water. Coastal tides can also have an effect on the currents. Follow the tree line for safety. Be aware of hunting season. May through September can be very hot! Bring sunscreen, plenty of water and bug spray.

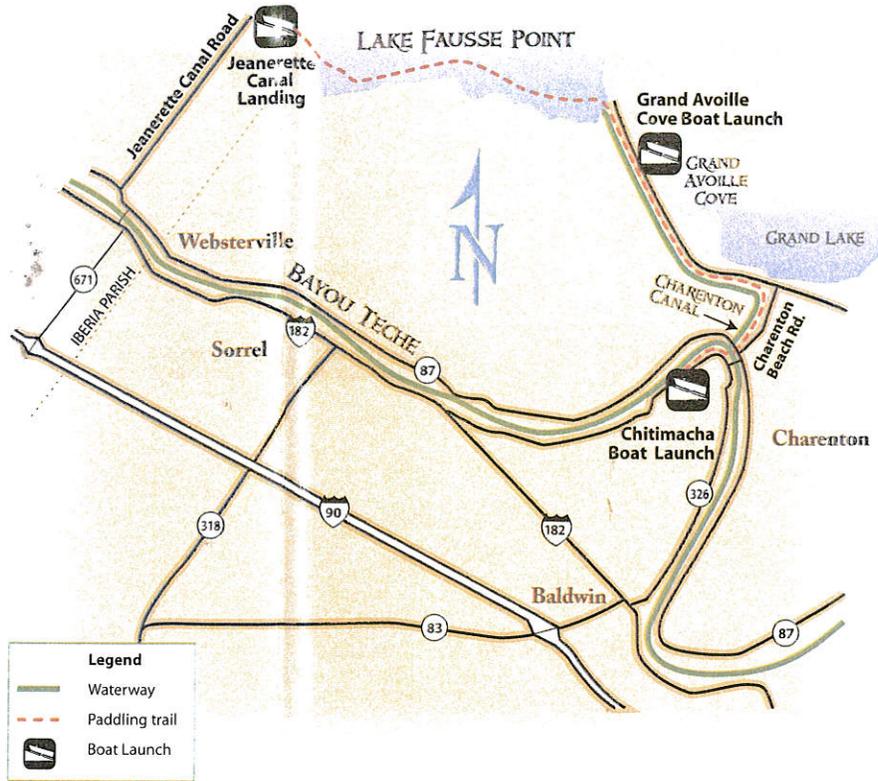
ACCESS

1. Jeanerette Canal Landing

– From Hwy. 90, take Jeanerette exit, LA 668 which turns into LA 671 (LA 671 is also Canal Street). Take a left onto Main Street (Hwy. 182). At the first traffic light, turn right onto LA 671. Cross Bayou Teche and turn left onto Hwy. 87. At about 1/4 mile the road will curve to the right and then fork; keep going straight onto Jeanerette Canal Road. The boat landing is at the end of Jeanerette Canal Road (approximately 2.2 miles).

2. Grand Avouille Cove Boat Launch

– From Hwy. 90, take the Baldwin Exit (LA 83). Turn left at the stop sign. At LA 182, take a right. At the first traffic light, take a left onto LA 326. Travel 3.6 miles and turn right onto LA 324. Cross Bayou Teche and then turn left onto LA 87. Take the first right at Charenton Beach Road. Travel one mile to the levee. Take a



left onto the gravel road that runs parallel to the levee (do not travel on the levee; it is Corps of Engineers property). Cross the locks. Approximately 2.2 miles after the locks, the boat landing will be on the left.

3. **Chitimacha Boat Launch** – From Hwy. 90, take the Baldwin exit (LA 83). Turn left at the stop sign. Take a right onto Hwy. 182. At the traffic light, take a left onto LA 326. From LA 326, take the first right after the street named Chitimacha Trail Loop. The road leading to the boat launch is unmarked, but there is a sign with the name of the boat launch once you turn down the road. Once you reach the lake, paddle between the cypress trees for the best view.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Lake Fausse Point is adjacent to the Atchafalaya Basin Swamp, the largest overflow swamp in the United States. The name Atchafalaya is a derivative of the Choctaw *bacha falaia*, which appropriately means "Long River." The Atchafalaya River runs through the swampy wetlands of the Atchafalaya Basin. The Atchafalaya Basin extends north from Morgan City past Lafayette in a maze of bayous, lakes, ponds and cypress swamps. More than 65 species of reptiles and 46 species of mammals inhabit the Cajun Coast.

Lake Fausse Point was once part of Atchafalaya Basin Swamp until the levee system isolated it. Lake Fausse Point is a great spot for birding! Canoeists can paddle under and around large moss-draped cypress trees which line the lake. Cotton Canal, a small canal located just east of Cotton Point, is a great place for wildlife watching. Once you reach the lake, paddle between the cypress trees for the best view.