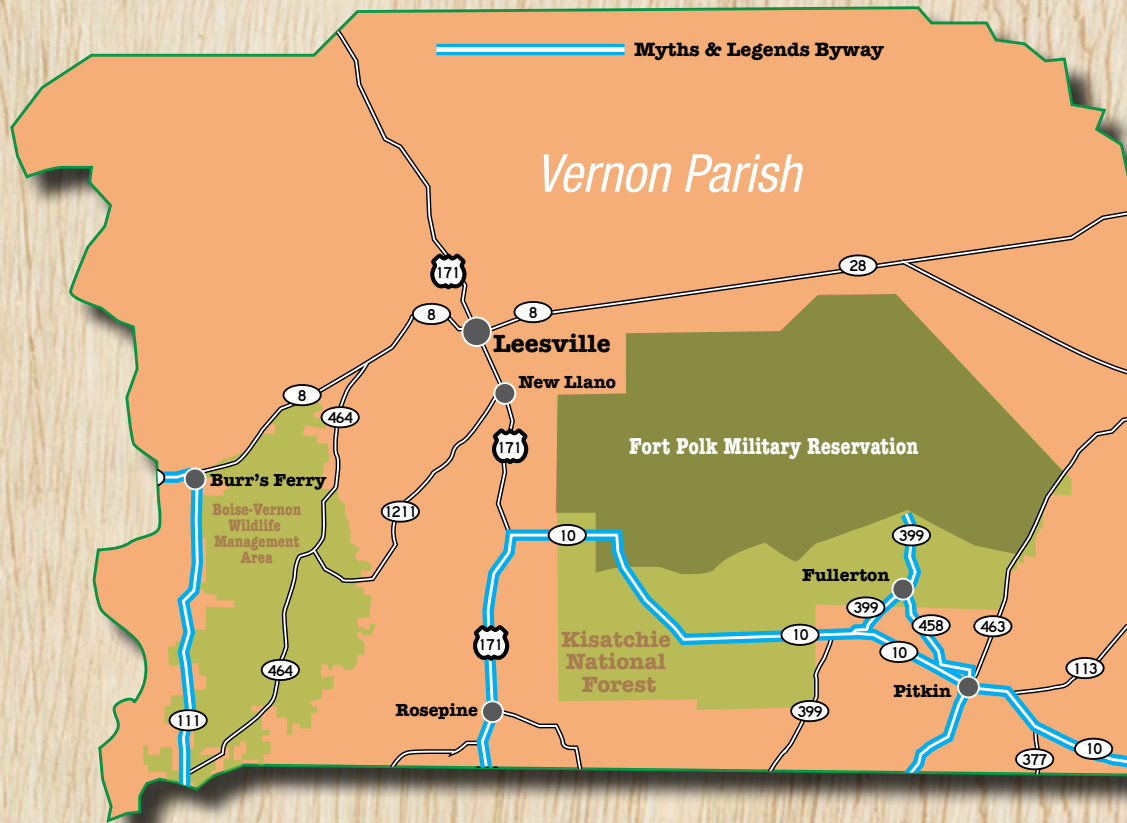


Myths & Legends Byway



The Myths & Legends Byway is filled to the brim with exciting history. This drive celebrates the “badlands” of the disputed area between Spain and the United States. Here, many outlaws, soldiers, bandits and heroes have laid claim to this mythical land. Preserved towns and sawmills of these settlers remain today and can be seen along 181 miles of beautiful roadways. Throughout the drive, kiosks provide additional insights. Some of the major sites include, the **Vernon Parish Courthouse**, **Talbert-Pierson Cemetery**, **Museum of the New Llano Colony**, the **Museum of West Louisiana** and the **Burr's Ferry Civil War Breastworks** which is also on the **Toledo Bend Forest Byway**, a 160-mile stretch traversing additional paths in the badlands and along Toledo Bend Lake. The region included fortifications from Indian tribes, Spain, France, and the early American western front, of which remnants dot the landscape. Prehistoric tribes left behind arrowheads, tools, and pottery. Settlers migrating west found a land of opportunity. Bayous and bluffs. Alligators and bears. Outlaws and missionaries. Renegades and farmers. Gangs and heroes. Discover the livelihoods, legends, and locations that continue to provide lore and opportunity.

You're invited to create your own adventures. Enjoy the wildlife areas for hiking and sportsmanship, feel the music, travel the terrain, rummage at antique shops and flea markets, and experience and appreciate the characters and charm you'll find along our paths.

Come experience the grand adventure and scenery that shaped the culture of today. You can even pick up an Explorer's packet with games and more information at the Vernon Parish Visitor Center in Leesville.

