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## DISCOVER ST. BERNARD

Located five miles from the Historic French Quarter, lies the historic, cultural oasis of St. Bernard Parish. Since the Islenos first settled in what is now Historic St. Bernard in the 1700s, the rich culture, history and tradition have flourished. Site of the Battle of New Orleans and the last vestige of Spanish Colonial Louisiana, St. Bernard Parish is a place known for its unique local food, countless celebrations and hospitality that's second to none.

St. Bernard Parish was proclaimed as a "World Class Fishing Destination" by Salt Water Fishing magazine. You are bound to catch the "fishing fever" in the waters of Chalmette, Delacroix, Hopedale, Shell Beach, and Yscloskey reeling in the big catch of the day. Begin your adventure with one of the many charters. St. Bernard is a paradise for birders and nature watchers looking to experience the finest of the outdoors.

The nationally designated San Bernardo Scenic Byway on LA 46 connects New Orleans to the coastal communities in St. Bernard. The byway adventure begins in the Historic Old Arabi Cultural District, a state-certified Cultural District taking visitors past the site of the Battle of New Orleans, ancient oaks, the Los Islenos Museum & Village, plantation homes and cemeteries where the past and present come together.



From our sprawling, multi-purpose 33-acre Val Riess Sports complex, the Historic Courthouse, the Aycock Barn and the Frederick Sigur Civic/Conference Center that

can accommodate a private gathering, wedding or a corporate conference, St. Bernard is ready to book your next special event, just minutes away from downtown New Orleans.

Shop, eat and play like a local. From fresh seafood delicacies to macaroni and cheese, charbroiled oysters, seafood pastas, boiled crawfish, muffalettas, St. Bernard restaurants offer a variety of cuisines. As you travel across St. Bernard, savor the true culture of the parish. Stay at one of our local hotels, campsites, guesthouses or fishing lodges.



For more information on restaurants, shops, venues, historic sites, festivals, fishing and accommodations please call the St. Bernard Parish Welcome Center at 504-278-4242, or visit our website [www.visitsbernard.com](http://www.visitsbernard.com) for more information.

## OLD ARABI HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL DISTRICT

Recognized by the National register of Historic Sites, the Old Arabi Historic District was subdivided in the 1860's and flourished through 1900.



**H. Zeitgeist Theatre and Lounge**  
Zeitgeist Theatre & Lounge, also known as Zeitgeist Multidisciplinary Arts Center, features current and upcoming films, art, and performances. The venue features a 125 seat black box theater, a small kitchen area for pop-ups, two 3 stall ADA restrooms and magnificent cocktail lounge.

**G. St. Claude Arts**  
A studio for artists and craftsmen. Includes woodworkers, painters, printers and more...



**F. Covaroc House**  
This home was built in a Greek Revival style by early American architect James Dakin in 1839 for the widow of Paul Darcomiel. Charles Perre Covaroc, the building's namesake, owned the home from 1860 to 1886. The home is located on the property of the Domino Sugar refinery.

**E. The Maunus Center**  
Built in 1929 for a growing population, the first graduating class of Joseph Maunus High School was nine students in 1932. It has been an elementary school, a community center, and is now a children's interactive science museum, planetarium, and Hurricane Katrina museum.



**D. The Old Arabi Jail/Sugar Museum**  
St. Bernard's first jail, designed by Henry Daboval and built by J.C. Bourg, operated from 1911-1939. Court was held by Justices of the Peace here until 1923. The walls, bars, and one of the initial three jail cells are original.

**C. Ford Motor Company Assembly Plant**  
Automobile titan Henry Ford established an assembly plant for his Ford automobiles in Arabi in 1922. Designed by Albert Kahn, the structure is in remarkably pristine condition and is an unpassed example of early 20th century industrial architecture. The plant functioned as an automobile assembly plant until the outbreak of World War II and remained a Ford property into the early 1960s. The structure was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2018.



**B. Aycock Barn and Welcome Center**  
Louisiana certified Welcome Center, located at 409 Aycock St. in Old Arabi, is open Mon.-Fri. from 8:30 to 4:30. The Welcome Center offers information about the history of the parish such as the Chalmette Battlefield where the Battle of New Orleans was fought. The Parish is also known for its world class fishing.

**A. St. Bernard Voice**  
The building dates back to 1870 but does not stand on its original plot. In 1912 the structure was moved from the riverfront to its present location, 234 Mehlle Avenue, to allow for lease construction. It has been the home of the parish's weekly journal since 1890. The journal was started, and continues to be run, by the Roy family.



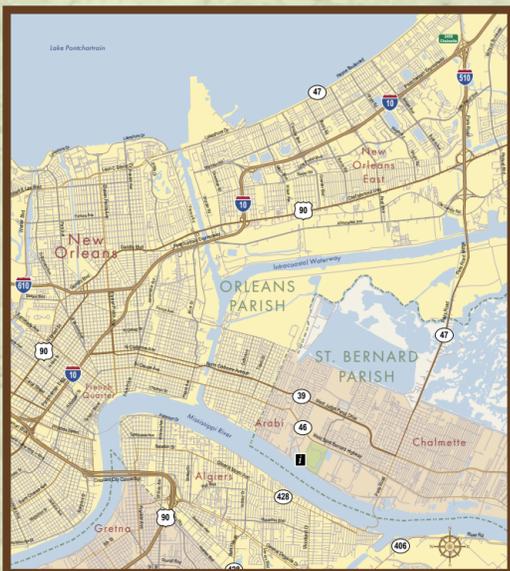
## ST. BERNARD PARISH

**FROM THE EAST:**  
Take I-10 to Exit 246A (I-510 south / LA-47 south) and follow Paris Road to LA-46

**FROM DOWNTOWN NEW ORLEANS:**  
Take LA-46 south (North Rampart Street in downtown New Orleans) to St. Bernard Parish.

Please note that North Rampart Street becomes St. Claude Avenue before LA-46 leaves New Orleans.

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**1. Jackson Barracks and Military Museum**

Current headquarters of the Louisiana National Guard. The military museum houses artifacts dating back to the American Revolution.



**2. Old Arabi Cultural District**

The old Arabi Cultural District reflects the distinct history and diversity of St. Bernard. Its streets are lined with 19th and early 20th century homes and commercial structures, retaining the distinct streetscape which sets the New Orleans region apart from any other American metropolitan community. Important public/private resources are coming together to make the Old Arabi Cultural District an exciting new frontier in the arts culture of southeastern Louisiana.



**3. Chalmette Battlefield**

The Battle of New Orleans was the last official conflict of the War of 1812 and took place after the Treaty of Ghent was signed ending the war, but it was of utmost importance. Established in 1907 and now part of a National Historic Park and Preserve, the Battlefield features several cannons, illustrations explaining events, commemorative iconic obelisk, and visitor center.



**The Malus-Beauregard House**

Originally built in 1832 as a French Colonial style home for the widow of Guillaume Malus, it was later owned by Rene Beauregard, son of Civil War General P.G.T. Beauregard.



**4. Chalmette National Cemetery**

Established by a congressional act in 1864, Chalmette National Cemetery is a significant stop for any visitor to the park. Veterans of the Battle of New Orleans and subsequent wars have been laid to rest here.



**5. Jack F. Rowley Courthouse, 34th JDC**

This Art Deco building is said to have been inspired by a Mesopotamian temple. The design features a limestone exterior with an interior decorated with Italian marble, mahogany paneling, glass chandeliers, and a stained glass window depicting the Battle of New Orleans. It also houses one of the largest courtrooms in the state, accommodating about 500 people.



**6. St. Bernard Government Complex and Sidney D. Torres Memorial Park**

Torres Park features several playgrounds, gazebos, paddle boat rentals, and a perimeter walking trail.



**7. Fredrick Sigur Civic Center**

The convention center features a set of ballrooms, as well as a theater-style auditorium that often hosts concerts, entertainment events, and various ceremonies. Ideal venue for meetings, banquets, and conventions.



**8. 40 Arpent Wetlands Observatory**

A boathouse with a lagoon providing access to the 40 Arpent Canal for canoeing, kayaking, paddle boating, fishing, and general nature observation.



**9. De La Ronde Ruins Historic Site**

De La Ronde Plantation was built around 1805 and was owned by Colonel Pierre Denis de la Ronde of the Louisiana militia. When the British invaded, they commandeered the home to be used as a temporary headquarters and a makeshift hospital.



**10. Chalmette High Cultural Arts Center**

Performances and events occur year round at the Chalmette High School Cultural Arts Center.



**11. Val Riess Sports Complex**

The 33-acre recreational park includes two state of the art baseball/softball quadriplex fields as well as covered bleachers and a third floor lounge overlooking the complex. A 35,000 square foot multi-purpose facility can accommodate conferences, events, tournaments, and expos.



**12. Pecan Grove Plantation**

This plantation is a rare example of the French Colonial style of architecture. There are records tracing residency by the Pierre Adoippe Ducros family to as early as 1832. (private)



**13. Docville Oaks and Farm**

The historic farm and home of the late Dr. Louis Meraux, now serves as a 130-acre educational learning center with a Mississippi River Observatory. [www.merauxfoundation.org](http://www.merauxfoundation.org)



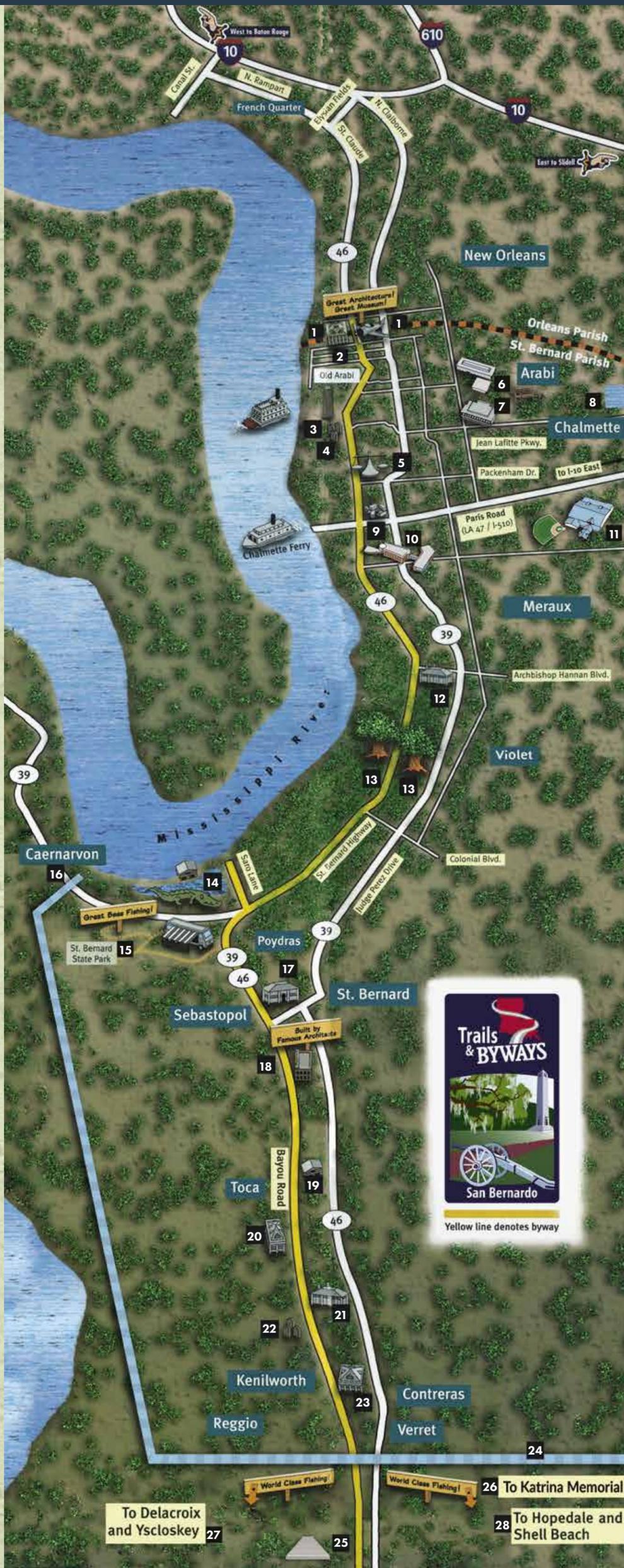
**14. 1922 Crevasse and River House**

In 1922 the Mississippi River exploded through the levee and flooded much of the surrounding area. Today the Crevasse is a placid and picturesque addition to St. Bernard and home to abundant Louisiana wildlife, including a large bass population.



**15. St. Bernard State Park**

358 acres for relaxing and enjoying nature on the Mississippi River await every visitor to the park. There are 51 campsites with water and electricity. One of the "cooler" attractions is the Splash Park.



**16. Caernarvon Freshwater Diversion**

Initially put into operation in 1991, this structure is designed to release up to 8,000 cubic feet per second of freshwater and sediment from the Mississippi River into the adjacent marshland. This combats high salinity which destroys wetland vegetation.



**17. Sebastopol Plantation**

Sebastopol dates back to 1830. It was built by Pierre Marin and Evariste Wagan. It became the temporary site of the St. Bernard Branch of Citizens Bank of Louisiana in 1836. Ignatius Szymanski bestow the home with its name to honor the impressive Russian defeat of the Crimean War. (private)



**18. Historic St. Bernard Courthouse**

The Old Courthouse dates back to 1915 and served as the parish courthouse until 1939.



**19. Los Islenos Museum & Village**

Dedicated to preserving and sharing the culture of the Islenos Canary Islanders who settled St. Bernard in the 1780's. Experience the last vestige of Spanish colonial Louisiana at the museum and multi-cultural village and at the annual Islenos Fiesta in March.



**20. Creedmoor Plantation**

In the 1830s Laurent Millaudon consolidated his land into a large sugar plantation, Creedmoor Plantation. The home, a fine example of Greek Revival architecture, was built by Richard Richardson in 1842. The original millwork and ceiling medallions remain today, as well as the overseer's house, stable and privy. (private)



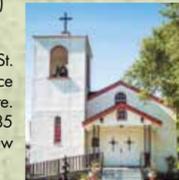
**21. Magnolia Plantation**

Louisiana's sugar industry can trace some of its roots to this site. This plantation has been in existence since 1794. Abundant, fragrant magnolia trees are scattered around the yard of the home. (private)



**22. St. Bernard Cemetery & Church**

As one of the oldest burial grounds in the state, the St. Bernard Cemetery has served as a final resting-place since 1787. P.G.T. Beauregard's family plots are here. The first church built on this site was constructed in 1785 making St. Bernard the first Catholic parish below New Orleans. The present church dates back to 1915.



**23. Kenilworth Plantation**

One of the most photographed plantation homes in the area is Kenilworth. The French and Spanish influences are evident in the design of the home. Its construction was completed in 1818. One of the most extraordinary features of the house is the way in which it was physically assembled-no nails were used. The house is held together by mortising and wooden pegs. (private)



**24. Storm Surge Barrier**

Known informally as the "Great Wall of St. Bernard" a total of 23 miles of levee wall and a series of gates surround most of St. Bernard Parish, providing storm surge protection up to 29 feet. It stretches from the Mississippi River to the intersection of the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet and the Intercoastal Waterway, encompassing historic swamps and bayous.



**FISHING VILLAGES**

**25. Contreras Plantation**

Contreras was purchased by Jacques Toutant Beauregard and his wife, Judith Helene de Reggio, in 1818 and was a working sugar plantation in the mid-19th century. Eleven children were born to the marriage including Pierre Gustave Toutant de Beauregard who identified Contreras as his birthplace in 1818. General P. G. T. Beauregard graduated from West Point. Oral tradition maintains that the plantation was named in honor of his first military victory at Contreras during the Mexican-American War.



**26. Katrina Memorial**

Erected in 2006 during the first year of recovery, this granite memorial lists the names of 163 individuals as a permanent tribute to the lives lost during Hurricane Katrina.



**27. Delacroix Island Fishing Pier and Ship Yard**

Delacroix Island largely began to be populated by Islenos or Canary Islanders following the American Civil War in 1865 who were commercial fishermen, hunters, trappers and moss gatherers. The settlement's isolation bred a cultural phenomenon resulting in the retention of the distinct Canarian Spanish dialect and cultural traditions. The beautiful fishing pier and ship yard are located on the site of the Delacroix Island school. Visitors have the opportunity to experience a beautiful wetland environment while fishing.



**28. Shell Beach, Proctor's Landing and Hopedale**

Shell Beach and Hopedale are other hot spots for sport fishing in eastern St. Bernard. The community of Proctor's Landing has expanded in the last several years and now includes a number of lavish fishing camps.



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