Rural Life Museum and Windrush Gardens
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
The Rural Life Museum, located on the 450-acre Burden Research Plantation, provides insight into the largely forgotten lifestyles and cultures of pre-industrial Louisiana. Home to extensive collections of tools, household utensils, furniture, vehicles, and farming implements, the museum preserves an important part of the rural heritage of Louisiana and the nation.

The museum includes more than 20 buildings, spread over five acres of the plantation, divided into three areas:

- The Barn contains hundreds of artifacts dealing with everyday rural life up to the early 20th century.
- The Working Plantation consists of a complex of buildings—commissary, overseer's house, kitchen, slave cabins, sick house, school house, blacksmith's shop, sugarhouse, and grist mill—authentically furnished to reconstruct all the major activities of life on a typical 19th century working plantation.
- The Folk Architecture consists of seven buildings with divergent forms of construction illustrating the various cultures of Louisiana: a country church, a pioneer's cabin with corncrib and potato house, a shotgun house, an Acadian house, and a dogtrot house.