










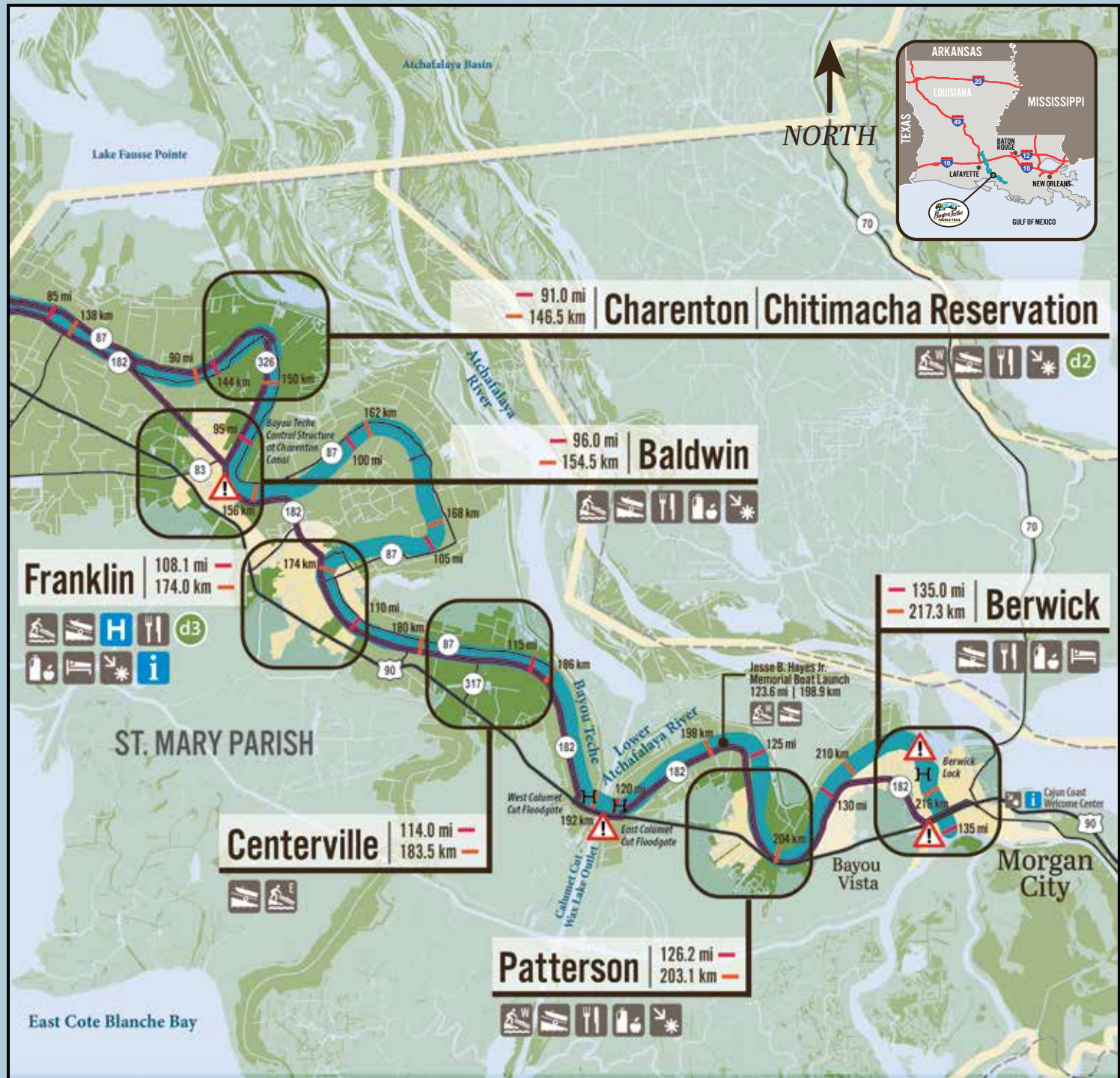


# ST. MARY PARISH

-  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
-  Restaurant
-  Public Restrooms
-  Lodging (Hotel/Motel)
-  Parish / CVB Visitor Information Center
-  Parish Attraction / Historic Site
-  Boat Launch
-  Groceries
-  Hospital/Urgent Care
-  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. Mary:**

**In St. Mary Parish, paddlers will need to navigate the island at the Franklin Canal and traverse two steep portages on either side at the Wax Lake Outlet (a.k.a. Calumet Cut). At this portage location are two water control structures owned and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Paddlers will need to call ahead to determine if the water control structures are open or a portage around the gatehouses will be necessary. Patterson is identified and promulgated as the safest takeout point at the finish of the Paddle Trail. Adventurous paddlers can continue on the Trail to lock through at the Berwick Lock, owned and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers into the Atchafalaya River into Morgan City.**