

# YOUR WATER TRAIL ADVENTURES BEGIN HERE



## PIERRE PART BELLE RIVER WATER TRAILS

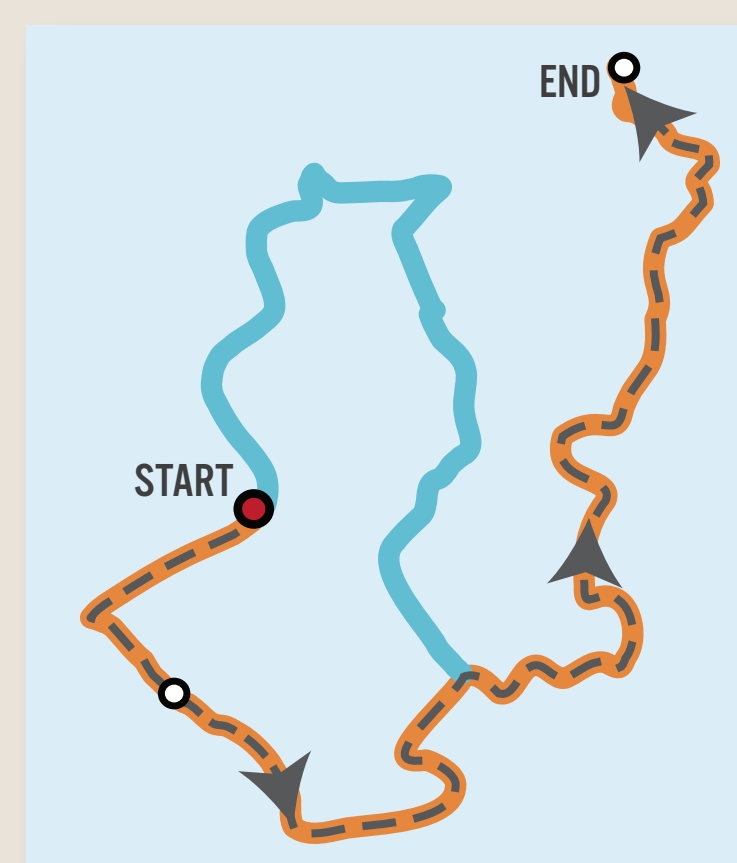
The Pierre Part Belle River Water Trails are for canoe and kayak paddlers, as well as all recreational boaters. And, in so many ways, they are for everyone. Residents and visitors. Young and old. Bird watchers, nature lovers, photographers, and anyone who seeks peace and tranquility.

Here are the basics:

- Seven designated Water Trails follow natural bayous and man-made channels.

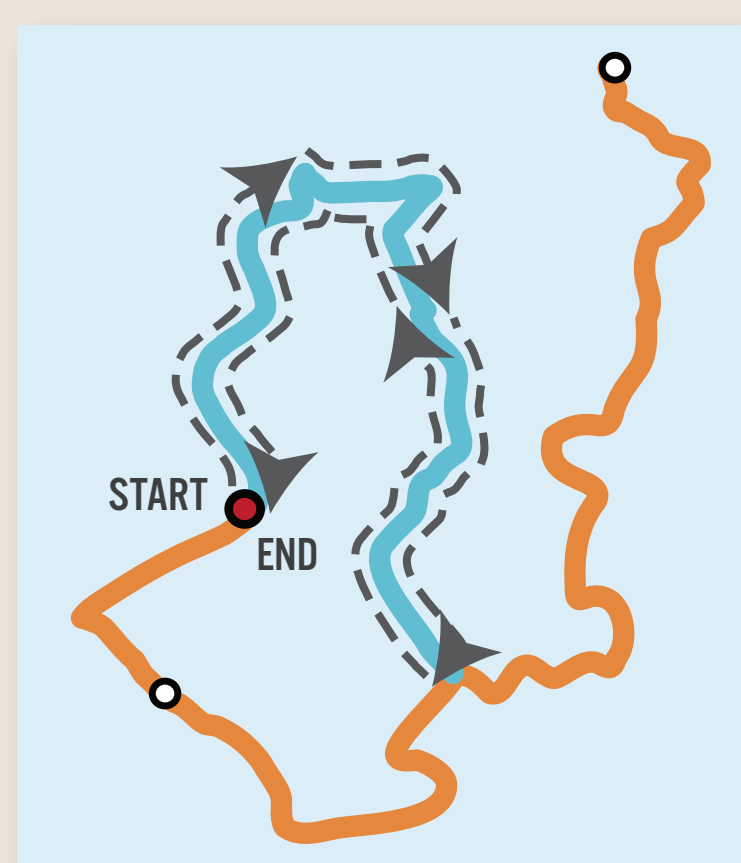
- All seven Water Trails begin right here at Veteran's Park.
- Water Trail routes vary in length and time required to paddle.
- The Water Trails have distance markers installed at 1.0 mile (1.6 km) increments.
- Each Water Trail is named for a local bird which you might see when out on the water.
- Some Water Trails end at an intersection with one of the other seven trails. Others end with a launch ramp or dock.

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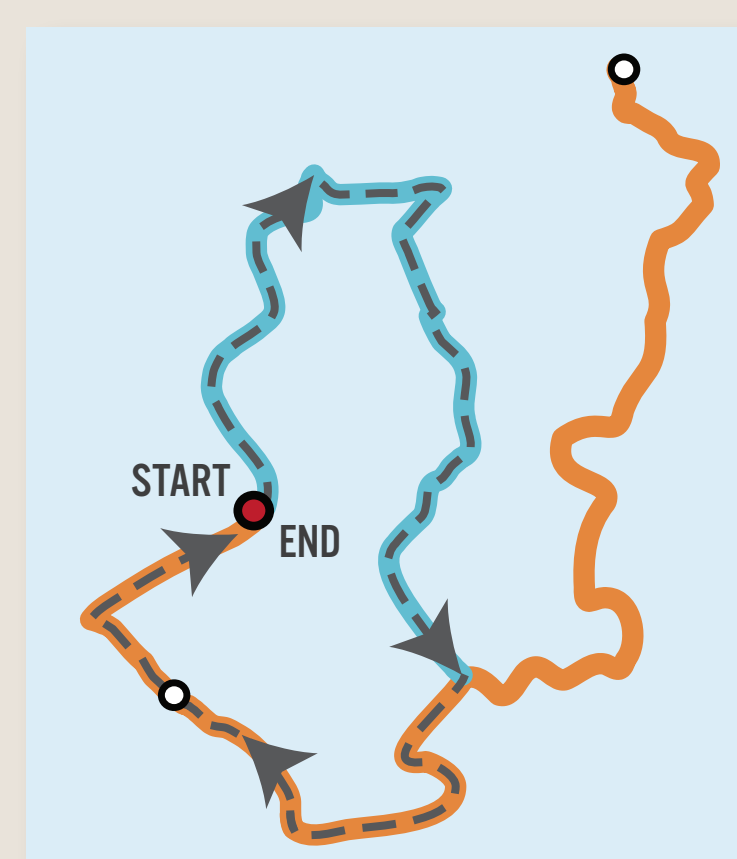
Depart from Veterans Park and paddle all the way to the end of a Water Trail with a departure ramp or dock.

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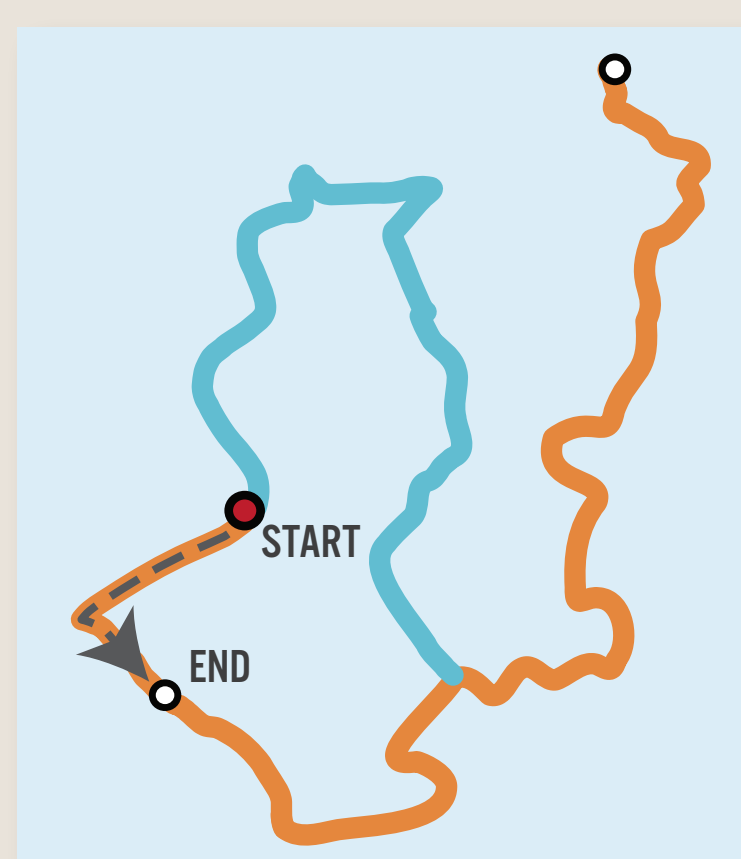
Depart from Veterans Park, paddle along one of the seven Water Trails as far as you wish, turn around, and return here to Veterans Park.

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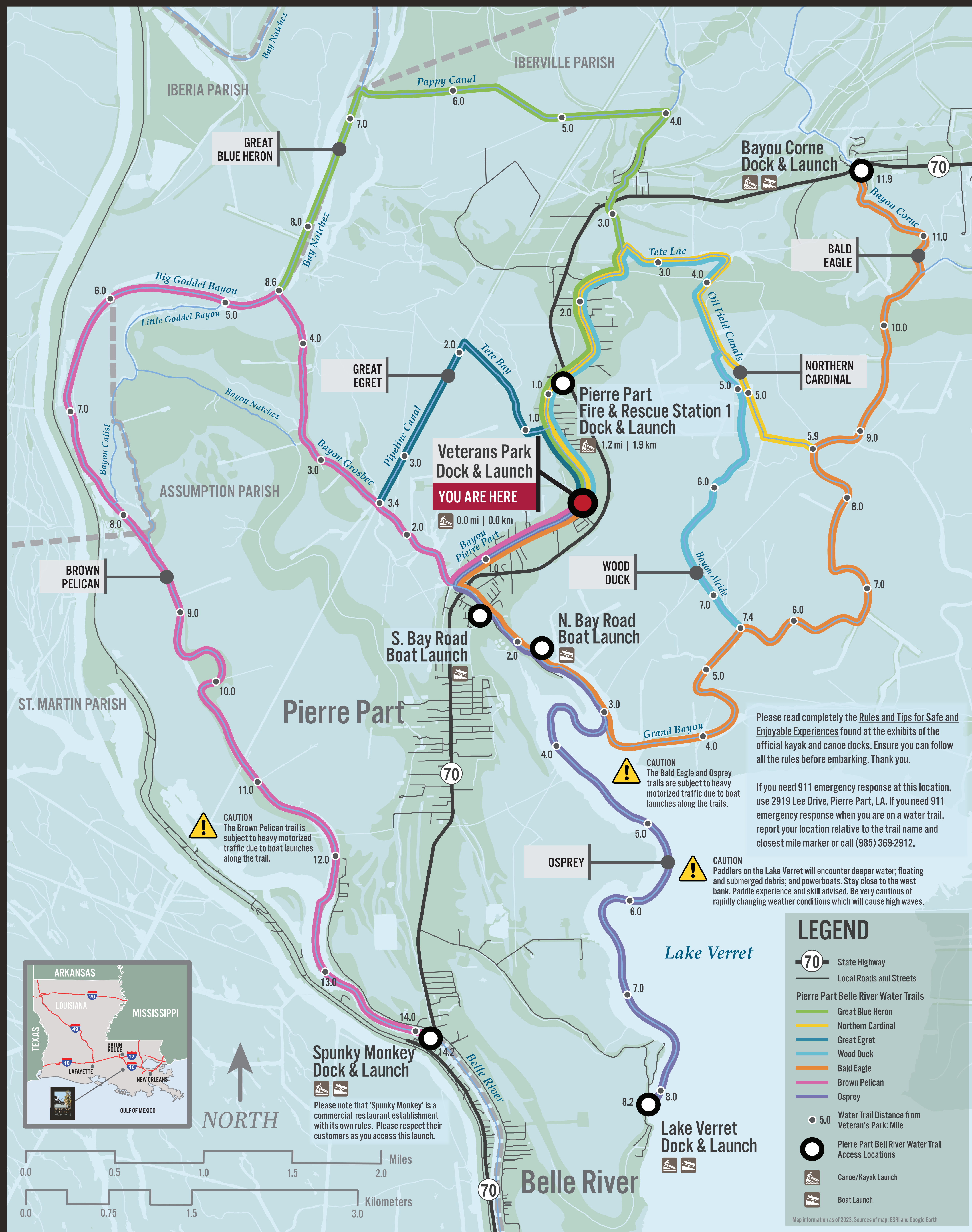


Paddle a loop of your choice departing here, following a Water Trail route, intersect with another Water Trail route, and return here to Veterans Park.

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Launch your trip on a Water Trail at any acceptable location and paddle to a legitimate departure location.



## SEVEN UNIQUE TRAIL EXPERIENCES

Welcome to the seven Pierre Part Belle River Water Trails. Each Trail is identified by a beautiful local bird and a distinctive color. For more information, please visit [www.assumptionveteranspark.com](http://www.assumptionveteranspark.com) or scan this QR code. Please take photos of the Water Trails map and other information topics here to take with you on your water adventure.

**CAUTION!** Do not rely on cellphone service in the remote portions of the Water Trails!



Scan this QR code to connect with the Pierre Part Belle River Water Trails website.

Move to the other side for information about this region!



### GREAT BLUE HERON WATER TRAIL

Total Trail Length: 8.6 mi / 13.9 km

Waterways of the Great Blue Heron Water Trail: Bayou Pierre Part, Pappy Canal, and Bay Nachez | INTERMEDIATE

**Great Blue Heron** | *Ardea Herodias*  
The tucked-in neck and long legs of the four-foot-tall Great Blue Heron do not hinder this stately bird from living well along our waterways. It strikes quickly to grab a fish or rodent for a fresh meal.



### NORTHERN CARDINAL WATER TRAIL

Total Trail Length: 5.9 mi / 9.4 km

Waterways of the Northern Cardinal Water Trail: Bayou Pierre Part, Tet Loc, and Oil Field Canals | INTERMEDIATE

**Northern Cardinal** | *Cardinalis cardinalis*  
With its distinctive red color and a profile people can't take their eyes off, the Northern Cardinal has perhaps inspired more to open a bird field guide than any other bird. In this area, you can see a Northern Cardinal year-round.



### GREAT EGRET WATER TRAIL

Total Trail Length: 3.5 mi / 5.6 km

Waterways of the Great Egret Water Trail: Bayou Pierre Part, Tet Bay, and Pipeland Canal | BEGINNER

**Great Egret** | *Ardea alba*  
A dazzling sight, the elegant white Great Egret inspired the conservation and first laws to protect birds. While wading along in the water, a quick jab of its yellow bill to an unsuspecting fish supplies the meal of the day.



### WOOD DUCK WATER TRAIL

Total Trail Length: 7.4 mi / 12.0 km

Waterways of the Wood Duck Water Trail: Bayou Pierre Part, Tet Loc, Oil Field Canals, and Bayou Alcide | INTERMEDIATE

**Wood Duck** | *Aix sponsa*  
"Stunning" is one word to describe the feather colors and patterns for each the female and male Wood Duck. For nesting, they rely on crevasses in large trees or Wood Duck nest boxes installed along many of our waterways.



### BALD EAGLE WATER TRAIL

Total Trail Length: 11.9 mi / 19.6 km

Waterways of the Bald Eagle Water Trail: Bayou Pierre Part, Bayou Grosbec, Grand Bayou, and Bayou Corne | DIFFICULT

**Bald Eagle** | *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*  
Chosen as the national symbol for the United States in 1782, the Bald Eagle soars in solitude and protection over our waterways. Once endangered, they are now thriving in Louisiana and across the country. Look for their nests high in Bald Cypress Trees.



### BROWN PELICAN WATER TRAIL

Total Trail Length: 14.2 mi / 22.9 km

Waterways of the Brown Pelican Water Trail: Bayou Pierre Part, Bayou Grosbec, Bayou Nachez, Big Goddel Bayou, and Belle River | DIFFICULT

**Brown Pelican** | *Pelecanus occidentalis*  
When Louisiana chose the Brown Pelican as its state bird in 1966, this elegant bird faced extinction due to pesticides. With positive effects of regulation, the species now flourishes across the Pelican State. Watch as they dive to fill their bill with fish.



### OSPREY WATER TRAIL

Total Trail Length: 8.2 mi / 13.2 km

Waterways of the Osprey Water Trail: Bayou Pierre Part, Bayou Grosbec, and Lake Verret | DIFFICULT

**Osprey** | *Pandion haliaetus*  
When an Osprey spots a prey fish, it hovers over the water and waits until it's in the perfect position to quickly dive in for the catch. You may see Osprey flying with a fish in their talons or perched atop a tree with the catch of the day.



### Experience the waterways made famous by Troy Landry and family

Troy Landry is the quintessential Cajun swamp man. From November to July, he makes his living in the crawfish industry, buying from local fishermen and distributing throughout Louisiana. But when September rolls around, it's all alligators all the time. Troy and his son, Jacob, spend their days hunting wild gators and running a huge warehouse where local trappers can store their catches. At night, they fry up fresh alligator meat on Troy's houseboat or take their boat on a bayou pub crawl, stopping at all their favorite watering holes. Thanks in part to his frequent parties, Troy is one of the most prominent residents of Pierre Part and his son seems to be following in his footsteps.

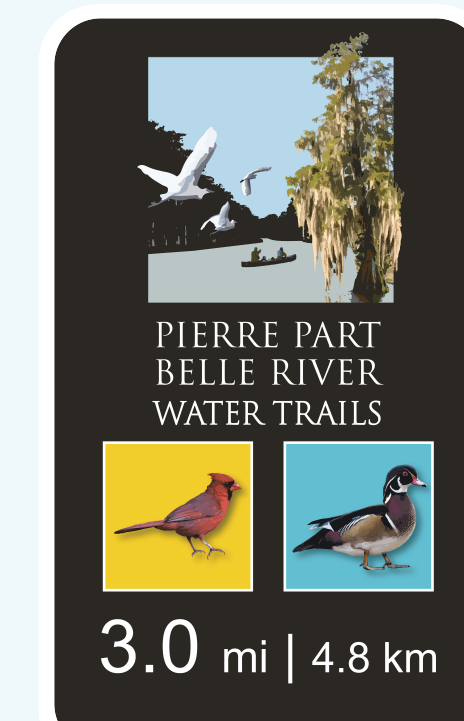
Long before these waterways were made famous on cable television they created our rich local culture. We invite you to embark upon your own adventure and explore this natural environment that sustains our economy, community spirit, and way of life.

### Water Trail Route Guide Signs

Water Trail Route Guide signs like this image are positioned at one-mile intervals along most Water Trails. No signs are posted along Lake Verret.

### How to use the QR Codes

With your phone, you can photograph or scan a QR code image to quickly and directly link your phone to a website. Try capturing this QR code and you will hopefully link with the Assumption Parish Recreation District No. 2 website home page.



### Sponsors and Partners for Pierre Part Belle River Water Trails



These public and private sector organizations have supported the development of the Pierre Part Belle River Water Trails network. Each investment makes your experiences even more rewarding and we thank them. We appreciate the Pierre Part Volunteer Fire Department for their dedicated site location for a second safe dock launch along Pierre Part Bayou. Support for our Water Trails continues to grow! Please visit the Assumption Parish Recreation District No. 2 website for the latest news on grants, sponsorships, and contributions.

### Assumption Parish Recreation District No. 2

Serving the public's recreation needs and desires is a primary purpose of the Assumption Parish Recreation District No. 2. The District's Commission leads the development, programming, and care of Veteran's Park and the Pierre Part Belle River Water Trails.

For more information, scan the QR code above or visit:  
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