

Zachary Taylor Parkway Birding Trail



Stretching nearly 150 miles eastward through the "boot" of Southeastern Louisiana, the Zachary Taylor Parkway leg of the America's Wetland Birding Trail encompasses almost every major habitat type native to the state. At its western end, within the Tunica-Biloxi Loop, the trail slogs through the low bottomland hardwoods and cypress-tupelo swamps of the lower Mississippi River floodplain. Further east, the Audubon Loop climbs into the prominent upland hardwood bluffs of the Mississippi River's east bank. This is the only region of the state where the Eastern chipmunk and American ginseng live and grow and represents the southernmost extensions of these two species' North American distribution ranges. Finally, the trail meanders higher up into the dry, 300+ foot pineland ridges near its boundary with Southern Mississippi.

The Zachary Taylor Parkway Birding Trail consists of 27 bird watching sites in 10 Louisiana parishes.



Mississippi River Birding Trail



Sparsely populated and heavily cultivated in cotton, corn, and soybeans, the Northeast Louisiana Delta has served as one of the last homes for the ivory-billed woodpecker and Louisiana black bear. Agriculture and hardwood timbering fragmented this once contiguous mosaic of bottomland hardwood and cypress-tupelo swamp habitats, virtually exterminating both the woodpecker and the bear. The ivory-billed woodpecker may be lost forever, but the Louisiana black bear is making an impressive comeback, thanks to an intensive wildlife conservation program initiated by both federal and state wildlife agencies. To date, hundreds of thousands of acres of abandoned farmland in this region have been purchased and restored to their former forested glory.

The Mississippi River Birding Trail consists of 30 bird watching sites in 13 Louisiana parishes.



Red River Birding Trail



Long storied throughout American history for its role in U.S. "Wild West" culture, the Red River changes character considerably as it enters Louisiana. Red clay bluffs, vast pine forests, and pileated woodpeckers replace the rocks, bison, and rattlesnakes of the river's upper reaches in the Southern Great Plains. Geologically, the Red River neatly bisects a large "shield" of exposed, high-elevation tertiary outcroppings, which form the entire northwestern quadrant of the state. This tertiary shield supports many of Louisiana's rarest plants. To this day, the Louisiana segment of the Red River Valley is best known for its timber resources, and interest in its mixed-pine forests culminated in the formation of the 600,000-acre Kisatchie National Forest system. Most of the forest's districts lay along the Red River Trail.

The Red River Birding Trail consists of 82 bird watching sites in 18 Louisiana parishes.

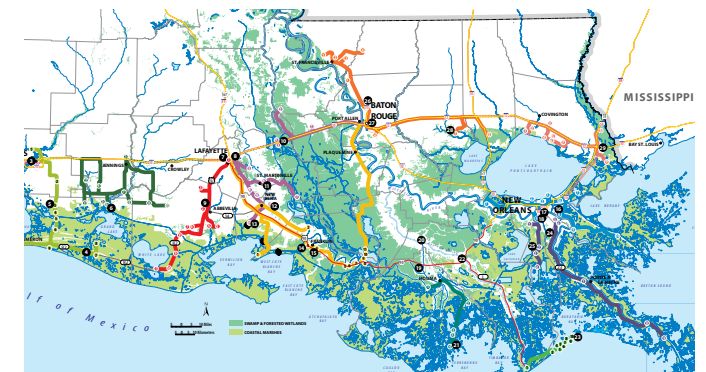


Louisiana Great Gulf Coast



Traveling along the Creole Nature Trail All-American Road and six additional state scenic byways, the America's Wetland Birding Trail crosses through 22 South Louisiana parishes rich in unparalleled history, culture, arts and entertainment. The trail will guide you to some of the state's most productive natural places along the Great Gulf Coast and will offer ready access to some of the best birding in the country.

The America's Wetland Birding Trail consists of 115 bird watching sites crossing through 22 Louisiana parishes.



For complete information on America's Wetland Birding Trails visit LouisianaTravel.com or http://LouisianaTravel.com/explore/Louisiana_birding_trails.cfm

America's WETLAND
Zachary Taylor Parkway
Parkway Birding Trail

Dear Birding Enthusiast:

Welcome to the Zachary Taylor Parkway leg of Louisiana's Birding Trail! This is one of a series of four driving routes through Louisiana that focus on the state's rich and diverse natural environments. The other tour segments include the Red River, Gulf Coast, and Mississippi River trails, all of which offer rewarding experiences for the seasoned naturalist as well as the interested amateur. Come make your own adventure here in the Pelican State!



Zachary Taylor Parkway

LOOP 1

- 1 Marksville State Historic Site
- 2 Spring Bayou State Wildlife Management Area
- 3 Grand Cote National Wildlife Refuge/Central LA National Wildlife Refuge
- 4 Echo-Cheneyville Road
- 5 J.H. Overton Recreation Area
- 6 Ben Routh Recreation Area
- 7 Lindy C. Boggs Recreation Area/Lock & Dam No. 1
- 8 Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge
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- 10 Morganza Spillway
- 11 Sherburne Wildlife Management Area

LOOP 2

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- 16 Port Hudson State Historic Site
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LOOP 3

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Louisiana

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While you’re here, we hope you’ll find time to put down your binoculars and enjoy everything else our state has to offer—our unique music, cuisine, art and history. Please visit www.LouisianaTravel.com for helpful travel information.

Happy Birding,



Information



Restrooms



Handicapped Access



Food



Parking



Canoeing



Boat Access



Fishing



Camping



Cabins/Lodge



Picnic Area



Hiking



Swimming



Beach Area



Visitor



Driving Trail



Viewing Area



Lookout Tower



Biking



Water

LOOP 1

Colonial Trails Scenic Byway

Site 1: Marksville State Historic Site



exhibits, interpretive programs

Address:

837 Martin Luther King Dr., Marksville, LA 71351

Access: Daily 9am-5pm, except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day; Free

GPS Coordinates: N 31.15447; W 92.04681

Contact: Site Manager, 318-253-8954 or 888-253-8954

Website: www.lastateparks.com



Site 2: Spring Bayou State Wildlife Management Area



Address: 2628 Spring Bayou Rd., Marksville, LA 71351

Access: Daily; Free. Valid LA hunting or fishing license or Wild LA Stamp required unless exempt by law

GPS Coordinates: N 31.12618; W 92.01546

Contact: LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, WMA Manager, 318-948-0255

Website: www.wlf.louisiana.gov/hunting/wmas/wmas/list.cfm?wmaid=48

Site 3:

Grand Cote National Wildlife Refuge/ Central Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge



outdoor aquaculture classroom, boardwalk, observation platform

Address: 401 Island Rd., Marksville, LA 71351

Access: Office Mon-Fri 7:30am-4pm; Trail daily; Free

GPS Coordinates: N 31.10967; W 92.13764

Contact: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Central LA Wildlife Refuges Headquarters, 318-253-4238

Website: www.fws.gov/grandcote

Site 4:

Echo-Cheneyville Road



Address: No physical address

Access: Daily; Free

Limitations: Traffic area with few pull-offs

GPS Coordinates: N 31.03295; W 92.29531

Site 5:

J.H. Overton Recreation Area

Address: 766 LA Hwy. 454, Pineview, LA 71360

Access: Daily; Free

GPS Coordinates: N 31.19607; W 92.30779

Contact: Red River Waterway Commission, 800-874-9431

Website: www.redriverwaterway.com, or www.mvk.usace.army.mil/lakes/JBennettWaterway/main.php?page=mapsContent





**Site 6:
Ben Routh Recreation Area**



Address: 156 Ben Routh Rd., Effie, LA 71331

Access: Daily; Free

GPS Coordinates: N 31.21083; W 92.12913

Contact: Red River Waterway Commission, 800-874-9431

Website: www.redriverwaterway.com or
www.mvk.usace.army.mil/lakes/JBennettWaterway/main.php?page=mapsContent

**Site 7:
Lindy C. Boggs Recreation Area/Lock
& Dam No. 1**



Address: 3543 Vick Rd., Vick, LA 71331

Access: Daily; Free

GPS Coordinates: N 31.15127; W 91.57201

Website: www.redriverwaterway.com or
www.mvk.usace.army.mil/lakes/JBennettWaterway

**Site 8:
Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge**



Address: 642 Lake Long Rd., Marksville, LA 71351

Access: Daily; Free

Limitations: Roadways can be problematic in wet weather

GPS Coordinates: N 31.21943; W 91.93938

Contact: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Refuge Manager,
318-253-4238

Website: www.fws.gov/lakeophelia/

**Site 9:
Grassy Lake Wildlife Management Area**



Address: 3081 Grassy Lake Rd., Bordelonville, LA 71320

Access: Daily; Free; Valid LA hunting or fishing license or
Wild LA Stamp required unless exempt by law, self-clearing
permit required

GPS Coordinates: N 31.15057; W 91.78781

Contact: LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Region 6
Office, 337-948-0255

Website: www.wlf.louisiana.gov

**Site 10:
Morganza Spillway**



Address: 2084 LA Hwy. 1, Morganza, LA 70759

Access: Daily; Free

GPS Coordinates: N 30.78208; W 91.62320

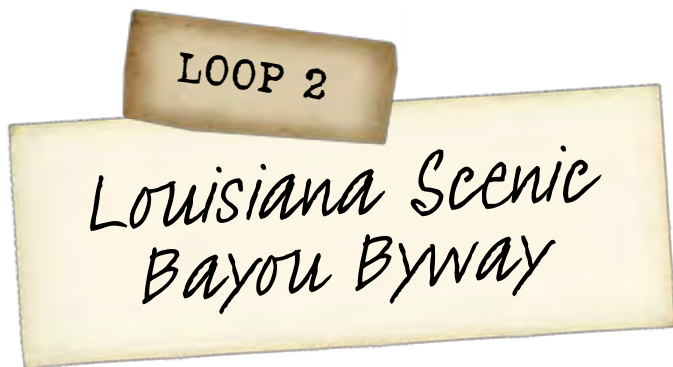
Contact: Pointe Coupée Office of Tourism, 225-638-3998



Site 11:
Sherburne Wildlife Management Area



Address: 5652 Hwy. 182, Opelousas, LA 70571
Access: Daily; Free; Valid LA hunting or fishing license or Wild LA Stamp required, unless exempt by law
GPS Coordinates: N 30.51621; W 91.71633
Contact: Sherburne Complex Information, 337-948-0255
Website: www.wlf.state.la.us



Site 12:
Tunica Hills Wildlife Management Area



Address: No physical address
Access: Daily; Free; Valid LA hunting or fishing license or Wild LA Stamp required, unless exempt by law
Limitations: Roadway could be problematic in wet weather
GPS Coordinates: N 30.92879; W 91.52527
Contact: LA Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, Region 7 Office, 225-765-2360
Website: www.wlf.louisiana.gov

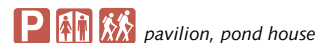


Site 13:
Centenary State Historic Site



Address: 3522 College St., Jackson, LA 70748
Access: Daily 9am-5pm except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day; Admission Fee
GPS Coordinates: N 30.84055; W 91.21215
Contact: Centenary State Historic Site Information, 888-677-2364
Website: www.lastateparks.com

Site 14:
Mary Ann Brown Preserve



Address: 13515 Hwy. 965, St. Francisville, LA 70775
Access: Daily; Free
GPS Coordinates: N 30.82010; W 91.26506
Contact: Nature Conservancy of Louisiana, 225-338-1040
Website: www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/louisiana/preserves, or www.stfrancisville.us



Site 15:
Audubon State Historic Site



Address: 11788 Hwy. 965, St. Francisville, LA 70775
Access: Daily 9am-5pm except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day; Admission Fee
GPS Coordinates: N 30.79717; W 91.30693
Contact: Site Manager, 225-635-3739 or 888-677-2838
Website: www.lastateparks.com

Site 16:

Port Hudson State Historic Site



Access: Daily 9am-5pm; Fee

GPS Coordinates: N 30.69255; W 91.26922

Contact: Port Hudson State Historic Site, 888-677-3400

Website: www.lastateparks.com

Site 17:

Rosedown Plantation State Historic Site



Address: 12501 Hwy. 10, St. Francisville, LA 70775

Access: Daily 9am-5pm except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day; Admission Fee

GPS Coordinates: N 30.79081; W 91.37270

Contact: Rosedown Plantation State Historic Site,
225-635-3332

Website: www.lastateparks.com

Site 18:

Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge



Address: 76 Pintail Ln., Natchez, MS 39120

Access: Daily; Free

GPS Coordinates: N 30.79324; W 91.43641

Contact: Refuge Manager, 225-635-4753

Website: www.southeast.fws.gov/CatIsland

Site 19:

West Feliciana Parish



ball fields, tennis courts, playgrounds

Address: 10226 West Feliciana Pkwy., St. Francisville,
LA 70775

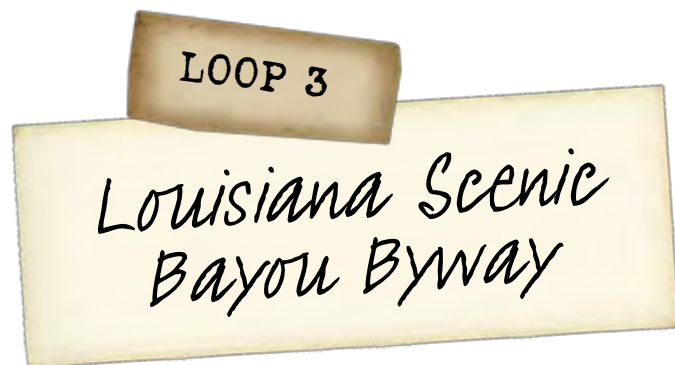
Access: Mon-Fri 7am-dark, Sat-Sun 8am-dark; Free

Limitations: Roadways can be problematic in wet weather

GPS Coordinates: N 30.80786; W 91.37597

Contact: West Feliciana Parish Recreational and Sports Park,
225-784-8447

Website: www.stfrancisville.us



Site 20:

Camp Moore Confederate Museum & Cemetery



museum, gift shop

Address: 70640 Camp Moore Rd., Tangipahoa, LA 70465

Access: Tues-Sat 10am-3pm; Admission Fee

GPS Coordinates: N 30.88487; W 90.51073

Contact: Camp Moore Confederate Museum & Cemetery,
985-229-2438

Website: www.campmoore.com

Site 21:

Sandy Hollow Wildlife Management Area



Address: 98004 Oilfield Rd., Kentwood, LA 70444

Access: Daily; Free; Valid LA hunting or fishing license or
Wild LA Stamp required, unless exempt by law

GPS Coordinates: N 30.83960; W 90.41423

Contact: LA Department of Wildlife & Fisheries,
Region 7 Office, 225-765-2360

Website: www.wlf.louisiana.gov

Site 22:
Ben's Creek Wildlife Management Area



Address: No physical address

Access: Daily; Free; Valid LA hunting or fishing license or Wild LA Stamp required, unless exempt by law, self-clearing permit required

GPS Coordinates: N 30.86248; W 89.97522

Contact: LA Department of Wildlife & Fisheries Region 7 Office, 225-765-2360

Website: www.wlf.louisiana.gov

Site 23:
Cassidy Park



tennis courts, barnyard display, playground

Address: No physical address

Access: Daily; Free

GPS Coordinates: N 30.78281; W 89.87261

Contact: City of Bogalusa, 985-732-6211

Site 24:
Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge



Address:

No physical address

Access: Daily; Free

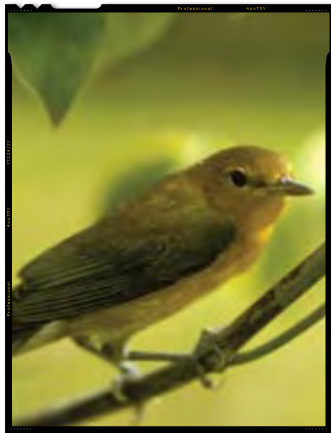
Limitations: The area is closed when the river gauge at Pearl River reaches 15.5 feet.

GPS Coordinates:

N 30.45115; W 89.70822

Contact: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast LA Refuges Headquarters, 985-882-2000

Website: www.fws.gov/boguechitto



Site 25:
Pearl River Wildlife Management Area



Address: 603 Willis, Bogalusa, LA 70427

Access: Daily; Free; Valid LA hunting or fishing license or

Wild LA Stamp required, unless exempt by law

GPS Coordinates: N 30.39107; W 89.72894

Contact: Pearl River WMA Headquarters, 985-646-6440

Website: www.wlf.state.la.us

Site 26:
Abita Creek Flatwoods Preserve



boardwalk, benches, interpretive stations

Address: No physical address

Access: Daily; Free

GPS Coordinates: N 30.50608; W 89.96597

Contact: The Nature Conservancy (Florida Parishes), 985-809-1414

Website: www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/louisiana/preserves

Site 27:
Lake Ramsay Preserve



interpretive displays

Address: No physical address

Access: Daily; Free (The adjacent Lake Ramsay WMA requires a valid hunting or fishing or Wild LA Stamp and self-clearing permit.)

GPS Coordinates: N 30.51024; W 89.16423

Contact: The Nature Conservancy (Florida Parishes), 985-809-1414

America's Wetland

America's WETLAND is one of the largest and most productive expanses of coastal wetlands in North America. This valuable landscape extending along Louisiana's coast is disappearing at a rate of 25 square miles per year. This unique ecosystem is the natural nursery ground for much of the country's seafood, with 95% of all marine life in the Gulf of Mexico spending all or part of its life cycle in these coastal wetlands. America's WETLAND is the wintering habitat for more than 10 million waterfowl and migratory birds in the Mississippi Flyway and Central Flyway. As the wetlands disappear, habitat is lost, threatening national refuges and putting at risk numerous rare, threatened and endangered species.

The America's WETLAND Birding Trails will help visitors explore some of Louisiana's most treasured natural places along the coast and expose them to some of the best birding in the country through the numerous State Parks, State Historic Sites, State Preservation Areas, National Wildlife Refuges, Wildlife Management Areas, and other natural spots throughout the state. In addition to exceptional birds and other wildlife, America's WETLAND Birding Trails also allow visitors to experience some of the state's unique history and culture. To learn more about America's WETLAND please visit www.americaswetland.com.

