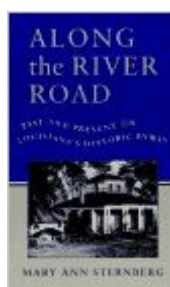


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Along The River Road: Past And Present On Louisiana's Historic Byway



Synopsis

Few thoroughfares in America are as rich in history and culture as Louisiana's River Road between New Orleans and Baton Rouge. Yet for many travelers and even natives, traces of that past, veiled by time and change are frustratingly difficult to discern. In this revised and expanded edition of her definitive guide to the fabled route, Mary Ann Sternberg provides up-to-date information on sites and attractions along the river as well as the tales and local lore that still make the River Road one of the most colorful destinations around. The River Road--actually two roads, one on each side of the Mississippi River--is the product of more than three hundred years of documented history and culture. The centerpiece of the book is a mile-by-mile guided tour--upriver on the east bank and downriver along the west--that details the past of scores of overlooked venues. The River Road's allure goes far beyond its parade of antebellum mansions to reveal a wondrous past and present awaiting discovery with this book in hand. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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The River Road, about 100 miles of rural routes on the east and west sides of the Mississippi River between Baton Rouge and New Orleans, is rich in history, culture, and legends of the people who lived near it. Sternberg, a writer and public relations consultant living in Baton Rouge, presents a broad overview of the settlements and culture that evolved along the River Road since the early days of French and Spanish colonies. Half history, half guidebook, her work is a delightful excursion into the past. It alternates chapters overviewing the history of the area and peoples, agriculture and

industry, architectural styles and wildlife with brief descriptions of notable areas of interest. The work features several side trips. This portable reference would make any meander along the River Road more enjoyable and meaningful. Recommended for public libraries. (Index and map not seen.)?Janine Reid, Jefferson Cty. P.L., Lakewood, Coll.Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Mary Ann Sternberg is a writer and public relations consultant with a deep love of south Louisiana's history and culture and abiding delight in exploring the world. She lives in Baton Rouge. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I think this book must have arrived the day after I ordered it, sold as used but in like new condition. The first half of the book addresses the cultural, political and natural history of the river road district in chapter after chapter before you get to the second section which is set out in geographical order as a handbook for travelers. It is like no other travel book I have ever read. Obviously a labor of love meant to reveal to the traveler more than meets the eye through the windshield of one's car. It will reward those who flip to whichever milepost to learn the historical significance of a church, barn or factory as it will reward those who have the patience and curiosity to read it cover to cover.

This guide by far is the absolute best novel to use for a reference about Louisiana's River Road. It starts just past New Orleans from the East Bank and goes upriver, crosses at Baton Rouge and then continues back downriver to New Orleans marking points along the way by mile markers. This book will tell you where you will find every plantation, every creole housee - every single place that is or remotely historical in nature. This book is NOT to be left behind when exploring Louisiana's magical River Road.

This book provides an excellent narrative but is poorly organized and lacks maps and photos which would have made it a much more useful guide book. When it is redone, it should start with a map with number references for the plantations and ruins described, put them in logical sequential order and provide at least one black and white photo for each to aid readers.

This revised and expanded version of Sternberg's previous work makes for fascinating reading for both visitors and Louisiana natives. It is not only a wonderful guidebook, but concise glimpse of the history of the Great River Road. For more from this author I suggest "Winding Through Time" which

is her study of the history and influence of Bayou Manchac.

Good reading if you like the history of the area.

For a book that is stated to be rich in history and culture of Louisiana's River Road is miss leading. This book is and unorganized short review of the River Road. I bought the book to read because of the German Settlement of the Coast of Louisiana. When looking information in the Index you need to read between the lines (Word) to find the exactly what is means. This is not a mile by mile guide tour when you go back and forth.

A must to travel

Describing details along both River Roads (one on each bank) from Baton Rouge to New Orleans, this is a great read. From Colonial to Antebellum to the Refineries populating the area now, its a very interesting and informative book. Including both straightforward history about various plantations and local people as well as colorful local stories, it's a great read. I only wish someone would write a guide like this for the area stretching north from Baton Rouge to Natchez to make it dovetail with Persac's map, around which much of the book revolves.

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