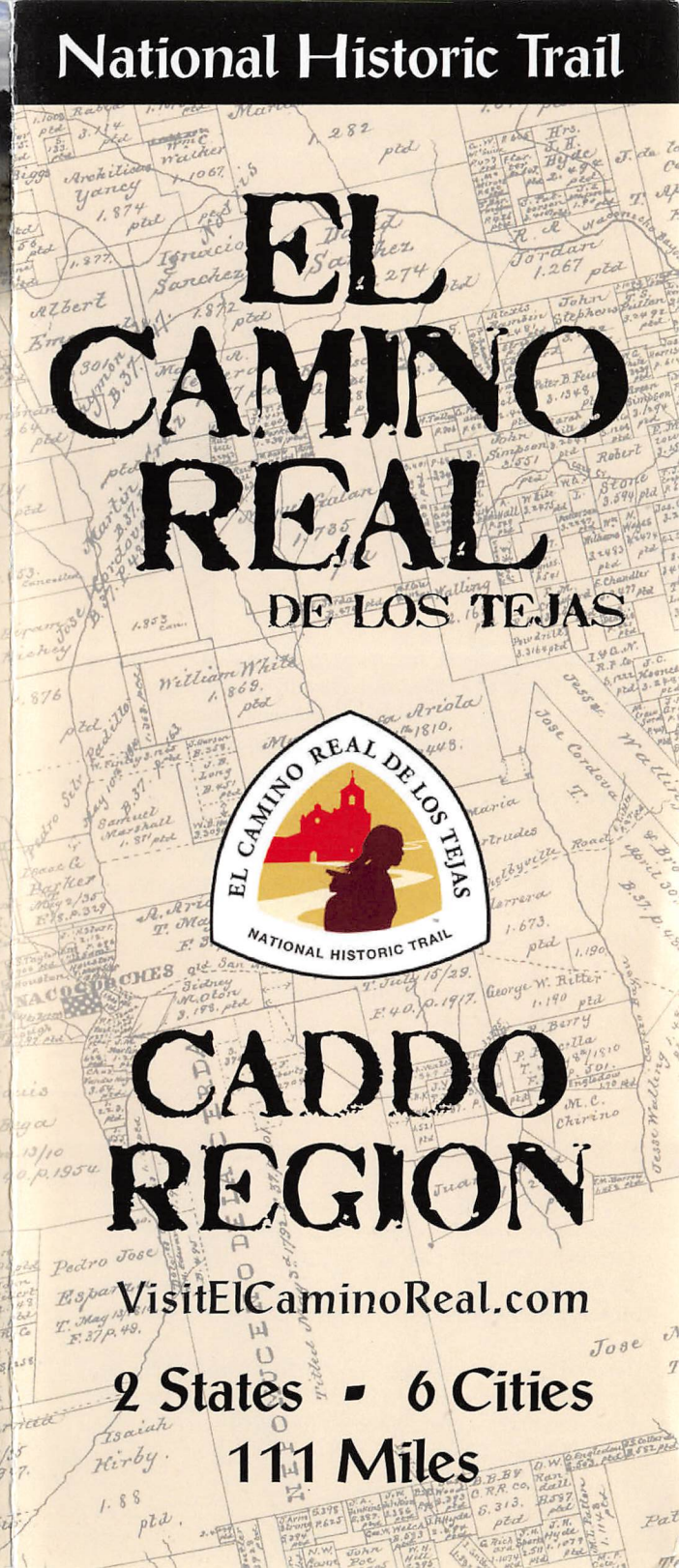
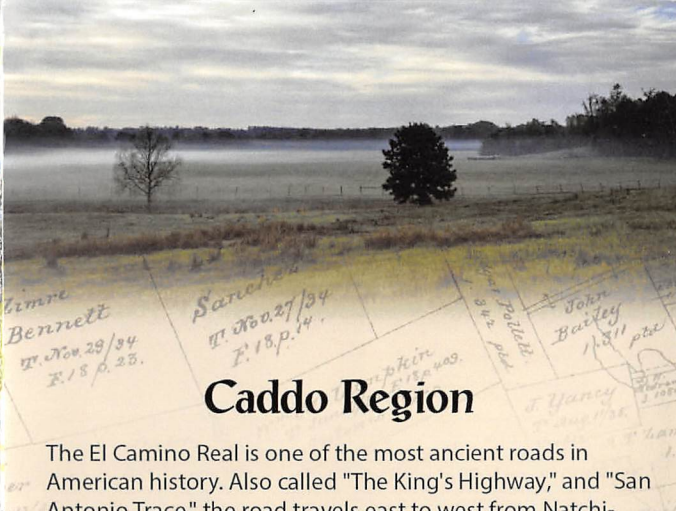


National Historic Trail



EL CAMINO REAL DE LOS TEJAS

Caddo Region

The El Camino Real is one of the most ancient roads in American history. Also called "The King's Highway," and "San Antonio Trace," the road travels east to west from Natchitoches, Louisiana to Mexico City. Its path crosses directly through downtown Many in Sabine Parish, also traveling through Milam in Sabine County, San Augustine and Nacogdoches to Crockett, Texas. These communities make up the Caddo Region, one of four regions of the trail.

El Camino Real Annual Sale on the Trail

The famous The El Camino Real Annual Sale on the Trail takes place the first Friday & Saturday in May along 111 miles of the historic El Camino Real de los Tejas. Make plans to drive the trail for yard sale bargains! Hop in your car and go along Hwy 6 in LA starting at Natchitoches and then west across Toledo Bend Lake to Texas Hwy 21 into Milam, TX, and keep going for a great adventure and great finds! Along the trail, shoppers will find new and used items sold by local businesses and private individuals. If you are a shopping warrior, collector, or just looking for fun, a weekend shopping the trail is a wonderful way to take advantage of the beautiful spring scenery and historical markers along the El Camino Real de los Tejas.



CADDO REGION

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2 States - 6 Cities
111 Miles

Sabine Parish

As you cross Toledo Bend Lake into Louisiana, you have officially entered "No Man's Land". While here, visit Fort Jesup to learn all about this once lawless territory. The fort was built in 1822 to establish law and order in the Neutral Ground.

World class fishing and your next great adventure await you in Sabine Parish. Explore our state parks and historic sites, spice things up at the Zwolle Tamale Fiesta, get spiritual at the Choctaw-Apache Powwow, and cast your cares away, and stay in one of our beautiful lakeside cabins.

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

Fort Jesup: 31.5232553,94.11551

Fort Jesup built in 1822, the fort stood as an important military post for nearly 25 years. Tours are scheduled by appointment.

32 Geoghagan Rd
Many, LA 71449

Natchitoches

Natchitoches (Nack-a-tish), the oldest settlement in the Louisiana Purchase (est. 1714), is home to the Cane River Creole National Historical Park at Oakland and Magnolia Plantations and Melrose Plantation within the boundaries of the Cane River National Heritage Area. The early history of the area can be discovered at Fort St. Jean Baptiste State Historic Site and Los Adaes State Historic Site.

The area offers attractions, historic sites, museums, recreational opportunities, and year round festivals including the annual Christmas Festival of Lights and the Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival.

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

Fort St. John Baptiste: 31.7525118,93.0876954

Fort St. John Baptiste 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 Wed. - Sun. for tours.

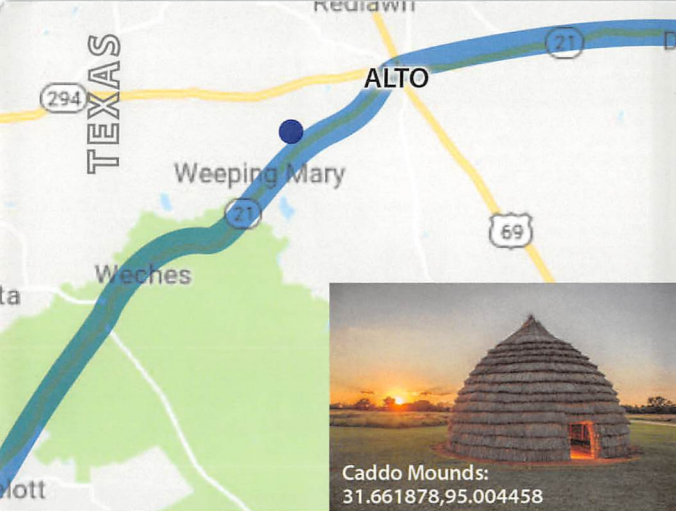
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Natchitoches, LA 71457

Los Adaes: 31.714911,93.19874

Los Adaes was the capital of Tejas on the northeastern frontier of New Spain from 1729 to 1770.

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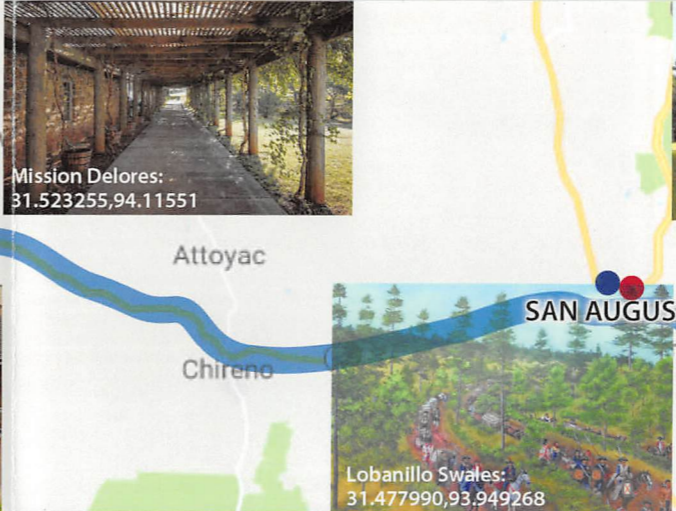
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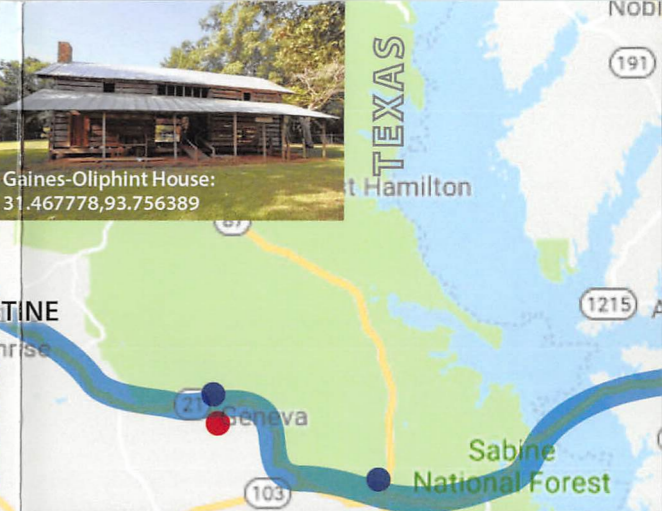
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Nacogdoches

Nacogdoches, the oldest town in Texas, is named for the Caddo family of Indians who once lived in the area. Nestled among majestic East Texas pines, it's a city rich in history, culture and beauty, surrounded by lush blooms and greenery that helped earn the designation Garden Capital of Texas.

The city's downtown historic district boasts classic red brick streets, an inviting array of antique shops and boutiques and a Nac for more than 300 years of unmatched hospitality.

Nacogdoches Charles Bright Visitor Center
200 East Main Street
936-564-7351
www.visitnacogdoches.org

Caddo Mounds: 31.661878,95.004458

Caddo Mounds State Historic Site was the home of Mound Builders of Caddoan origin who lived in the region for 500 years beginning about A.D. 800. The 93.8-acre site in Cherokee County west of Nacogdoches opened to the public in June 1982

The park offers exhibits and a .7-mile interpretive trail through its reconstructed sites of Caddo dwellings and ceremonial areas, including two temple mounds, a burial mound, and a village area.

San Augustine

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.

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 are a paradise for outdoor sports and nature lovers.

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

Stone Fort: 31.619198,94.64802

The Charles Bright Visitor Center is located in Plaza Principal in the historic downtown district. You will find a staff eager to assist you during your stay along with maps, information and valuable insight into our historic community.

The Stone Fort Museum, located on the campus of Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, is housed in a replica structure built in 1936 by the Texas Centennial Commission. The original building was a Spanish Colonial home constructed by colonist Antonio Gil Y'Barbo in the late 1700's and served as a residence, Mexican soldiers' quarters, and a saloon.

Sabine County

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 treasures among quaint shops and antique stores.

Visit historic sites including the Sabine County Jail Museum, the Gaines-Oliphint House, and the Lobanillo Swales. The swales are the best-known physical remnants along the El Camino Real of a path carved via pack mules, cart, wagon, and foot from the 1700's to the early 1900's.

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

Mission Dolores: 31.523255,94.11551

Mission Dolores State Historic Site was a Spanish mission built in 1721 in what is now San Augustine County, just 20 miles west of the Texas-Louisiana border. The site tells an important history about the Native American experience with Texas' earliest European settlers. For updates and program schedules, please visit www.visitmissiondolores.com and like us on Facebook.

Lobanillo Swales represent cultural human pathways imprinted into the landscape via travel from the 1700s. The swales are the best-known physical remnants of a path that has long existed as one of the most ancient roads in American history.



Gaines-Oliphint House: 31.467778,93.756389

The Gaines-Oliphint House has been acknowledged by the Texas Historical Commission as the oldest standing hand hewn log structure in the state. The building is a double pen planked log story and a half building with a dog trot.

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Distance Between Cities

Nacogdoches 111 Miles Natchitoches