

Festivals

Louisiana Smoked Meat Festival
Ville Platte, LA
www.lasmokedmeatfestival.com

Mamou Cajun Music Festival
Mamou, LA
www.mamoucajunmusicfestival.com

Louisiana Cotton Festival
Ville Platte, LA
www.louisianacottonfestival.com

Louisiana Tournoi
Ville Platte, LA
www.louisianatournoi.com

Mamou Veteran's Day Celebration
Mamou, LA

Louisiana Swine Festival
Basile, LA
www.louisianaswinefestival.com

Christmas in the Village
Turkey Creek, LA



Swamp Pop Dance Reunion
Ville Platte, LA

Mardi Gras Celebration
Mamou, LA

Boggy Bayou Festival
Pine Prairie, LA
www.louisianatournoi.com

Le Grand Hoorah Festival
Ville Platte, LA
www.lafolkroots.org/the-grand-hoorah

For more information on these wonderful festivals,
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Come Fill Up!

The Smoked Meat Capital of the World, Evangeline Parish offers a wide variety of cuisine to fit any pallet. From boiled crawfish, cracklins, boudin grilled Cajun Bar-B-Que and everything in between, you can find it all in Evangeline Parish.

Shop 'Til Ya Drop!

Whether you're looking for something specific or just browsing, you're sure to find unique treasures here in Evangeline Parish. With a wide variety of options such as boutiques, chain retailers, antique shops, flea markets, and specialty food shops with hand crafted smoked meats, boudin, and fresh cracklins for you to take home and share with family and friends. Evangeline Parish has surprises for everyone!

Rest & Relaxing!

Looking for a place to rest where you can enjoy some beautiful scenery? Evangeline Parish welcomes you with several different lodging options; clean hotels, secluded campgrounds or quaint bed and breakfast inns. Evangeline Parish has what you need to stay as long as you'd like!



To find a full list of food, shopping, lodging, events and much more visit us online at www.evangelineparishtourism.org. or like us on Facebook @EvangelineParishTourism

Come experience Cajun culture in Evangeline Parish!
We can't wait to show you around!

Experience **THE HEART OF CAJUN COUNTRY**

*Cajun Music, Swamp Pop Music and
Smoked Meat Capital of the World*

C'est bon!

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Ville Platte

The southeastern half of Evangeline Parish where Ville Platte is located is on the first "flat lands" when one comes down from the hill country of north Louisiana. The name suggests that because it was located on the flat "prairie lands" that the name "flat town" was selected. Today, Ville Platte is rich in history, legend, agriculture, timber, natural resources, and in dedicated people. It is a colorful little town situated between Baton Rouge and Alexandria on US Highway 167 with a population approaching 9,000. Ville Platte is the "Parish seat" and was incorporated in 1858.



Basile

The town of Basile, located on Highway 190 midway between Beaumont and Baton Rouge, is the southernmost point of Evangeline Parish, and is partially in Acadia Parish. It was incorporated as a village in 1911. Since 1966, this small town has been the home of the Louisiana Swine Festival, which takes place yearly the first weekend of November.



Chataignier

The word "Chataignier" is French and means Chinquapin, a small type of chestnut tree. The Village of Chataignier was incorporated in January, 1972 with a population of 375. The economy of this area is agriculturally based.



Mamou

The town of Mamou was incorporated in 1911. Mamou is located at the center of 12 square miles of some of the finest and richest agricultural land in Louisiana. Mardi Gras is celebrated in a big way and visitors from all over the nation attend. Cajun Music is cultivated in Mamou, and Fred's Lounge has the Cajun Music Hall of Fame via radio, honoring Cajun musicians every Saturday morning. Mamou is a beautiful little town of over 3,000 people. It celebrates the Cajun way of life and welcomes visitors to its attractions.



Pine Prairie

The town of Pine Prairie was incorporated in 1959. It is the nearest town to the recently developed Crooked Creek Recreation Area, which offers fishing, swimming, and camping. There is an annual Christmas parade in the town followed by the lighting of the town Gazebo and Christmas tree and seasonal lights.



Turkey Creek

The town of Turkey Creek was incorporated in 1956 and is located in northern Evangeline Parish near the stream named Turkey Creek. The area and the name of the settlement was derived from the fact that the stream ran in three branches shaped like a turkey's foot.



Parks

Enjoy the great outdoors at one of our many recreational parks: Chicot, Louisiana State Arboretum, Crooked Creek, or Lakeview Park. Come and experience nature in Evangeline Parish by fishing, hiking, biking, canoeing, RV camping, tent camping, and cabin renting. Plus, enjoy live music and dancing on the weekends at Lakeview Park.

Chicot State Park

Chicot State Park is located near Ville Platte, Louisiana and was established in 1939. It is one of the oldest state parks. This wildlife reserve of South Central Louisiana features 6,400 acres of rolling hills surrounding a 2,000-acre man-made lake stocked with bass, crappie, bluegill, and red-ear sunfish.



Louisiana State Arboretum

The Louisiana State Arboretum's 600 acres is located on La. Highway 3042, approximately 8 miles north of Ville Platte, inside Chicot State Park and bordering a branch of Chicot Lake. Established in 1961, it is the oldest state-supported arboretum in the United States.



Lakeview Park & Beach

Lakeview Park & Beach has many amenities including RV hook ups, a beach with water toys, fishing, canoeing, and family fun activities. Enjoy large green spaces between each site that average 35 feet apart.

