LAFAYETTE WINS STATE FAME AS "AZALEA CITY?"

Lafayette, thriving little city on Highway 90, 160 miles Northwest of New Orleans and 81 miles Southwest of Baton Rouge, is proud of the title "Azalea City," conferred upon her because of the unusual beauty and profusion of her azalea plantings.

Lafayette's "Azalea Trail" is famous in a countryside that is renowned for its floral beauty. Along a market 15-mile route through the city there is maintained an almost continuous planting of azalea bushes. During late January and throughout February these azaleas present a never-to-be-forgotten picture of flaming beauty with colors ranging from a deep, dark red through scarlet, flame and cerise to the most delicate pinks.

The trail leads through flower-banked city streets across the beautifully landscaped grounds of Southwestern Louisiana Institute and takes in a series of beautiful and stately homes and includes a tour of Le Jardin Mouton, an estate that was started by former Congressman Robert Mouton and which for natural beauty rivals some of the more celebrated gardens of the Southland.

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