



Although we were once a part of the lawless No Man's Land, home to outlaws, pirates, and pioneers, we are now a treasure trove of exploration. Hiking or biking ancient hills, birding in tranquil woods, conquering wily bass in Toledo Bend Lake, you'll feel your pioneer spirit emerge.

Drive through rolling, pine woods on the Toledo Bend Forest Trail, view beautiful, mid-19th-century Greek Revival architecture, pick ripe berries in season, or track down antebellum gravesites such as Moses Rose, the only survivor of the Alamo.

After dining on freshly caught fried fish and hot water cornbread, shop local eclectic stores for the perfect souvenir and then settle in to a cozy bed & breakfast. Make your reservations today to Discover DeSoto!



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30 Reasons to visit DeSoto!

Discover history, natural beauty, and small-town charm in DeSoto.

On the northwestern border, beside the trophy fishing waters of Toledo Bend Lake, we are just **30 minutes** south of Shreveport and **30 minutes** north of Natchitoches, the oldest settlement in Louisiana. We also boast of more than **30 sites** on the National Register of Historic Places, including the second oldest courthouse in Louisiana and the first female college west of the Mississippi.

We celebrate our history through living reenactments at Civil War battlefield sites, at festivals celebrating our heritage, and in everyday living in Main Street communities. DeSoto Parish beckons you with rural charm and Southern hospitality.

- 1 Civil War Battlefield
- 2 Civil War Cemeteries
- 3 Historic Museums
- 4 Historic Small Towns
- 5 Historic Churches
- 6 Greek Revival Architecture



- 9 Rare, Original 1843 Log Courthouse
- 10 First Female College West of the Mississippi



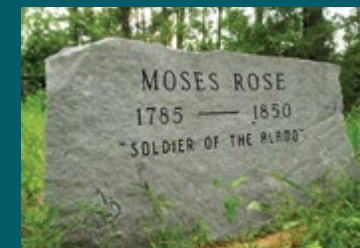
- 11 Bed & Breakfasts
- 12 Antique Shops
- 13 Main Street Shopping
- 14 1897 Department Store
- 15 World-Class Bass Fishing



- 7 Festivals & Parades
- 8 Rodeos & Trail Rides



- 16 Lakes with Spanish Moss and Alligators
- 17 Grave of Alamo Survivor, Moses Rose



- 18 Two Rosenwald Schools
- 19 Hiking Trails
- 21 Local Artists' Displays

- 21 Birding Spots
- 22 Louisiana Cooking
- 23 Southern Hospitality
- 24 Scenic Drives
- 25 Cycling Trails
- 26 Movie Locations
- 27 Plantations
- 28 BMX Racing
- 29 Family Reunions
- 30 Longest Shooting Range in the State