

DISCOVER YOUR
ADVENTURE ON THE

Boom or Bust Byway



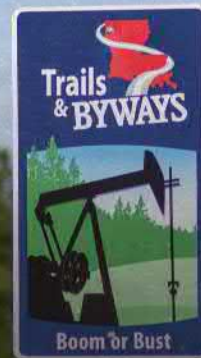
*Escape the City.
Embrace the Byway.*

Take a 136-mile road trip on the Boom or Bust
Byway in northwest Louisiana.

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WELCOME TO THE *Boom or Bust Byway*

The Boom or Bust Byway is the ultimate road trip for explorers, families, retirees and international visitors who are seeking an off-the-beaten-path adventure. This scenic, self-driving tour spans 136 miles across four parishes: Caddo, Bossier, Webster and Claiborne. It follows Louisiana Highway 2 and runs between Louisiana/Texas border and Hwy. 3049 on the west and Lake Claiborne on the east. This guide includes hole-in-the-wall eateries, outdoor experiences, historic attractions, annual festivals and events, and more in Caddo and Bossier parishes. For a complete list of things to do along the Boom or Bust Byway, visit www.BoomOrBustByway.com.



JUMPSTART YOUR

Adventure

Download the free Boom or Bust Byway app on Google Play or Apple Store and start your exploration of the byway from wherever you are.



EXPERIENCE THE

Boom or Bust Byway's Story

Driving the byway, visitors will see the evidence of booming and busting industries such as oil and gas, timber and crops as they pass endless acres of farmland and oil derricks. With more than 15 state-issued historic markers along the byway, you can discover location-specific history on your journey. Visitors can also experience the area's past through museum collections and exhibits that display pre- and post-Civil War artifacts and artwork.

BIG MAMA'S ANTIQUES AND RESTORATION

6403 Dogwood St., Hosston | 318-573-2127

www.facebook.com/uniquefindswithray

Visitors can explore this antique shop that houses everything from 200-year-old newspapers and documents to vintage portraits and pre-Civil War artifacts and artwork.

HISTORIC CADDO LAKE DRAWBRIDGE

500 North Croom St., Mooringsport | 318-929-2806

www.caddolakedrawbridge.com

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1996, this vehicular bridge is more than 100 years old and the last surviving Waddell vertical-lift bridge in Louisiana.

LOUISIANA STATE OIL AND GAS MUSEUM

200 South Land Ave., Oil City | 318-995-6845

At this state-operated museum, visitors will learn how the oil and gas industry shaped the history of Caddo Parish through photographs, films, life-size dioramas, shotgun house, and more.

RED RIVER CROSSROADS MUSEUM

12797 Main Street, Gilliam | 318-296-4303

www.redrivercrossroadshistorical.org

This exhibition hall attached to Shreve Memorial Library tells the story of how early settlers of the surrounding communities lived through memorabilia, pictures and more.

RITA SANDERS KEOUN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

208 East Mary Lee St., Plain Dealing | 318-326-4233

www.bossierlibrary.org/plain-dealing-branch

This library tells the area's stories by promoting the historical aspects of the community through engaging exhibits, events and more.



DISCOVER A Taste of the South

The Boom or Bust Byway welcomes you to the region of deep-fried, savory eats. Visitors can indulge in fried fish, juicy burgers, a full breakfast spread, and more along this route.

BIG DUP'S CAJUN KITCHEN

307 West Mary Lee Street, Plain Dealing | 318-326-5001

Big Dup's offers your favorite Cajun cuisine and soul food options. Their menu consists of everything from boudin balls and crawfish to ham hocks and hot water cornbread, as well as breakfast and daily specials.

GILES SNACK SHOP

210 East Palmetto Ave., Plain Dealing | 318-326-4408

Giles Snack Shop is known for serving old-fashioned, home-cooked meals, such as thick burgers, chicken fried steak, hot water cornbread, hamburger steaks, fried fruit pies, and more.

LONGWOOD GENERAL STORE

3502 Greenwood Mooringsport Rd., Mooringsport | 318-929-2231

Longwood General Store is a 24-hour, all-in-one stop where travelers can get gas, convenience items and a full meal. Known for serving southern classics, this restaurant offers a menu of breakfast platters, seafood, lunch specials, desserts, and ribeye steaks that weigh up to 48 ounces.

MAIN STREET RESTAURANT

12807 Main St., Gilliam | 318-296-4400

www.mainstreetrestaurantla.com

Main Street Restaurant features an assortment of fried foods, burgers, seafood, sandwiches, homemade pies, a salad bar, and more to enjoy in a diner-style restaurant.

ROAD TRIP THROUGH *Sportsman's Paradise*

Road trippers are bound to disconnect from fast-paced, modern lifestyles and reconnect with their adventurous spirit on this rural route. Travelers can enjoy everything from biking, running and kayaking trails to boating, fishing and camping. Thrill-seekers can get their fix by skydiving over north Louisiana's countryside or drag racing against locals at a speedway, while motorcyclists can ride from town to town with scenic views.

PICK YOUR *Outdoor Adventure*

CAMPING & RV SITES

CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU PARK

135 Cypress Park Dr., Benton | 318-965-0007

www.cypressblackbayou.com

Cypress Black Bayou Park is a full-service recreation area that includes a marina, lodges, camping, fishing piers, zoo, man-made beach, and more.

EARL G. WILLIAMSON PARK

11425 Louisiana Hwy. 1, Oil City | 318-212-0220

This 40-acre recreational site provides a public boat ramp, a 450-foot fishing pier, RV camper hook-ups, camping areas, two playgrounds, volleyball nets, tennis court, on-site park ranger, and more.

ROBERT A. NANCE PARK

14770 Odom Rd., Hosston | 318-929-2806

Visitors are welcome to explore the park's picnic areas, boat ramp, fishing pier, grills, and more.

ALLEN'S GUIDE AND TOUR SERVICE

9691 Pelican Lodge Rd., Vivian | 903-530-0611

www.caddolakeguideservice.com

This excursion includes a peaceful day of cruising, sightseeing, fishing, and more on Caddo Lake with in-depth fishing tutorials for up to eight hours.

ARK-LA-TEX SPEEDWAY

13035 Boyter Lane Rd., Vivian | 318-375-3470

www.arklatexspeedway.net

From March through October, this quarter-mile, clay-dirt racecourse is used for bicycle, motorcycle, ATV and automobile racing competitions and events, as well as recreational racing for visitors.

SKYDIVE LOUISIANA

10249 Vivian Airport Rd., Vivian | 318-464-5867

www.skydivelouisiana.net

Skydive Louisiana offers an award-winning, thrill-seeking experience for visitors who want to jump out of a plane from 10,000 feet in the air and freefall at 120 mph.

TAKE THE *Ultimate Road Trip*

Take a drive on the byway and encounter one adventure after another.





FESTIVALS & *Annual Events*

The Boom or Bust Byway is home to more than 20 festivals and events celebrating everything from national holidays and popular blossoms to local history and seasonal fun. Many of these events are free and family-friendly with food, art and crafts, live music and more. Just a quick drive from Shreveport-Bossier, Louisiana, each event provides an off-the-beaten-path experience for locals and visitors alike.

VIVIAN BLACK HISTORY FESTIVAL AND PARADE

100 Front St., Vivian | 318-375-3471

On the third Saturday of February, the community celebrates Black History Month with free, family-friendly activities including food trucks, craft vendors, parade, beauty pageant, concert, rodeo, and more.

LOUISIANA REDBUD FESTIVAL

100 Front St., Vivian | 318-210-1278 | www.laredbud.com

This free festival takes place on the third Saturday of March. The community celebrates with a full month of activities leading up to the festival, which includes a pageant, carnival, 5k, rodeo, parade, car show, and more.

SUNFLOWER TRAIL AND FESTIVAL

12797 Main Street, Gilliam | 318-296-4303

www.redrivercrossroadshistorical.org

Each summer, the Boom or Bust Byway is lined with a golden trail of sunflower fields in preparation for the Sunflower Trail and Festival, which takes place on the third Saturday of June. This free festival is arguably the most popular event on the byway.

HERITAGE AND HARVEST TOUR

Various Locations | 318-296-4303

www.redrivercrossroadshistorical.org

This self-driving tour consists of more than 10 historic stops along the Boom or Bust Byway, and includes local businesses, attractions, homes, and restaurants that host events, exhibits and behind-the-scenes experiences on the fourth Saturday of September.

FALL EVENTS AT DIXIE MAZE FARMS

9596 Sentell Rd., Shreveport | 318-703-2870 | www.dixiemaze.com

This recreational farm welcomes the autumn season and Halloween fun with weekly events scheduled from September through October, including a fall festival, 5k mud run and obstacle course, haunted trails, mystery dinners, and more.

CHRISTMAS ON CADDO FIREWORKS FESTIVAL

11425 Louisiana Hwy. 1, Oil City | www.christmasoncaddo.com

For more than 25 years, this popular Christmas festival continues to grow with nearly 10,000 attendees, fair-style foods, live entertainment, Santa Claus, a fireworks show, spacious children's area and more. This festival takes place on the first Saturday of December at Earl G. Williamson Park.

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