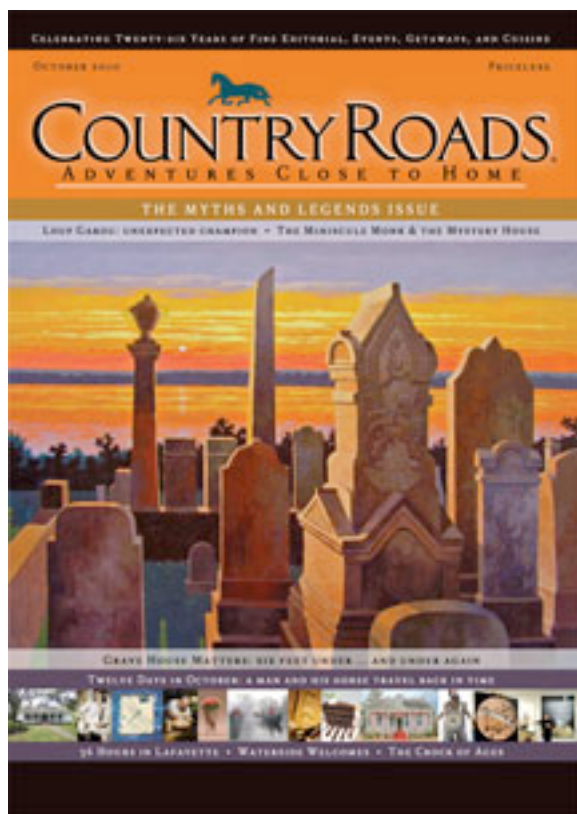


## Taco Sisters Featured in Country Roads, October, 2010



WEEKENDS AWAY

### 36 HOURS IN LAFAYETTE

*Do the “Hub City” like a local.*

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I grew up in New Orleans surrounded by its unique traditions and culture—not to mention amazing food—so when I moved to Lafayette six years ago I wasn’t sure how it would measure up. But the laid-back atmosphere, the friendliness of the people and the dedication to good food, hot music and fun living have made this New Orleanian feel right at home.

There’s always plenty to do in the “Hub City,” from festivals and live music venues to sporting events and great eating. For a small Louisiana city it has amazing offerings of culture, language, music and cuisine found nowhere else.

If you haven’t experienced Lafayette in awhile, you should come visit! To whet your appetite here are a few of my

favorite things to do in the city packed into 36 hours, using one weekend this October as an example.

#### Friday, October 8

*11:30 am*

Of course no trip to Cajun Country would be complete without enjoying the food, so start your weekend excursion off right with a good meal. Lunch at Don’s Seafood is a tradition, especially if you order the gumbo (301 E. Vermilion, 337-235-3551, (<http://donsdowntown.com>); Pat’s Downtown offers plate lunch specials such as chicken fricassée (107 E. Main, 337-289-5270, [www.patsdowntown.com](http://www.patsdowntown.com)) and the Taco Sisters smoke their fish and meats onsite in a colorful shotgun-style establishment (407 Johnston, 337-234-8226, <http://tacosisters.com>).

*2:30 pm*

After lunch, enjoy the many galleries and museums of downtown Lafayette ([www.downtownlafayette.org](http://www.downtownlafayette.org)), either on foot or on a bike rented from Recycled Cycles of Acadiana ([www.recycledcycleslafayette.com](http://www.recycledcycleslafayette.com)). Learn about the Mouton boys at the Lafayette Museum (1122 Lafayette St., 337-234-2208), once home to Louisiana Governor Alexandre Mouton and now sporting Lafayette historical artifacts. The home is built on the site of the home of paterfamilias Jean Mouton, also the father of the city of Lafayette, called Vermilionville in his day. You’ll find a statue of General Alfred Mouton — the son of Alexandre and a Civil War hero — guarding the old City Hall on Jefferson Street. The Romanesque St. John Cathedral and the Cathedral Oak (515 Cathedral St., [www.saintjohncathedral.org](http://www.saintjohncathedral.org)), a mammoth live oak reputed to be more than three hundred years old, exist today on land donated by Jean Mouton.

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