

# Bienvenue, mes amis!

## Welcome to Lafayette, Louisiana

Lafayette's Historic Azalea Trail began in the early 1930's when the city became known as the "City of Flowers" across America. The trail meanders thru 25 miles of the city and is a showcase of all the Southern Favorite Formosa Azaleas. You will see historic Azaleas, Camellias, Japanese & Southern Magnolias, Crape Myrtles as well as the Century Live Oaks, Cypress and Pines native to our area. Begin your tour in the Gateway at the Lafayette Visitor's Center and travel thru Sterling Grove National Historic District, Downtown Lafayette to the UL University District. St. Mary Boulevard connects the historic garden districts of Oaklawn and Myrtle Place, Arbolada, Freetown-Port Rico, Elmhurst Park, Les Jardins de Mouton, Bendel Gardens, Greenbriar Estates and Whittington Park. The trail is full of Lafayette's historic sites that are featured in the Lafayette Historic Register Book. The book can be purchased online at [www.preservinglafayette.org](http://www.preservinglafayette.org) or in several shops in town.

February 23rd is opening day of bloom season with the "Bloom Watch" posted online throughout March. Come visit the deep south for a "Floral Mardi Gras" and enjoy the "Happiest City in America". Lafayette is home to the best authentic Cajun & Creole restaurants, music, cultural museums, arts and crafts. Lafayette's Official Flower is the native Southern Indica Lavender Formosa Azalea, named "The General Lafayette" after the Marquis de Lafayette. Lafayette's Azalea Trail Day is March 18th.

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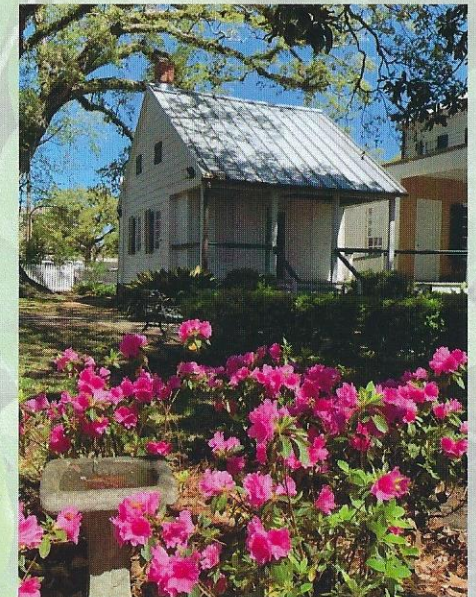
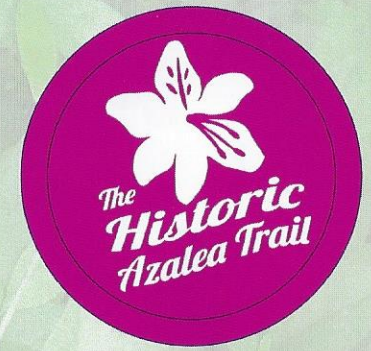


"Official Trail Signs"  
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at The Lafayette Museum  
Historic Home & Gardens

