



No Man's Land Inspiration

Louisiana's West was once a part of No Man's Land, a region with no king or country, home to outlaws, bandits, pirates, and brave pioneers. The settlers were larger than life, and so are the stories! Come visit, pull up a chair. We hope to inspire you to write a story of your own.

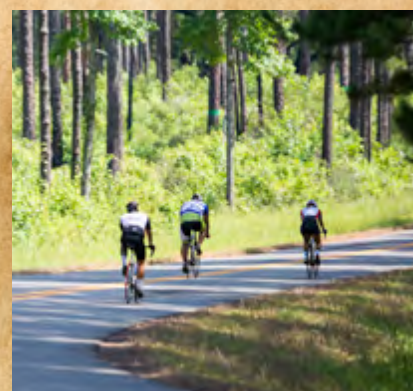
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THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

The beauty of a road trip is the leisure and spontaneity. Although you may have a final destination in mind, the middle ground is a blissful mystery. This means lots of opportunities for stops and exploration, and No Man's Land is home to some of Louisiana's most iconic byways, the Royal Road, and one of our most fascinating All-American Roads.

- Creole Nature Trail All-American Road
- El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail
- Cane River National Heritage Trail
- Toledo Bend Forest Scenic Byway
- Myths and Legends Byway
- Longleaf Trail Byway
- Colonial Trails Byway



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LOUISIANA'S NO MAN'S LAND

No Man's Land, a region claimed by two countries, set aside and ungoverned for close to 20 years, rich in the history of individuals and groups staking claim to a land full of resources.



HISTORY AND CULTURE

The region has an especially rich military history with sites that showcase colonial, civil war, WWI, WWII, and more modern military history.

- Fort St. Jean Baptiste State Historic Site
- Los Adaes State Historic Site
- Mansfield Battle Park
- Grand Ecore Visitor Center
- Fort Polk Museum
- USS Orleck Naval Museum



No Man's Land is home to some of the coolest and most interesting museums and attractions.

- DeRidder's Gothic Jail
- The New Llano Cooperative Colony
- The Mardi Gras Museum of Imperial Calcasieu
- The DeQuincy Railroad Museum
- The Leatherwood Museum
- The Mansfield Female College Museum
- The Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum



CELEBRATIONS

Louisiana is known for its festivals and celebrations - and No Man's Land has a great selection. From the sweet **Beauregard Watermelon Festival** to the savory **Zwolle Tamale Fiesta** and **Natchitoches Meat Pie Festival**, our food is just one great reason to experience a festival.

And our Culture is the second! Whether you take in the **Coushatta** or the **Choctaw Apache Powwows**, venture south for the **Cajun French Music & Food Festival**, stop for the annual **MayFest Arts & Crafts Fair**, or head north for the **Natchitoches/NSU Folk Festival**, we have



plenty of culture to go around. **Mardi Gras** is one of the biggest celebrations all year in Louisiana, and is second to none in No Man's Land! With more than a dozen parades and Mardi Gras celebrations, get ready to enjoy the second largest Mardi Gras in the state in Lake Charles!

If you still want more, try some of our history. From the **Battle of Pleasant Hill** or the **Sabine Freestate Festival** to the **West Louisiana Forestry Festival** or the **Ragley Timber & Heritage Festival**, the No Man's Land area has more history than the forests surrounding the Neutral Strip.



FISHING

Fishing No Man's Land is easy with public fishing piers, boat launches, bait stores, and boat rentals. Anglers will find a variety of fish including largemouth bass, crappie, bream, trout, stripers, white bass, sand bass, and catfish. So, grab your favorite rod and reel, head to any of the local bait shops, and get ready for a day of fishing.

OUTRAGEOUS OUTDOORS

Get lost in nature in the wilderness of No Man's Land. The area is a mecca for outdoor adventures such as **hiking, biking, golfing, canoeing, ATV riding, camping, birding**, and more.

Venture off the beaten path and explore **Wolf Rock Cave** in **Kisatchie National Forest** or canoe along the **Ouiska Chitto** and enjoy its white, sandy beaches. Watch **Bald Eagles** dance at **South Toledo Bend State Park** or take a hike along the **Longleaf Vista Trail**.

No Man's Land is also home to some of Louisiana's best golfing opportunities. From the novice to the seasoned professional, the courses in the area are sure to meet the highest of expectations.

Lake Charles/SWLA Golfing Adventures offer above par challenges as well as the opportunity to relax in Southern hospitality. Experience the magic the moment you set foot on **Cypress Bend Golf Resort & Conference Center**, a jewel on the Texas-Louisiana border. Try **Koasati Pines** at the **Coushatta Casino Resort** in Kinder, in the natural wetlands of Southwest Louisiana.



Major Watering Holes

- Toledo Bend Lake
- Red River
- Sabine River
- Anacoco Lake
- Bundick Lake
- Calcasieu Lake
- Cane River Lake

OUTLAWS ONLY

Hit the jackpot in **Lake Charles**! From the slot machines to the horse tracks, you can find food, accommodations, entertainment, and relaxation at one of the area's several casinos. **Kinder** - From the Grand to the Seven Clans, gaming entertainment is calling you to the **Coushatta Casino Resort** for fun, food, and more.



Grab a mug and taste a little of No Man's Land at one of our breweries. Visit **Cane River Brewing Company** in Natchitoches, and **Crying Eagle** and **Rikenjaks Brewing Companies** in Lake Charles for a fresh-brewed cold one. Need something a little stiffer? We have distilleries too! Taste **Long Walker Distillery** in Leesville or **Yellowfin Distillery** in Sulphur for a stronger yet satisfying drink.



FOOD

Louisiana is known for its culinary masterpieces, and No Man's Land is no exception. From crawfish to collards, we offer a variety of cuisine and atmospheres from fine-dining to mom-and-pop eateries, casual dining, and even convenience stores offering delicious Louisiana dishes that are worthy of seconds!

The **Southwest Louisiana Boudin Trail** - the ultimate Louisiana finger food, boudin is a savory mix of pork, rice, and various seasonings stuffed into a casing. Gas Station Eats - from north to south, No Man's Land is home to some of the best convenience store eateries featuring plate lunches, sandwiches, pizza, and even hand-dipped ice cream!

Other must tastes include the **Natchitoches Meat Pie** and **Zwolle Tamales**. If you're looking for fresh, homegrown ingredients, try a **Beauregard Watermelon** or **DeSoto Blueberries**.