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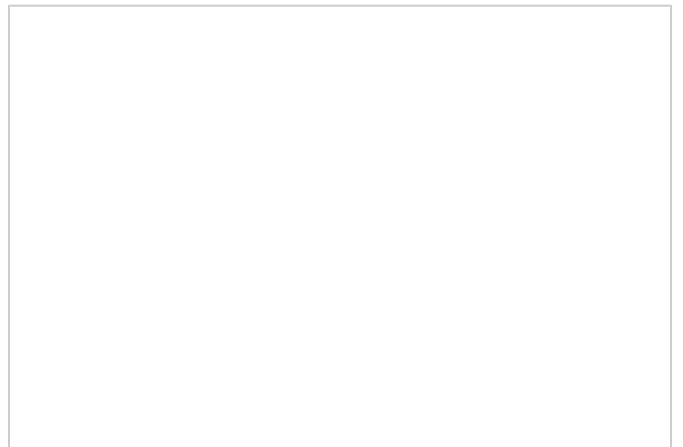
Drive along Interstate 20 between Shreveport and Monroe in northern Louisiana and you'll encounter a destination with stylish boutiques, a lively historic downtown, a thriving arts scene, live music, a tranquil lake, and nature trails to explore. College stadiums roar with cheers, cocktail glasses clink at chef tables, and sweet peaches are plucked from their orchards. Visit Ruston and Lincoln Parish, home to Louisiana Tech University and Grambling State University, to make your next vacation truly your own.

Experience the enticing outdoor recreation this region boasts at nearby state parks: Jimmie Davis State Park, Lake Claiborne State Park, and Lake D'Arbonne State Park—all within 30 miles of Lincoln Parish. Spend a blissful day on [Lincoln Parish Park](#)'s 10-mile mountain bike trail—rated one of the best in the country—and then head to the sandy beaches of its

lake for some kayaking and fishing. Search for winged wonders along the James Lake Birding Trail in Dubach, north of Ruston in Lincoln Parish. Go off the beaten path at Ruston's [Rock Island Greenway](#), a linear park designed for you to walk, run, or cycle.

For local bites, live entertainment, and some socializing, downtown Ruston is where you'll want to go. Browse for everything from designer jeans to luxury bedding in one of the many fashionable boutiques in Ruston. In the winter, these shops light up with festive decorations and window art to celebrate the season. Steep sales and holiday refreshments abound for all the bundled-up Christmas shoppers. Check out local art at Ruston Artisans and buy locally-produced vegetables, fruits, and meats at the Ruston Farmers Market (spring through fall). Downtown Ruston restaurants serve up big flavor in plates that range from crawfish étouffée and muffulettas to sushi and local beer.

If you're on the hunt for live entertainment in Ruston and Lincoln Parish, you won't have to look far. Downtown's Railroad Park frequently hosts live music events and local restaurants have weekly line-ups sure to satisfy everyone in the family. Look for the neon glow of the Dixie Center for the Arts sign downtown for a list of upcoming productions and concerts at this 1928 restored silent film theater. Louisiana Tech University's music and theater departments and Grambling State University's Floyd L. Sandle Theatre performances are also open to the public.



There's even fun for the whole family in Ruston and Lincoln Parish. Embrace your inner warrior at [Bayou Axe](#) in Downtown Ruston, our local axe-throwing attraction and restaurant. Challenge yourselves at the Outdoor Wilderness Learning (OWL) Center's ropes course and spend time together admiring the outdoor trails in [Lincoln Parish Park](#) and [the Rock Island Greenway](#).

Plan your visit around the many [events in Ruston and Lincoln Parish](#)—like the Louisiana Peach Festival—to experience the culture of this region first-hand. Come discover this northern Louisiana destination for yourself!