





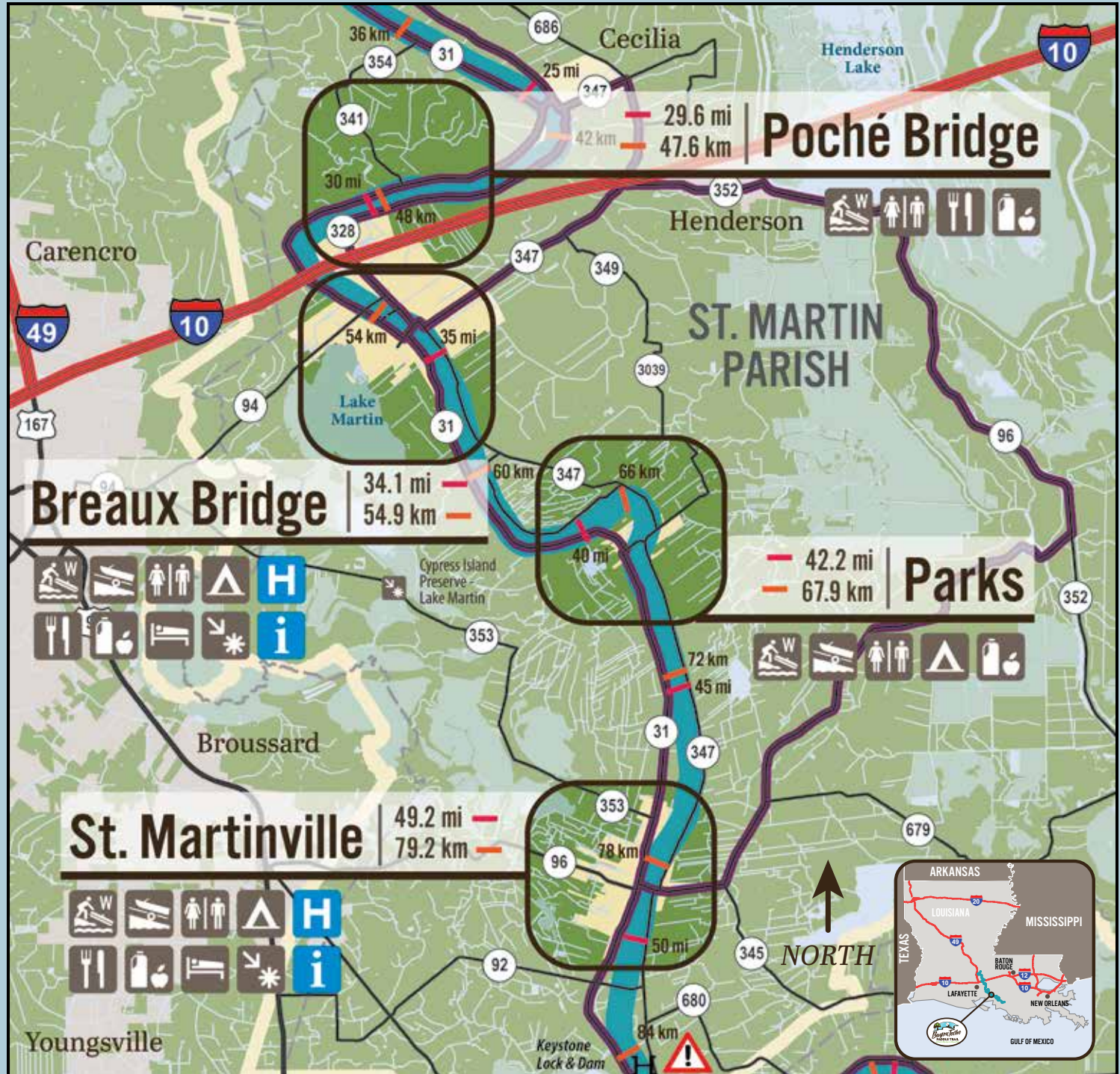


# ST. MARTIN PARISH

-  Bayou Teche National Paddle Trail
-  Interstate Highway
-  US Highway
-  Local Roads
-  State Highway
-  Bayou Teche National Byway

-  Canoe / Kayak Floating Dock  
W = West Bank E = East Bank
-  Camping - Public or Private
-  Parish Attraction / Historic Site
-  Restaurant
-  Boat Launch
-  Public Restrooms
-  Groceries
-  Lodging (Hotel/Motel)
-  Hospital/Urgent Care
-  Parish / CVB Visitor Information Center
-  Hazardous Areas
-  Lock and Dam / Floodgate
-  Atchafalaya Water Heritage Trail Site
-  5-Mile Paddle Trail Increments
-  6-Kilometer Paddle Trail Increments





## SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR TIME ON THE TECHE

Welcome to the Bayou Teche National Water and Paddle Trail! The Atchafalaya River and the Bayou Teche are Louisiana's most historic and culturally significant waterways. The best way to enjoy and appreciate the bayou's wonder is to paddle, drive or bike it scenic, natural, historic, and cultural corridor. Visit all 16 Trail Towns if you can!



Some boat landings are in rural areas and are not lit at night.

Tell someone about your paddling plans before you leave.

Always use personal flotation devices.

Carry water, sunscreen and bug repellent.

Check weather conditions and be aware of current water conditions and flood stages.

You may encounter crawfish traps, crab traps, float lines and jig/jug lines in the water. Respect and leave untouched this private property.

Occasionally you will encounter motorboats; remember to turn your bow into the wake and stay to the right of the channel, especially in bayou bends.

Park in designated areas, making sure not to block driveways or interfere with traffic.

Always be courteous to other river users. Follow the laws and rules of the area.

Look after the natural environment; avoid damaging the bayou banks and vegetation.

Protect native species and habitats.

Keep Louisiana Beautiful! Don't litter, and please take a few minutes to pick up litter left by others. Remember to Leave No Trace.



### **For St. Landry/St. Martin:**

**The upper Bayou Teche (Port Barre to St. Martinville) is suitable for families and inexperienced paddlers, but experienced paddlers will enjoy its beauty. Past St. Martinville, more experienced paddlers are required to either portage around a 100-year-old dam or lock through. The lock is the oldest operating lock in the Mississippi Delta region at Keystone Lock and Dam, owned and operated by St. Martin Parish government. To lock through, you must call St. Martin Parish government 24-hours in advance at 337-394-2200.**