

BAYOU TECHE PADDLING TRAIL

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NEARBY CITIES

Jeanerette, Charenton, Baldwin, Franklin, Centerville

MILEAGE

Approximately 37

- Jeanerette City Park to Sorrel Bridge – 3.82 miles
- Sorrel Bridge to Adeline Bridge – 1.91 miles
- Adeline Bridge to Covenant/Charenton Bridge – 4.27 miles
- Covenant/Charenton Bridge to Katy Bridge – 5 miles
- Katy Bridge to Oaklawn Bridge – 5.4 miles
- Oaklawn Bridge to Sterling Bridge – 4.9 miles
- Sterling Bridge to Willow Street Bridge – 1 mile
- Willow Street Bridge to Centerville Bridge – 4.7 miles
- Centerville Bridge to Calumet Locks – 6.1 miles

TYPE OF TRAIL

Linear route – shuttle service may be necessary

SKILL LEVEL

Beginner

DIFFICULTY

Easy

APPROXIMATE PADDLING TIME

18 hours

USUAL CURRENT

One mph from north to south (Jeanerette to Calumet)

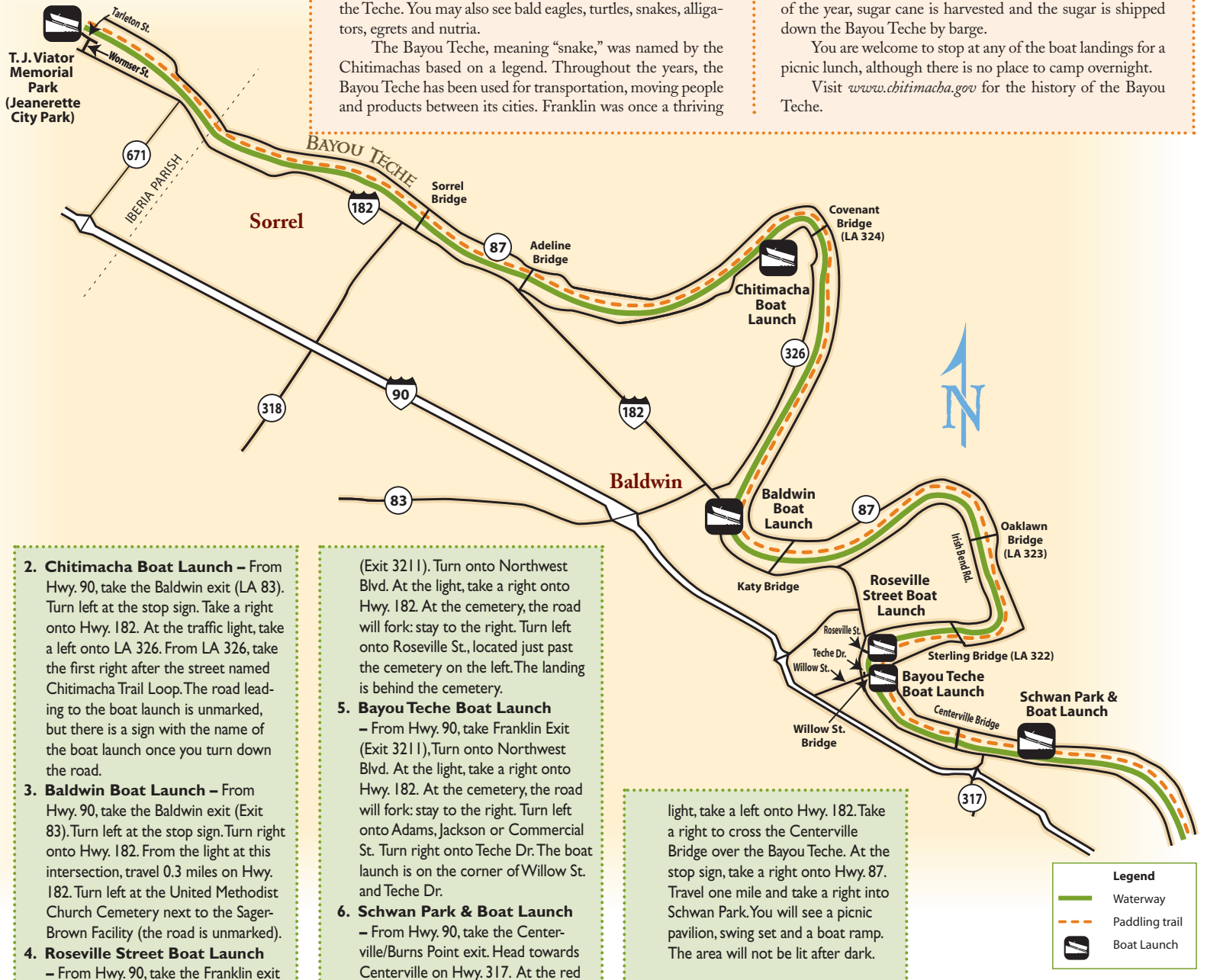
NOTES & PRECAUTIONS

May through September can be very hot! Bring sunscreen, plenty of water and bug spray.

ACCESS

1. T. J. Viator Memorial Park (Jeanerette City Park)

(337) 276-4424 – From Hwy. 90, take the Jeanerette exit 668, which turns into LA 671 (LA 671 is also Canal St.). Turn left onto Hwy. 182 (Hwy. 182 is also Main St.). Travel 0.5 miles on Main St. and take a right onto Wormser St. Take a left onto Tarleton and follow the road to the boat ramp on the Bayou Teche.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Bayou Teche is a flat, slow moving body of water that is great for paddling. Oak trees draped with moss, cypress, magnolia and redbud trees are all seen along the Teche. You may also see bald eagles, turtles, snakes, alligators, egrets and nutria.

The Bayou Teche, meaning “snake,” was named by the Chitimachas based on a legend. Throughout the years, the Bayou Teche has been used for transportation, moving people and products between its cities. Franklin was once a thriving

interior sugar port, as evidenced by the grand homes that line the banks of the Bayou Teche. From Jeanerette to Calumet, there are two working sugar mills. During the last quarter of the year, sugar cane is harvested and the sugar is shipped down the Bayou Teche by barge.

You are welcome to stop at any of the boat landings for a picnic lunch, although there is no place to camp overnight.

Visit www.chitimacha.gov for the history of the Bayou Teche.

2. **Chitimacha Boat Launch** – From Hwy. 90, take the Baldwin exit (LA 83). Turn left at the stop sign. Take a right onto Hwy. 182. At the traffic light, take a left onto LA 326. From LA 326, take the first right after the street named Chitimacha Trail Loop. The road leading to the boat launch is unmarked, but there is a sign with the name of the boat launch once you turn down the road.

3. **Baldwin Boat Launch** – From Hwy. 90, take the Baldwin exit (Exit 83). Turn left at the stop sign. Turn right onto Hwy. 182. From the light at this intersection, travel 0.3 miles on Hwy. 182. Turn left at the United Methodist Church Cemetery next to the Sager-Brown Facility (the road is unmarked).

4. **Roseville Street Boat Launch** – From Hwy. 90, take the Franklin exit

(Exit 3211). Turn onto Northwest Blvd. At the light, take a right onto Hwy. 182. At the cemetery, the road will fork: stay to the right. Turn left onto Roseville St., located just past the cemetery on the left. The landing is behind the cemetery.

5. **Bayou Teche Boat Launch** – From Hwy. 90, take Franklin Exit (Exit 3211). Turn onto Northwest Blvd. At the light, take a right onto Hwy. 182. At the cemetery, the road will fork: stay to the right. Turn left onto Adams, Jackson or Commercial St. Turn right onto Teche Dr. The boat launch is on the corner of Willow St. and Teche Dr.

6. **Schwan Park & Boat Launch** – From Hwy. 90, take the Centerville/Burns Point exit. Head towards Centerville on Hwy. 317. At the red

light, take a left onto Hwy. 182. Take a right to cross the Centerville Bridge over the Bayou Teche. At the stop sign, take a right onto Hwy. 87. Travel one mile and take a right into Schwan Park. You will see a picnic pavilion, swing set and a boat ramp. The area will not be lit after dark.