

Natchitoches

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Located at the crossroads of the Natchez Trace and the El Camino Real, Natchitoches (Nack-a-tish), the oldest settlement in the Louisiana Purchase established in 1714, was named a 2006 Great American Main Street by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Natchitoches Parish is home to Cane River Creole National Historical Park at Oakland & Magnolia Plantations and Melrose Plantation all within the boundaries of the Cane River National Heritage Area.

The Natchitoches area offers numerous attractions, historic fort sites and museums along with recreational opportunities and year round festivals including the annual Festival of Lights.

Natchitoches Area Convention
& Visitors Bureau
800-259-1714
www.natchitoches.net



San Augustine

TEXAS

In San Augustine County visitors get more than a snapshot of the early days of the Texas Republic. It was the first town on the old San Antonio Road after crossing the Sabine.

San Augustine was the birthplace of Protestant religion in Texas, and home of three universities, including San Augustine University, chartered in 1837.

Historic churches blend into the tree-lined landscape along with historic homes & buildings from Greek revival to Victorian.

Sam Rayburn Reservoir and Toledo Bend Lake are minutes away and a paradise for outdoor sports and nature lovers.

San Augustine County
Chamber of Commerce
936-275-3610
www.sanaugustinetx.com



Nacogdoches

TEXAS

The oldest town in Texas, Nacogdoches (Nack-a-doe-chis) was founded by the Spanish in the 1700s. It was here, on the El Camino Real, that Antonio Gil Y'Barbo built his "Stone House," or Old Stone Fort as it's known today.

The Stone House became a gateway for trade with the French in Louisiana and later with Americans. It was also the site of three failed attempts to establish a Republic of Texas prior to 1830. The Battle of Nacogdoches, in 1832, freed the area of Mexican troops making the way for the Texas Declaration of Independence.

Nacogdoches Convention
& Visitors Bureau
888-653-3788
www.visitnacogdoches.org



El Camino Real de los Tejas

Sabine Parish

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Traveling along El Camino Real, will take you to the breathtaking 185,000-acre Toledo Bend Reservoir, boasting some of the best fishing, hunting, canoeing and birding in the country. Sabine Parish offers premier fishing, two championship golf courses, 25 lake side resorts and Hodges Gardens.

Following the Louisiana Purchase, this land became neutral territory or "No Man's Land," home to outlaws and renegade Indians and no law enforcement.

Communities in the area offer activities including the Tamale Festival in Zwolle, Sawmill Days in Fisher and the re-enactment of the Civil War Battle in Pleasant Hill.

Sabine Parish Tourist Commission
800-358-7802
www.sabineparish.com



Sabine County

TEXAS

Beautiful and historic Sabine County offers visitors a chance to explore the Sabine National Forest, enjoy water-related activities on Toledo Bend and Sam Rayburn Lake or hunt for hidden treasure in the quaint shops and antique stores.

Visit historic sites including the Sabine County Jail Museum, circa 1904, one of two jails in Texas that had a hanging rope. Festivals and events throughout the year celebrate pioneer days to the annual Deer Fest. Come enjoy the best kept secret in Texas.

Sabine County
Chamber of Commerce
409-787-2732
www.sabinecountytexas.com



Crockett

TEXAS

In 1690, the first effort of colonization of the Crockett area began in the establishment of the San Francisco de los Tejas Mission on the El Camino Real.

June 1837, Houston County was the first county created under the Republic of Texas and named for Sam Houston. Crockett was selected as the county seat in December 1837, and named for Davy Crockett who camped here in route to the Alamo in 1836.

Enjoy Cowboys, Fiddlers, Festivals, and Fun along with many historical sites. There is something for everyone who visits the "Paradise in the Pines."

Crockett Area
Chamber of Commerce
936-544-2359
www.crockettareachamber.org



El Camino Real de los Tejas



Crossroads Region

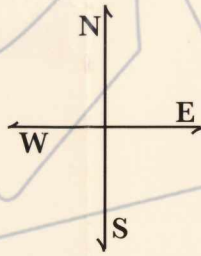
The journey begins...

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LEGEND

- Cities
- Historic Sites
- Highway 6 - Highway 21
- Other Highways

Distance Between Cities
Crockett 170 Miles Natchitoches



TEXAS

Nacogdoches

San Augustine

Gaines-Oliphint House

Many

Fort Jesup

Natchitoches

Fort St. Jean Baptiste

Alto

Mission Tejas State Historic Park

Stone Fort Museum

Mission Nuestra Señora de los Dolores de los Ais

Crockett

Caddoan Mounds SHS was home to the Mound Builders of Caddoan origin who lived in the region for 500 years beginning about A.D. 800. Open Friday - Sunday.



Caddoan Mounds State Historic Site



Over 225 historic sites located throughout Houston County are listed on the National Registry reflecting the rich heritage found in the 1st County of the Republic of Texas.

Oliphint House is one of the earliest pre-Republic, Anglo-American structures in Texas. Located on the Sabine River crossing of the El Camino Real. Open for tours.



Built on the edge of the Spanish empire, the settlement had both a mission and a fort. It served as the capital of the Province of Texas for 41 years. Open daily for tours.



Built in 1822 the fort managed to establish law and order in the Neutral Ground and Fort Jesup remained an important military post for nearly 25 years. Open daily for tours.

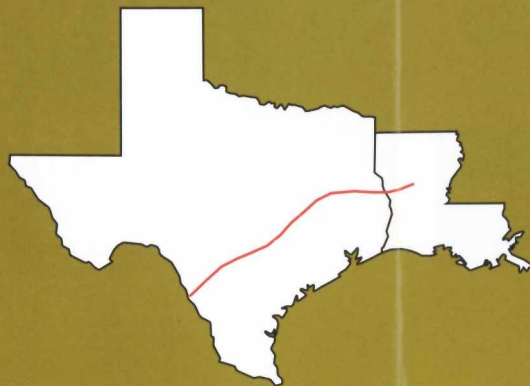


Founder St. Denis established the fort in 1714 prior to departing on a trade mission to Mexico. The French fort is a full scale replica of the 1732 fort and is open daily for tours.



Mission est. in 1716 among the Ais Indians. Visitors Center & Mission Museum open Mon.-Sat. for tours.

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El Camino Real de los Tejas

Crossroads Region

Designated as a National Historic Trail in 2004, El Camino Real de los Tejas (Highway 6 in Louisiana and Highway 21 in Texas) has existed for more than 300 years. El Camino Real has its easternmost beginning in Natchitoches, Louisiana and runs from piney woods through rolling hills to the arid lands of Old Mexico. The Spaniards and the French that marked the trail were followed by such men as Moses Austin and his son Stephen Fuller Austin (The Father of Texas), Jim Bowie, Davy Crockett, Sam Houston and early missionaries of multiple faiths. An abundance of historic cities await the modern day traveler on the Crossroads Region stretch of El Camino Real de los Tejas.

www.elcaminorealtx.com