

The Atchafalaya Wilderness Bicycle Trail starts in Henderson and ends at Calumet. The trail is 55 miles in length.

The St. Mary section of the Atchafalaya Wilderness Trail begins at Ruiz Landing which is located in Iberia Parish about 1.5 miles from the St. Mary Parish line. The Ruiz Landing to Calumet section starts at Mile 31 and ends at Mile 55 or 24.5 miles from Ruiz Landing. In the summer the trail can be very hot as there is no shade on the levee top. In spring and fall, it can get windy on top of the levee. Charenton Beach Landing offers shade and is a great place to take a break. Please be advised that there is no place to purchase food or water on the trail. You will need to bring everything you need for the trip with you on your ride.

Directions to Boat Landings on the St. Mary section of the Atchafalaya Wilderness Bicycle Trail

This bicycle trail in St. Mary Parish can be access From Baldwin, Franklin or Centerville.

From Baldwin to Ruiz Landing

Take Hwy 90 to the Baldwin exit/LA 83. Travel towards Baldwin. On LA 83 take a right on to LA 182. Then, at the traffic light take a left onto LA 326. Travel down LA 326 for 3.6 miles and turn right onto LA 324. There is a church at this intersection. Go across Bayou Teche then take a left onto LA 87. Then, take the first right on to Charenton Beach Road. Travel about 1 mile down where you will come to the Atchafalaya West Protection Levee. Here you will decide where to park. If you cross over the Levee you are at Charenton Beach Landing and this is mile 38 of the trail.

If you take a left on the levee road (Not On Top Of The Levee) and travel down about .4 miles you will cross over a flood gate. Travel about 2.5 miles after the flood gate and on your left will be Grand Avoille Cove Landing which is mile 34 of the trail.

If you continue down the levee road you will come to the big open Lake Fausse Point (Lake Fausse Point overlook) on your left. Continue traveling and the next road that crosses over the levee on your right is Ruiz Landing. Cross over the top of the levee. This is 3.31 miles from Grand Avoille Boat Landing and Ruiz Landing is Mile marker 31 of the trail.

From Centerville to Verdunville Boat Landing

Take US 90 to LA 317 and exit north on to LA 182 to Centerville. At the traffic light on LA 182 take a left. On LA 182, take a right onto LA 87 and cross Bayou Teche. Take a right onto Parish Road 131 and travel down about 2 miles. Take a left on the first paved road on the left. This road will take you to the Atchafalaya West Protection Levee.

At the levee you have to make a decision on where to begin.

If you cross over the levee on your right, this is the Verdunville Boat Landing. It is at mile 51/52. From this point to Calumet there are no roads for cars. This area can only be traveled by bicycle or walking on top of the levee.

If you take a left on the levee road and travel about 1 mile down, you will come to Verdunville II or the Yellow Bayou Boat Landing which is on your left. This is on the Bayou Teche Refuge and is mile marker 51.

Traveling down the levee road about 2.5 miles from Yellow Bayou Landing you will come to Verdunville III or the Rock Weir Landing which is on the right across the levee. This is mile marker 48.

The next landing going north is 6.6 miles. It is the Myette Point Boat Landing and is on the right across the levee. It is at mile marker 41.

From Franklin to Ruiz Landing

You can take US 90 West to the Baldwin Exit or East to the Centerville exit and follow those directions.

From LA 182 in Franklin going west to Baldwin cross over the Charenton Canal Bridge then when you come to the only traffic light in Baldwin take a right on to LA 326.

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