



"Treasure" Caches

1. Rebel Redoubt – N 31° 03.957 W 093° 30.707

Located at the site of a battery erected during the Civil War to defend the Sabine River. Though no battle occurred at Burr Ferry, the site serves as a rare example of "tetes de pont" – a type of fortification located at river crossings which left an opening in the center that allowed the civilian population to pass freely when the site was not being threatened by enemy troops. Though much has been destroyed, the center, with an original road remnant, still exists.

2. Almadane Plantation – N 30° 55.114 W 093° 31.563

The history of Almadane Plantation is a little unusual. Instead of cotton or food crops, they harvested timber and were one of the first to make any attempt at re-forestation. Its proximity to the Sabine River made it possible to harvest the virgin pines and float them downstream to the large lumber mills in southeast Texas long before the railroads arrived in western Louisiana. The cache is located near the African-American cemetery at the site.

3. General Taylor's Express – N 30° 54.740 W 092° 53.394

This cache is located along the military supply road used by Confederate forces to supply Major General Richard Taylor, CSA. The route ran from Niblett's Bluff in southwestern Louisiana, to Alexandria, and included this small section located in the Dido community of Vernon Parish.

General Taylor was the son of President Zachary Taylor. During the *Red River Campaign*, he defended Louisiana from Union General Nathaniel P. Banks who had left his gunboats in Alexandria and was trying to march to Shreveport. Gen. Taylor defeated the larger Union army and pursued Banks all the way back to the Mississippi River. He received the thanks of the Confederate Congress for his efforts.