



Get back to nature on one of our vast, mysterious waterways. Experience the uniqueness of our Atchafalaya Basin with a swamp tour, take a boat ride in our bayous, or walk along one of our nature trails at Lake Martin where you may see alligators and various species of birds.

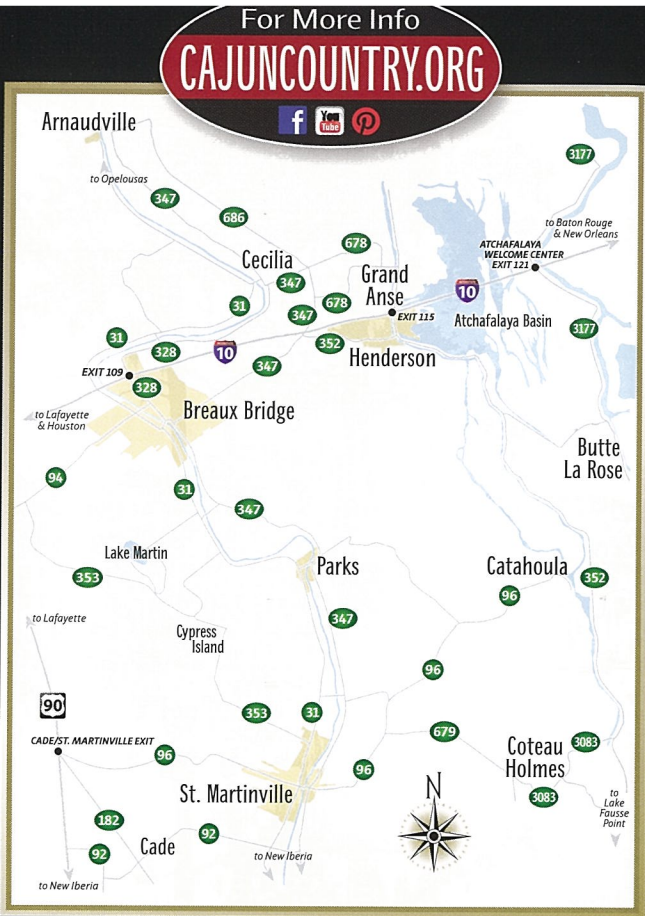
If the outdoors and camping are your bag - pack one. Pitch a tent, set up your travel trailer or RV, rent a cabin or houseboat. Camping and RV facilities are abundant throughout the parish.

Part of our history also lies in our parks. The oldest park in the Louisiana parks system is the Longfellow-Evangeline State Historic site in St. Martinville.

In our communities, you will find “Cajun/Creole” French spoken by young and old throughout the parish. Linger awhile to hear the stories of days gone by and discover the unique attraction of our area: the friendliness, warmth and genuine hospitality of the people of St. Martin Parish.



Family unity and strong spiritual beliefs remain central to the culture of St. Martin Parish. We are a unique part of America - unlike any other you have ever visited.



Experience the true essence of Cajun and Creole...
where food is almost a religion, where people play
just as hard as they work, and where history is alive and well.

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Catahoula
Henderson
St. Martinville

where Cajun began...

St. Martin Parish

Discover a way of life spiced with a blend of historical and cultural ingredients - visit St. Martin Parish...

Around 1765, arriving on the banks of the Bayou Teche in Poste de Attakapas (present day St. Martinville), the French settlers, called Acadians, found a mysterious and untamed land. They fished, trapped and farmed this maze of bayous, swamps and bottomland and made it their home. Living united through "hard work" and "hard play," the Acadians - or Cajuns as we came to be called - grew, prospered and built a fascinating new culture.

Our culture still reflects pride in our unique heritage. We maintain a special respect for our environment and a commitment to preserving a way of life that is envied and recognized worldwide.



Come stroll through the historic downtowns of Breaux Bridge and St. Martinville, where many unique and quaint shops filled with antiques, local crafts, art and specialty items await you.

Enjoy the authentic Cajun and Creole cuisine prepared in our many family owned restaurants and cafes. Then, dance to a lively Zydeco tune or two-step to a Cajun waltz at our dancehalls.

Celebrate with us at the many festivals held throughout the year in St. Martin Parish and enjoy great food, our unique local music and friendly people.



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Arnaudville

- ▣ Art - Exhibits & Studios
- ▣ Local Award Winning Brewery
- ▣ Restaurants
- ▣ Semaine de la Francophonie

Breaux Bridge

- ▣ Antique & Boutique Shopping
- ▣ Breaux Bridge City Wide Garage Sale
- ▣ Breaux Bridge Christmas Parade
- ▣ Cajun & Zydeco Dancing
- ▣ Canoe & Kayak Rentals
- ▣ Crawfish Capital of the World
- ▣ Historic Downtown District
- ▣ Jambalaya Cook-Off
- ▣ Teche Center for the Arts
- ▣ The Bridge Collection
- ▣ World Famous Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival
- ▣ World Famous Seafood Restaurants

Butte La Rose & Henderson

- ▣ Atchafalaya Welcome Center Cultural Exhibit
- ▣ Atchafalaya Basin Festival
- ▣ Atchafalaya Basin Gateway
- ▣ Cajun & Zydeco Dancing
- ▣ Campgrounds
- ▣ Canoe & Kayak Rentals
- ▣ Swamp Tours
- ▣ World Famous Restaurants

Lake Martin

- ▣ Bird Rookery (springtime)
- ▣ Live Alligators and many other animals native to our Louisiana swamps
- ▣ Nature Conservancy Cypress Preserve
- ▣ Swamp Tours

Parks

- ▣ Cecile Poche Memorial RV Park
- ▣ Parks Cracklin Cookoff

St. Martinville

- ▣ Acadian Memorial & Museum
- ▣ Acadian Memorial Festival
- ▣ African American Museum
- ▣ Christmas Lighting of the Church Square
- ▣ Evangeline Monument
- ▣ Evangeline Oak
- ▣ Longfellow-Evangeline State Historical Site
- ▣ National Day of the Acadians
- ▣ Pepper Festival
- ▣ Quaint Small Town Cafés & Cajun Restaurants
- ▣ St. Martin de Tours Church Square

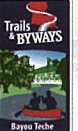


where Cajun began...

St. Martin Parish
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