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SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA

# Getaway Guide

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*Welcome  
Y'all!*

**Lake Charles/Southwest Louisiana  
- The Gateway to Cajun Country**

Adventure and exploration await with a diverse offering of culture, music, world-famous food, festivals, the great outdoors, casino gaming, top entertainment and historic attractions. So, unwind & have fun!

Stop by the convention & visitors bureau, 1205 N. Lakeshore Drive, while you are in town. Visit with our friendly staff, have a cup of coffee and get tips on how to make your stay as memorable as possible.

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\*Current as of July 2014.

# Share Your Story!

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*We love hearing from visitors. It makes our day!*

Please share your story through Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Vine or other social media about your adventures in Southwest Louisiana. Use **#visitlakecharles** when posting. Take a peek at some top selections from our fans:



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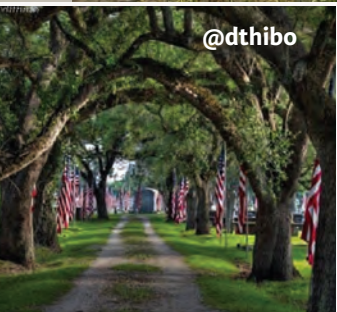
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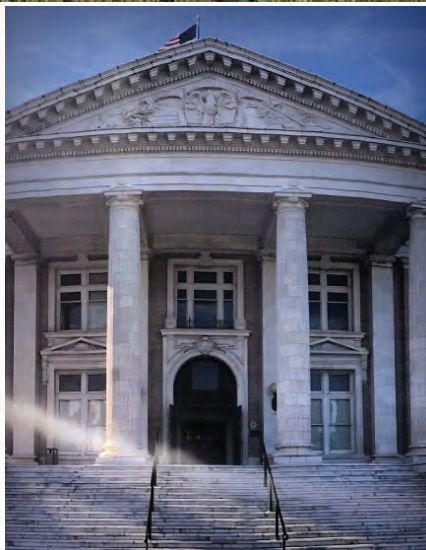
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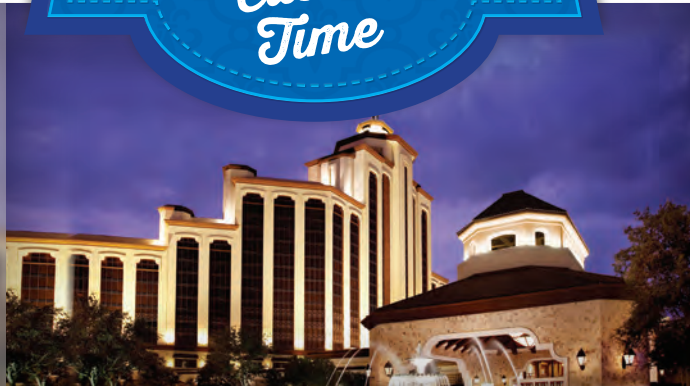
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Your entry may appear on our blog [www.visitlakecharles.blogspot.com](http://www.visitlakecharles.blogspot.com). We look forward to hearing your story and sharing it with the world!

# Casino Time



## Lake Charles

### L'Auberge Casino Resort

777 Avenue L'Auberge; I-210 at Exit 4/Nelson Rd.  
[www.mylauberge.com](http://www.mylauberge.com)

26-story casino resort, 1,000 casually elegant rooms with 147 luxury suites, 70,000 sq. ft. casino with 70 table games and 1,600+ slot machines. Contraband Bayou® Golf Club, an 18-hole championship Tom Fazio course. Eight innovative restaurants, world class spa and pool with a lazy river, The Shops at L'Auberge and top name entertainment round out the exciting amenities L'Auberge has to offer.

## Westlake

### Isle of Capri Casino Hotel

100 Westlake; I-10 at Exit 27  
(800) THE ISLE

[www.isleofcapricasinos.com](http://www.isleofcapricasinos.com)

Enjoy the ultimate gaming experience with the newest, hottest slots and over 40 table games along with a live poker room. Have your pick of 3 savory restaurants and two luxurious hotels.



## Lake Charles

### Golden Nugget

Opening in December of 2014 with legendary Vegas-style gaming and luxurious hospitality, Golden Nugget Lake Charles will offer 740 guest rooms, an 18-hole golf course, innovative gaming, multiple Landry's® restaurants, retail, 30,000 square feet of meeting space, a marina, a private beach and more. Keep up with the progress of the new resort by signing up for more information at [www.goldennuggetlc.com](http://www.goldennuggetlc.com).

## Vinton

### Delta Downs Racetrack Casino & Hotel

2717 Delta Downs Dr.; I-10 at Exit 4 or 7; (800) 589-7441  
[www.DeltaDowns.com](http://www.DeltaDowns.com)

Over 1,600 of the hottest slots with Texas-sized aisles plus live Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse action from fall through summer. Off-track betting from the country's best tracks year-round. Live entertainment in the Delta Event Center and the Gator Lounge. Fine dining, buffet and food court. Free valet parking.

# Arts & Culture

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The arts scene is on the move with colorful and exciting events taking place practically every weekend.

## Galleries

### Lake Charles

#### Abercrombie Gallery and Grand Gallery

McNeese State University; (800) 622-3352 • (337) 475-5060  
4205 Ryan St., Rm. 125; Shearman Fine Arts Center, Lake Charles  
Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Closed weekends and university holidays.

#### ◆ Alexander Art Studio

900 Ryan Street, Ste. 102; (337) 433-2299  
www.alexanderartstudio.com; candice@alexanderartstudio.com  
Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Downtown's finest art studio with original paintings and amazing designs!

#### Art Associates Gallery

809 Kirby St., Ste. 208, Lake Charles; (337) 439-ARTS  
In Historic Central School Arts & Humanities Center  
Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed for lunch.  
www.artassociates.org

#### Black Heritage Gallery

809 Kirby St., Ste. 207, Lake Charles; (337) 488-0567  
In Historic Central School Arts & Humanities Center  
Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

#### Gallery by the Lake

106 Pryce St., (337) 436-1008  
Tues.-Fri. noon-5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

#### ◆ Historic City Hall

1001 Ryan St., Lake Charles; Corner of Ryan and Kirby Streets  
(337) 491-9147; Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Farmers Market Sat., 8 a.m.-noon

### Sulphur

#### Henning Cultural Center

923 Ruth Street, (337) 527-0357  
Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-noon & 1-5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
www.brimstonemuseum.org

## Museums

### Lake Charles

#### Children's Museum

327 Broad St., (337) 433-9420  
Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; www.swlakids.org  
Offers three floors of hands-on, educational exhibits in a family atmosphere. Features many exhibits including a television studio, shopping market, toddler area and several science exhibits.

#### Imperial Calcasieu Museum

204 W. Sallier St., (337) 439-3797  
Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; www.imperialcalcasieumuseum.org  
Historical collection of artifacts and memorabilia depicting life in the Old Imperial Calcasieu region. Also home to the Gibson-Barham Fine Art Gallery, featuring contemporary and traditional visual artists and master craftsmen, and the 375 year old Sallier Oak.

#### Mardi Gras Museum of Imperial Calcasieu

809 Kirby St., 2nd floor, Lake Charles  
In Historic Central School Arts & Humanities Center  
(337) 430-0043; Tues.-Fri., 1-5 p.m.; www.swlamardigras.com  
Largest Mardi Gras costume display in the world, history of Mardi Gras and king cakes, costume design, parade float to climb aboard and exciting animatronic displays.

#### USS Orleck Naval Museum

604 N. Enterprise Blvd., (337) 214-7447; www.orleck.org  
Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m;  
Sunday closed for private events.  
Historic Naval museum featuring the USS Orleck DD886 WWII destroyer which served during the close of WWII through the Vietnam era.

### Sulphur

#### Brimstone Museum Complex

900 S. Huntington, (337) 527-0357  
Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-noon & 1-5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
www.brimstonemuseum.org  
The museum features a permanent exhibit about the history of the early sulfur mines and the City of Sulphur. It is also open for tourist information. Visit the Henning Cultural Center next door with rotating exhibits.

### DeQuincy

#### DeQuincy Railroad Museum

400 Lake Charles Ave., (337) 786-2823  
Tues.-Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; www.dequincyrailroadmuseum.com  
Original townsite in 1895 at the intersection of two major railroads. 1913 steam locomotive, passenger car, a caboose and other railroad artifacts are on display.

#### DeQuincy Town Hall Museum

218 East Fourth St., (337) 786-6451  
Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m.  
Newport Industries museum and memorabilia. Wall of Honor paying tribute to locals who have served in the U.S. military services.



## Performing Arts

Music, ballet, theatre! Southwest Louisiana has the lights, the sound and the talent to bring just about anything onto the stage to delight crowds.

**The Lake Charles Little Theatre**  
[www.thelclt.com](http://www.thelclt.com)

**Artists Civic Theatre (ACTS)**  
[www.actstheatre.com](http://www.actstheatre.com)

**McNeese State University Bayou Players**  
[www.mcneese.edu/performingarts](http://www.mcneese.edu/performingarts)

**The Children's Theatre Company**  
[www.thechildrenstheatre.cc](http://www.thechildrenstheatre.cc)

**Itinerant Theatre**  
[www.itinerantttheatre.com](http://www.itinerantttheatre.com)

**Lake Charles Symphony**  
[www.lcsymphony.com](http://www.lcsymphony.com)

**The Lake Charles Civic Ballet**  
[www.lakecharlescivicballet.com](http://www.lakecharlescivicballet.com)

The Lake Charles Community Band, the Francis G. Bulber Youth Orchestra, the Louisiana Choral Foundation Masterworks Chorale and Les Petites Voix are among other arts organizations with performances each spring and fall including holiday concerts and specials at local festivals.

To learn more about the arts, contact the Arts & Humanities Council of Southwest Louisiana at (337) 439-2787 or visit them online at [www.artsandhumanitiesswla.org](http://www.artsandhumanitiesswla.org).

## Cultural Districts

For information on the Cottage Shops & Downtown Charleston Cultural Districts, call the Arts and Humanities Council of Southwest Louisiana at (337) 439-2787 or visit [www.ArtsandHumanitiesSWLA.org](http://www.ArtsandHumanitiesSWLA.org).

◆ Downtown Charlestown District ♣ Cottage Shops District See page 59



# Where to Eat?



What is up with our food? Yes, it's almost like you need a guide to pronounce our scrumptious cuisine. But, you can easily appreciate the rich and bold flavors that have been simmering in pots for centuries.

## Lake Charles

### 121 Artisan Bistro

121 Dr. Michael DeBakey Dr.  
(337) 310-7499  
121artisanbistro@gmail.com  
Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Mon.-Thurs. 4:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.  
Fri. 4:30 p.m.-10 p.m.  
Sat. Noon-10 p.m.

\*Dinner menu served all day.  
Mon.-Fri. Bar opens at 4 p.m.  
Best steaks and seafood in Southwest Louisiana.

### Big Daddy's Sports Grill & Restaurant

1737 W. Sale Rd., Ste. 101  
(337) 477-9033  
Mon.-Thurs. 6 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Fri. 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat. 7 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Cajun comfort food. Hamburgers, po-boys, seafood, steaks, salads; relaxed neighborhood environment; breakfast, lunch, dinner. Many TVs with sports and more.

### Billedeaux's Cajun Kitchen

2633 Fruge St.; (337) 439-9944  
dwightbilledeaux@yahoo.com  
Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sat. 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Boudin, sausage, smoked meats, gumbo and famous burgers.

### Cypress Grill at Gray Plantation

6150 Graywood Pkwy.  
(337) 562-1206, ext. 2  
www.grayplantationgolf.com  
Wed.-Sat. 11 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Sun.-Tues. 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Visit us for daily chef specials.  
Gourmet sandwiches and salads made to order.

### Coyote Blues Fresh Mexican Grill with Louisiana Soul

3624 Ryan St.; (337) 502-5131  
www.coyotebluesfreshmex.com  
Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.  
Sun. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Best fajitas in Southwest Louisiana 3 years in a row. Kids eat free every Tuesday. @CoyoteBluesLC

### Dan's BBQ Express

2635 Country Club Rd.  
(337) 478-5858  
www.dansbbqexpress.com  
Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Sat. 11 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Sun. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Slow cooked, tender BBQ brisket, ribs, pulled pork & chicken.

### Darrell's Restaurant & Bar

119 W. College St.; (337) 474-3651  
Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.  
Sat. 11 a.m.-2 a.m.  
Po-boy sandwiches, beer, wine, mixed drinks. No minors allowed after 10 p.m.

### Famous Foods

1475 Gerstner Memorial  
(337) 497-1477  
Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Barbecue ribs, brisket, sausage, homemade boudin, cracklins and beef jerky.

### Gatti's Pizza

3522 Ryan St.; (337) 474-6625  
http://stores.gattispizza.com/location/lakecharles  
Daily buffet 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
5 p.m.-close  
Pizza, pasta, salads, po-boys, desserts, Gatti Land (game room).

### Hackett's Cajun Kitchen

5614 Gerstner Memorial Blvd.  
(337) 474-3731  
www.hackettscajunkitchen.com  
Mon.-Sat. 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Boudin, sausage, Cajun specialty foods, voted best plate lunches.

### Heist

700 Ryan St.; (337) 433-9199  
Thurs.-Fri. 5 p.m.-2 a.m.  
Sat. 6 p.m.-2 a.m.  
Located in historic bank building. Wine, food, cocktails, martinis, and music.

### KD's Diner

240 W. Prien Lake Rd.  
(337) 479-2009; 24 hours, 7 days  
Lake Charles' favorite all night diner serving breakfast, po-boys, gumbo, soups, salads & sandwiches.

### La Truffe Sauvage

815 West Bayou Pines Dr.  
(337) 439-8364  
www.thewildtruffle.com  
Tues.-Fri. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Tues.-Sat. 6-10 p.m.  
European fine dining with Louisiana influences in an elegant atmosphere.





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**L'Auberge Casino Resort**

777 Avenue L'Auberge  
(337) 395-7777; (866) 580-7444  
www.mylauberge.com **f**

» **Asia<sup>SM</sup>**

Mon. 11 a.m.-2 a.m.  
Tues.-Thurs. 4 p.m.-2 a.m.  
Fri.-Sun. 11 a.m.-4 a.m.  
Asian fusion cuisine; Vietnamese favorites; sushi

» **Desserts<sup>SM</sup>**

Mon.-Thurs. 4 p.m.-10 p.m.  
Fri. 1 p.m.-midnight  
Sat. 11 a.m.-midnight  
Sun. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Tasty gelato, decadent homage pastries & gourmet coffee from P.J.'s.

» **Ember Grille & Wine Bar**

Sun.-Thurs. 6-10 p.m.  
Fri. 6-11 p.m.; Sat. 5:30-11 p.m.  
Savor signature, wood-fired entrees in the glow of expansive stone fireplaces. Extensive wine cellar.

» **Jack Daniel's® Bar & Grill**

Mon.-Thurs. 4 p.m.-close  
Fri.-Sun. 11 a.m.-close  
Delicious menu of burgers, steaks, barbecue and other roadhouse favorites.

» **Lattes<sup>SM</sup>**

Sun.-Thurs. 6 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Fri. & Sat. 6 a.m.-midnight  
Coffee bar featuring P.J.s drinks, pastries, sandwiches and light snacks.

» **Le Beaucoup Buffet<sup>SM</sup>**

Daily breakfast buffet 8-11 a.m.  
Sun.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Fri. & Sat. 8 a.m.-11 p.m.  
Extensive selection of breakfast, American, Mexican, Chinese, seafood and desserts

» **Le Café<sup>SM</sup>**

Open daily 24 hours a day.  
Full-service casual dining;  
Breakfast, lunch, dinner and late night.

» **J.D.s Patio**

Open seasonally. Light gourmet cuisine on a beautiful veranda overlooking the pool.

» **Touloulou's**

Head out back to our lakeside bar, Touloulou's. Enjoy a cold beer and a plate of crawfish, dance to live music, dominate in a game of volleyball or just soak up the sun on the beach. The casual deck and beach are open weekends and holidays seasonally.

For additional dining options, call (337) 395-7777

◆ **Luna Bar & Grill**

719 Ryan St.; (337) 494-LUNA  
www.lunabarandgrill.com  
Mon.-Sun. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Great food, great atmosphere, great live music, great local culture. Get down downtown. **f** **t**

**Market Basket**

4431 Nelson Rd.; (337) 477-4868  
www.marketbasketfoods.com  
Daily 6 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Full service supermarket with boudin kitchen and smokehouse.

◆ **MacFarlane's Celtic Pub**

417 Ann St.  
(337) 433-5992  
Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m.-until  
Over 140 beers with a complete Celtic menu for lunch and dinner. **f**

**Mazen's Restaurant**

217 W. College St.  
(337) 477-8207  
Tues.-Fri. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Mon.-Sat. 5:30-10 p.m.  
Fine dining with Continental, New Orleans; French, and Mediterranean influences.

**Mr. Bill's Seafood Express**

500 E. McNeese St.  
(337) 477-9746  
Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Fri. 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Fresh fried or grilled seafood, hamburgers, steaks and more. **f**

**O.B.'s Bar & Grill**

1301 Ryan St.  
(337) 494-7336  
Mon.-Fri. Lunch: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Dinner: 5-9 p.m.; Bar: 11 a.m.-until Sat. 6 p.m.-2 a.m. (No food)  
Upscale bar & grill with great food, nightlife and entertainment. **f**

**Papa John's Pizza**

650 W. McNeese St.  
(337) 474-7272  
www.papajohns.com  
tx2223@mypapajohns.com  
Sun.-Thurs. 10:30 a.m.-midnight  
Fri.-Sat. 10:30 a.m.-1 a.m.  
Deliver quality pizza and products. Better ingredients. Better pizza.

**Pappy's Deli**

2627 Ryan St.  
(337) 436-2813  
Deli hours: Mon., Tues. & Sat. 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Wed., Thurs. & Fri. 8 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Pub hours: Mon.-Sat. Noon-until Sports bar and deli: 30 beers on tap.

**Peto's Meat Market**

104 Bruce Circle  
(337) 855-0034  
Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Sat. 7 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Sun. 7 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Boudin, sausage, meats, cracklins, jerky, hog head cheese, deer processing. **f**

**Popeye's**

(Multiple Locations)  
2710 Hwy. 14; (337) 474-1475  
125 W. Prien Lake Rd.  
(337) 474-0093  
301 Enterprise Blvd.; (337) 436-6130  
901 Country Club Rd.  
(337) 474-2134  
400 Sam Houston Jones Pkwy.  
(337) 855-0642  
Daily 10:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Chicken, shrimp, chicken tenders, po-boys, Cajun side dishes, biscuits.

◆ **Pujo Street Café**

901 Ryan St.; (337) 439-2054  
www.pujostreet.com  
Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.  
American, Cajun and French. **f**

**Roly Poly Sandwiches**

3100 Ryan St. / 4423 Nelson Rd.  
(337) 433-3130 / (337) 474-3332  
www.orderrolypoly.com  
10 a.m.-9 p.m. everyday  
Healthy and delicious rolled sandwiches, soups and salads.  
Catering available & online ordering. **f**

**Rotolo's Pizzeria**

4201 Nelson Rd.; (337) 478-1996  
www.rotolos.com  
lake.charles@rotolos.com  
Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Sat. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Sun. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Pizzas, salads, pastas, sandwiches, calzones, in a family-friendly atmosphere. 15 beers on tap. **f**

**Seafood Palace**

2218 Enterprise Blvd.; (337) 433-9293  
Mon.-Sat. 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Cajun/Creole, boiled seafood in a family-friendly atmosphere. **f**



## Southern Spice

3901 Ryan St.; (337) 474-6065  
277 N. Hwy. 171; (337) 855-0010  
www.mysouthernspice.com  
Mon.-Sat. 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Home-style breakfast, lunch and dinner; locally owned and operated.

## Steamboat Bill's on the Lake

1004 N. Lakeshore Dr.  
(337) 494-1070  
www.steamboatbills.com  
Sun.-Thurs. 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Fri.-Sat. 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Great Cajun seafood.  
Listed in USA Today.

## Texas Roadhouse

3431 Nelson Rd.; (337) 478-7244  
www.trh.family.com  
store\_lakecharles@texasroadhouse.com  
Mon.-Thurs.. 4 -10 p.m.  
Fri. & Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.  
Sun. 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Great steak house with made from scratch sides and dressings.  
Curb side to go service.

## Sulphur

### B&O Kitchen and Grocery

3011 E. Burton; (337) 625-4637  
Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sat. 7 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Boudin, sausage, specialty meats, cracklins, jerky, hog head cheese, deer processing. **f**

### Fox's Pizza Den of Sulphur

2590 Maplewood Dr.; (337) 553-1181  
www.foxspizzadensulphur.com  
www.fpds.com  
Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Fri. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Gourmet pizzas, stromboli, hoagies, wedgies, hot wings, salads, hamburgers & desserts. Dine-in & Pick-up. **f**

## Gatti's Pizza

1811 S. Ruth St.  
(337) 527-0318  
http://stores.gattispizza.com/  
location/sulphur  
Daily 11 a.m.- 9 p.m.  
Pizza, subs, salad, pasta, buffet or pick up. Gattiland, party/meeting rooms.

## Hollier's Cajun Kitchen

1709 Ruth St., Exit 20  
(337) 527-0061  
303 S. Cities Service Hwy.  
(337) 533-2234  
Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Sat. 9 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Steaks, seafood, gumbo, crawfish, boudin, sausage, lunch & night buffets.

## Jake's Cakes

121 S. Huntington St.  
(337) 528-6860  
Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Sat. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Sandwiches, soups, salads, cupcakes, cakes, novelty sweets and coffee. **f**

## Kem's Restaurant & Lounge

330 Arena Rd.  
(located inside Holiday Inn)  
(337) 527-0858  
www.holidayinn.com/sulphurla  
midge@hotelsoflakecharles.com  
Mon.-Fri. 6-9:30 a.m.; 5-10 p.m.  
Sat. 6-10 a.m.; 5-10 p.m.  
Sun. 6-10 a.m.; 5-10 p.m.  
Small hotel restaurant which serves breakfast & dinner every day. **f**

## LeBleu's Landing

202 Henning Dr.  
(337) 528-6900  
www.lebleuslanding.com  
Mon.-Thurs. 7 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Fri.-Sat. 7 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Cajun, seafood, steaks, buffet, specialty meat market, gift shop. **f**

## Pitt Grill

102 Benoit Lane  
(337) 527-9448  
www.pittgrill.com  
Sun.-Thurs. 6 a.m.-11 p.m.  
Fri.-Sat., 24 hours  
Weekly seafood, buffets daily.  
Senior discounts. **f**

## Popeye's

(Multiple Locations)  
1613 Ruth St.; (337) 527-8297  
102 N. Cities Service Hwy.  
(337) 625-7181  
Daily 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Chicken, shrimp, chicken tenders, po-boys, Cajun side dishes, biscuits.

## Richard's Boudin & Seafood Restaurant

2250 E. Napoleon St. (Hwy. 90)  
(337) 625-8474  
Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.  
Fri.-Sat. 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m.  
Cajun seafood restaurant and mart; homemade boudin and sausage; RV/bus parking available.

## The Boiling Point

1730 S. Beglis Pkwy.  
(337) 625-9282  
www.theboilingpoint.net  
Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m.-8:30 p.m.  
Sat. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Home cooked lunch Monday-Friday. All you can eat seafood buffet Friday and Saturday nights.  
Boiled crawfish (seasonal).

## The Sausage Link

2400 E. Napoleon Dr.  
(337) 625-2030  
Mon.-Sat. 7 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Full-service specialty meats and casual Cajun dining. Best boudin. **f**

## Westlake

### Bar B Que Pit Stop

2400 Westwood Rd.  
(337) 433-7818  
Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Fresh smoked ribs, sliced brisket, chopped brisket, pulled pork, boudin, chicken, sausage, homemade sides and desserts.

### Isle of Capri Casino Hotel

100 Westlake Ave.  
(337) 430-2400 (877) ISLE ONE  
www.isleofcapricasinos.com

### » The Buffett

Breakfast, lunch, dinner, daily Seafood, Italian, Cajun, steaks, Barbecue, all you can eat

### » Otis & Henry's Bar & Grill

Lunch & dinner  
The comfort of a neighborhood bar and grill with the favorites of a steakhouse.

### » Tradewinds

Daily 11 a.m.-7 a.m.  
Deli, burgers and pizza

## Popeye's

1601 Sampson St.; (337) 433-5636  
Daily 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Chicken, shrimp, chicken strips, po-boys, Cajun side dishes, biscuits.

## DeQuincy

### Popeye's

920 East 4th St.  
(337) 786-4880  
Daily 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Chicken, shrimp, chicken tenders, po-boys, Cajun side dishes, biscuits.





## Vinton

### Delta Downs Racetrack Casino & Hotel

2717 Delta Downs Dr.  
(800) 589-7441  
www.DeltaDowns.com

#### » Food Court

Burgers, BBQ, baked potatoes, sandwiches and more!  
Something for everyone.

#### » The Lookout Restaurant

American, steaks and seafood.  
Formal dining in a casual atmosphere.

#### » The Triple Crown Buffet

Buffet serving American, Cajun/Creole, barbecue, catfish, seafood and desserts.

#### » Vista

Enjoy horseracing and fine cuisine by award-winning chefs.

### Longhorn Hard Country Café

2374 Hwy. 109 South; IH 10 Exit 4  
(337) 589-5647  
www.thetexaslonghorncomplex.com  
Daily 24 hours. Family dining, Cajun food, steaks and great specials.

## Iowa

### Rabideaux's Sausage Kitchen, Inc.

105 Hwy. 165; (337) 582-3184  
www.rabideauxsausageskitchen.com  
jgdaigle@yahoo.com or  
rabideaux@centurytel.net  
Mon.-Fri. 5:30 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Sat. 5:30-8 p.m.; Sun. 6-8 p.m.  
Boudin & sausage manufacturing plant & restaurant. **f**

## DeRidder

### Popeye's

421 N. Pine St.; (337) 462-3551  
Daily 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Chicken, shrimp, chicken tenders, po-boys, Cajun side dishes, biscuits.

## Jennings

### Mike's Seafood and Steakhouse

919 N. Lake Arthur Ave., Ste. A  
(337) 616-0766  
Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Fri. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Sat. 5 p.m.-10 p.m.  
Sun. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Casual dining, great value, best food between Houston & New Orleans. Atmosphere can't be beat. On and off site catering available and award-winning gumbo. **f**

Napa Valley has wine. New York has pizza. Wisconsin has cheese. Southwest Louisiana has boudin! Boudin is Louisiana's spiced-up hybrid of pork or beef sausage. It's a tender, savory mix of pork, rice, liver, parsley and onions, variously seasoned with salt, red pepper, black pepper and garlic powder. Everything's stirred together, stuffed into casings and sold hot by the pound. Call it "**BOO-dan**" — or better, "**BOO-dehh**," with a French-style fadeoff at the end. Call it a "link" if the regional sound escapes you. Either way, call it delicious.

There's mild boudin and hot boudin. There's smoked boudin, with a crispy casing. There's shrimp, crawfish and even alligator boudin. Bite it, slice it, or squeeze it, and you'll discover Louisiana's love of food crammed inside.

No two boudin recipes are alike. Whether it's sold at a restaurant, a grocery store or a gas station, boudin has fillings and flavors reflecting the individual tastes and traditions of each boudin maker.



Go to [www.visitlakecharles.org/boudintrail](http://www.visitlakecharles.org/boudintrail) for a complete listing of eateries on the trail and attractions along the way.



# Fun Food Facts



## Cuisine & Recipes

Dishes like boudin, smoked sausage, kibbie, muffalatas, hoghead cheese, jambalaya, gumbo, crawfish étouffée, shrimp creole, rice and gravy, fried catfish, raw oysters, smothered cabbage, and an assortment of other dishes that are known around the state, but prepared a little differently are the hallmarks of our cuisine.



### What's Cookin'?

#### Eating is an Attitude.

All foodies know that an area has “Good Eats” when you can overhear residents talking about supper during lunch. In Southwest Louisiana, we are not sticklers for silly rules like keeping your elbows off the table, and we only put our noses in the air to smell what's cooking in the kitchen.

### Cajun vs. Creole Cuisine

#### What's the Difference?

Creoles are of French and European descent, mainly aristocracy who settled in cities. Cajuns were French settlers of Nova Scotia, Canada, mostly peasants who were exiled by the British in the 1700s and settled along waterways and bayous. While Creole food is elaborate to prepare, Cajuns became trappers, anglers and hunters, living off the land, making their cooking as flavorful and steamy as Louisiana's summers.

#### The Secrets in the Sauce or Sausage!

Cajuns generally prepare full-bodied or blackened cuisine, and Creoles take culinary refuge in their sauces, herbs and intricate spices. Creoles use vast ingredients, reminiscent of the Grand European style, consisting of several courses. Cajun cuisine is more robust—usually made in just one pot.

#### What's the Same?

Both have influences from Native American, African, Spanish and German cooks.

#### The “Trinity”

Onions, bell peppers and celery.



For information on our Top 20 Restaurants, as voted on by the people of Southwest Louisiana, go to [www.visitlakecharles.org/Top20](http://www.visitlakecharles.org/Top20).



Scan this QR Code to be directed to a page on recipes.

Or, you can view recipes at [www.visitlakecharles.org/recipes](http://www.visitlakecharles.org/recipes)

If you are a Cajun and want to submit your secret family recipe, visit [www.visitlakecharles.org/recipeform](http://www.visitlakecharles.org/recipeform).

Learn how to make a roux, eat & prepare crawfish or a little about our Southwest Louisiana Boudin Trail on our culinary videos page [www.visitlakecharles.org/servedup](http://www.visitlakecharles.org/servedup).



## Creole vs. Cajun



## Music Scene



### *What is a Cajun?*

Cajuns were French colonists from eastern Canada who were displaced by war in the late 18th Century and came and settled in south Louisiana. Their French-Canadian customs, language and Catholic religion came with them, as well as their love for fun, a strong work ethic and the ability to live off the land.

### *What is Cajun music?*

Traditional Cajun music, with its waltz-like quality, has an emphasis on the fiddle and accordion. Cajun food, which is growing in popularity nationwide, has a spicy quality.

### *What is a Creole?*

From the Portuguese word *crioulu*, which means homegrown, the term Creole was originally used to refer to Africans born in the New World. In Southwest Louisiana, Creole has come to mean the language and traditions that are native to the southern part of Louisiana, where African, French, and Spanish influences were most deeply rooted in our history and culture.

### *What is Zydeco?*

Having its origin in the 1700s, the LaLa dance (sort of a waltz combined with a two-step) was performed to the blend of accordion, washboard, spoon, and anything else that would make noise. Then, as today, the lyrics were sung in Creole French. The music of south Louisiana's African-American Creoles, Zydeco, contains elements of the blues. It became popular in the late 1940s. Country Creole combined the Cajun LaLa with the blues and jazz of the urban African Americans. This created the rollicking syncopated sounds we know as Zydeco.

### *Looking for Live Music?*

You don't have to be nocturnal to enjoy the great shows and events that Southwest Louisiana has going on after hours-but it helps! Enjoy traditional Cajun and Zydeco music at the local dance halls and two-step the night away, or experience top entertainment at area casinos.

If you like your music with a bit more edge to it, our many bars and pubs offer nightly live entertainment from local musicians as well as talent from around the region. Don't forget to look up headlining entertainment at the casinos throughout the year!

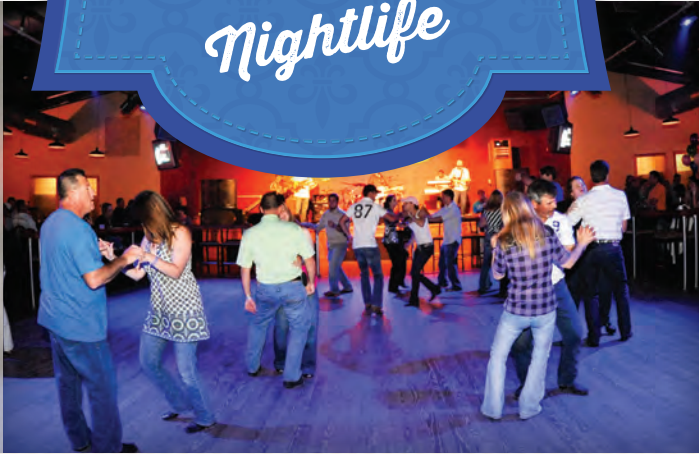
For streaming live music, you can listen to a variety of genres by Louisiana's independent artists at [www.LouisianaIndieRadio.com](http://www.LouisianaIndieRadio.com).



You can also check out music shows at [www.visitlakecharles.org/livemusic](http://www.visitlakecharles.org/livemusic).



# Nightlife



Unwind in a quaint bar, listen to live music, or get down in a dance club – whatever your preference – you can find your style of relaxation. For a complete list of venues, visit [www.visitlakecharles.org/nightlife](http://www.visitlakecharles.org/nightlife).

## Lake Charles

### Big Daddy's Sports Grill & Restaurant

1737 W. Sale Rd., Ste. 101  
(337) 477-9033  
Mon.-Thurs. 6 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Fri. 6 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Sat. 7 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Cajun comfort food. Hamburgers, po-boys, seafood, steaks, salads; relaxed neighborhood environment; breakfast, lunch, dinner. Many TVs with sports and more.

### Cowboys

5329 Common St.  
(337) 474-8010  
[www.cowboyslc.com](http://www.cowboyslc.com)  
[cowboyslc@yahoo.com](mailto:cowboyslc@yahoo.com)  
Thurs. & Sat. 9 p.m.-until  
Lake Charles Premier night club for the past 23 years  
 @cowboys\_lc

### Crystal's Downtown

112 W. Broad St.; (337) 433-5457  
[crystalsdowntown@gmail.com](mailto:crystalsdowntown@gmail.com)  
Tues.-Thurs. 9 p.m.-2 a.m.  
Fri. 9 p.m.-4 a.m.  
Sat. 9 p.m.-2 a.m.  
Alternative dance club, karaoke, cabaret style shows, full service bar.

### Darrell's Restaurant & Bar

119 W. College St.  
(337) 474-3651  
Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.  
Sat. 11 a.m.-2 a.m.  
Po-boy sandwiches, beer, wine, mixed drinks. No minors allowed after 10 p.m.

### Heist

700 Ryan St.  
(337) 433-9199  
Thurs.-Fri. 5 p.m.-2 a.m.  
Sat. 6 p.m.-2 a.m.  
Located in historic bank building. Wine, food, cocktails, martinis, and music.



### L'Auberge Casino Resort

» **Global<sup>SM</sup>**  
777 Avenue L'Auberge  
(337) 395-7777  
[www.mylauberge.com](http://www.mylauberge.com)  
Sun.-Thurs. open until 4 a.m.  
Fri. & Sat. 24 hours

» **Jack Daniel's® Bar & Grill**  
777 Avenue L'Auberge  
(337) 395-7777  
[www.mylauberge.com](http://www.mylauberge.com)  
Mon.-Thurs. 4 p.m.-close  
Fri.-Sun. 11 a.m.-close  
Features live entertainment every Tues.-Sat. night.

### ◆ Luna Live

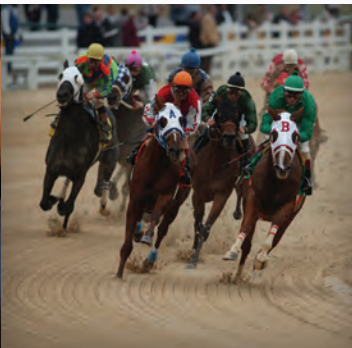
710 Ryan St.  
(337) 433-4388  
[www.lunabarandgrill.com](http://www.lunabarandgrill.com)  
[lunalivebooking@yahoo.com](mailto:lunalivebooking@yahoo.com)  
Mon.-Fri. 6 p.m.-until  
Sat. 6 p.m.-2 a.m.  
Music venue, event hall, night club.

### ◆ MacFarlane's Celtic Pub

417 Ann St.  
(337) 433-5992  
Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m. – until  
Over 140 beers with a complete Celtic menu for lunch and dinner.

### O.B.'s Bar & Grill

1301 Ryan St.  
(337) 494-7336  
Mon.-Fri. Lunch: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Dinner: 5-9 p.m.  
Bar: 11 a.m.-until  
Sat. 6 p.m.-2 a.m. (No Food)  
Upscale bar & grill with great food, nightlife and entertainment.



### ♣ Pappy's Sports Pub

2627 Ryan St.; (337) 436-2813  
Deli hours: Mon., Tues. & Sat. 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Wed. Thurs. & Fri. 8 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Pub hours: Mon.-Sat. Noon-until  
Sports bar and deli: 30 beers on tap.

## Westlake

### Isle of Capri Casino Hotel

» **Caribbean Cove**  
100 Westlake Ave.  
(337) 430-2400 (888) ISLE VIP  
[www.isleofcapricasinos.com](http://www.isleofcapricasinos.com)  
Wed.-Sat. 8 p.m.-midnight  
Live entertainment every Wed.-Sat. night.

## Vinton

### Delta Downs Racetrack Casino & Hotel

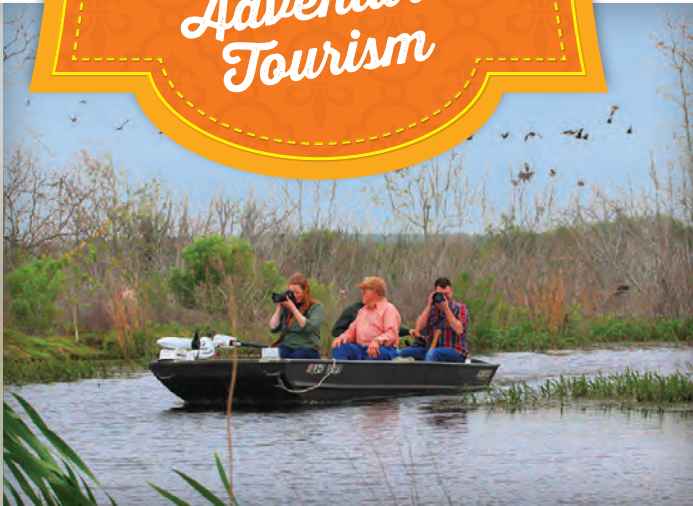
» **Gator Lounge**  
2717 Delta Downs Dr.  
(800) 589-7441  
[www.DeltaDowns.com](http://www.DeltaDowns.com)  
Fri. & Sat. 9 p.m.-1 a.m.  
Sip your favorite drinks. Live entertainment and sports.

### Longhorn Entertainment Complex

2374 Hwy. 109 South  
(337) 589-5647  
[www.texaslonghorncomplex.com](http://www.texaslonghorncomplex.com)  
Large nightclub, casino, bingo hall, restaurant, convenience store, motel, truck stop, equine training center.  
 @TXLonghornClub



# Adventure Tourism



## Get Your Adventure On!

Glide out onto water, fly high into the sky, take a carriage ride and get creative with how you view and enjoy nature's bounty in Southwest Louisiana.

### **Airboat Rides & Alligators**

1151 Oak Grove Hwy.  
Grand Chenier  
(337) 274-2395  
Weekdays noon-4 p.m.  
Weekends 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Closed most major holidays.  
Airboat rides in Louisiana's Outback on the Creole Nature Trail. **f**

### **Grosse Savanne Eco-Tours**

358 Chalkley Rd., Bell City  
(337) 310-4260  
www.grossesavanne-ecotours.com  
info@gsecotours.com  
Sunrise-Sunset  
Boat marsh tours, birding, photography, educational eco-tours, nature & wildlife viewing.  
**f** **t** **@GSecotours**

### **J&R Carriage**

Downtown Lake Charles  
(337) 842-0778  
rdroy@jandrcarriage.com  
Thurs.-Sun. 12 p.m.-11:30pm  
Walk-up appointments available at our staging area on the lakefront promenade. Call for reservations.

### **Lady of the Lake**

3748 LA Hwy. 3059, Lake Charles  
(337) 491-6794  
www.lakecharlesdinnercruises.com  
info@lakecharlesdinnercruises.com  
150 passenger yacht, book for dinner or special event cruises.

### **Lloyd's Country Store & Kayak Rentals**

318 Phillips Rd., Westlake  
(337) 540-3925  
Daily 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Call to reserve kayaks. Kayak rentals, antique store, classic cars & photo shoots.

### **Max Air Helicopters, LLC**

4500 Chennault Pkwy.  
Lake Charles  
(337) 802-4209  
www.maxairhelicopters.com  
maxairhelicopters@yahoo.com  
Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Sat.-Sun. By appointment  
Helicopter charter, tours, photo/videography, predator hunting, survey, power/pipeline patrol. **f**

### **Paddle Up Boarding Company**

Lake Charles, (337) 240-8743  
www.paddleuplc.com  
paddleup@yahoo.com  
Open 7 days per week.  
Stand-up paddle boarding lessons, rentals, parties, fitness and corporate paddles.  
**f** **t** **@paddleuplakecharles**

### **Redneck Yacht Rentals**

1201 Lakeshore Dr.  
(337) 263-1987  
www.redneckyachtrentals.com  
redneckyachtrentals@yahoo.com  
Mon.-Sun. 7 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Recreational boat rentals. **f**

### **River Less Paddled**

3823 Ryan St.  
(337) 478-8316  
www.riverlesspaddled.com  
info@riverlesspaddled.com  
Wed.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Outfitter offering both flat-water and whitewater kayak classes and trips. **f** **t** **@riverlesspaddled**



# Tee Time



Lush scenery, Louisiana's landscape and a mild climate makes golfing available year round along with a beautiful picturesque backdrop.

## Lake Charles

**Contraband Bayou® Golf Club at L'Auberge Casino Resort**  
777 Avenue L'Auberge • I-210 Exit 4 / Nelson Rd., Lake Charles  
(337) 395-7220 • [www.mylauberge.com](http://www.mylauberge.com) • Hours: Daily dawn-dusk.  
Unique, public 7,077 yard, par-71 championship Tom Fazio-designed course. Natural vegetation lines 8 lakes to challenge golfers of all skill levels. Named "Best Course" and "Best Secret" by *Texas Golfer* magazine; "most notable debut and most worthy designs" by *Travel + Leisure Golf* magazine; "2010, 2011 & 2012 Best Places to Play in Louisiana," "2011 Best Public Access Course" and one of the "2010 Best Casino Courses" by *Golfweek* magazine. Also awarded the 2011 Gold Tee Award for overall excellence and quality by *Meetings & Conventions Magazine*. Pro shop; driving range; locals rates.

### **The Country Club at the Golden Nugget**

2550 Golden Nugget Blvd., Lake Charles  
(337) 477-4653 • [www.goldennuggetlc.com](http://www.goldennuggetlc.com)  
This 18 hole, par 72 golf course was designed by the award winning Todd Eckinrode and Origins Golf Design. Located right on the bayou, the course has Miniverde greens and Celebration tees, fairways and roughs. The outer grass is planted with Bahia grass and intertwined with ornamentals giving it a natural, native look. The most unique feature is the 15+ acres of waste bunkers. The contrast of the bayou, bunkers and greens make this a must play for visitors of all levels.  
\*Opening December 2014

### **Gray Plantation Golf Course**

6150 Graywood Pkwy., Lake Charles  
(337) 562-1663 • [www.graywoodllc.com](http://www.graywoodllc.com)  
Hours: Daily 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. excluding Tuesday, open at 11 a.m.  
Gray Plantation promises you a day of unparalleled golf anywhere in the country. This 18-hole 7,200 yard championship links course is one of only 12 courses in the state included on the Audubon Golf Trail. One of its most prestigious awards is a ranking on Golf Digest's Top 100 Public Courses. Conditioning and clubhouse amenities are superior, plus the course also offers an indoor state-of-the-art teaching academy. Now is the time for you to "Play the Gray."

### **Mallard Cove Golf Course**

I-210 Loop Exit 10B • (337) 491-1204  
On the former Chennault Airbase, Lake Charles  
Hours: Daily dawn - dusk excluding Tuesdays, close at 4 p.m.  
Mallard Cove is a championship layout design with women's, senior, medium, and championship tees. The municipal course features 25 large bunkers and water hazards on 12 of the 18 holes. The course rating is 73.0, and the slope is 128. Hosts all Lake Charles' City Championships, including the annual Summer Shoot-Out Series. It's a must play course if you are in Lake Charles, and the price is excellent!

## Sulphur

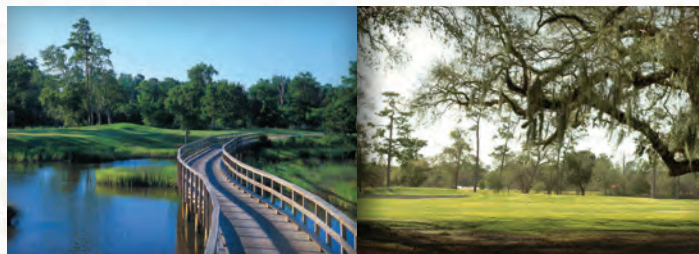
### **Frasch Park Golf Course**

400 Picard Rd., Sulphur • (337) 527-2515 • [www.sulphurparks.com](http://www.sulphurparks.com)  
Hours: Daily 7 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. excluding Mondays, open at 9 a.m.  
The 6,267-yard municipal course at Sulphur's Frasch Park is an 18-hole, par 71 golf course, completed in 1966. Frasch Park is a pretty course to play because there are mature trees throughout the entire design. The terrain is fairly flat with a canal that runs through the course.

## Westlake

### **National Golf Club of Louisiana**

1400 National Dr., Westlake • (866) 255-6693 • (337) 433-2255  
[www.nationalgclca.com](http://www.nationalgclca.com) • Hours: Daily dawn - dusk  
The 18-hole, par-72 public course, designed by David Bennet, is set in a mature growth pine forest, featuring an abundance of water hazards, preserved wetlands, roughly 90 bunkers and is part of a high-end, residential community. There are five sets of trees with yardage ranging from 6,065 to 7,025 yards. Open daily, and tee times accepted 14 days in advance.



# History in the Making



Southwest Louisiana is rich in history, and our six cities each have a unique story to tell. Visit [www.calcasiupreservation.com](http://www.calcasiupreservation.com), or stop by the bureau 1205 N. Lakeshore Drive for a historic brochure or download a guide from [www.visitlakecharles.org/history](http://www.visitlakecharles.org/history).

## Historic Districts

Search for our historic app.  
COMING LATE 2014

### ◆ Charpentier Historic District

Covering 40 blocks of downtown Lake Charles and on the National Register of Historic Places, you can step back in time with a self-guided walking or driving tour of one of the finest collections of Victorian architecture in Louisiana, dating from the late 1800s to the early 1900s. Call (337) 436-9588 for more information.

### DeQuincy Historic District

Journey through the area once known as the "Turpentine Capital of Louisiana" and tour beautiful and historically significant buildings. Contact the DeQuincy Railroad Museum at (337) 786-2823 for more information.

### Margaret Place and Shell Beach Drive

A trip down Shell Beach Drive will give visitors a view of some of the most luxurious homes in the area. The Margaret Place Historical District celebrated its centennial anniversary in 2012.

### Sulphur Historic District

In downtown Sulphur, near the Brimstone Museum and Henning Cultural Center, there are sites of interest, private historic homes and shops. For a City of Sulphur Driving Tour brochure, contact the Henning Cultural Center at (337) 527-0357.

## Attractions For History Buffs

### ◆ Lakefront Promenade

The Lakefront Promenade boasts a newly renovated cobblestone path along the lake complete with custom lighting and seating. At the entrance of the Promenade, visitors can admire the Louisiana Landing Fountain. It is walking distance from Millennium Park, Bord du Lac Marina and the PPG Sprayground.

### • 911 Memorial

Located along the Lake Charles seawall, is a memorial honoring two local men killed in the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. There is a piece of granite from the Pentagon honoring Kevin Yokum and a steel girder from the World Trade Center honoring L. Russell Keene II. Features 3,000 pieces of colored glass representing those lost.

### • Millennium Statue

Located near the boardwalk along Lake Charles, this 15 ft. bronze statue of Jesus Christ stands 23 ft. tall over the resting places of Lake Charles' earliest and most famous settlers.

### • Veteran's Memorial Park

Located along the boardwalk by the Lake Charles Civic Center, this park displays the five branches of the Armed Forces with engraved bricks representing the men and women who have served since WWI. Famous WWII Patton Tank, UH-1 Huey Helicopter, and First Lieutenant Douglas B. Fournet Memorial on display.

### Southwest Louisiana Genealogical & Historical Library

411 Pujo St., Lake Charles • (337) 721-7110

Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Housed in the historic Carnegie Memorial Library building, this collection boasts a friendly staff to assist with serious researchers or novices in tracing family history.

### Niblett's Bluff Park

At the end of Niblett's Bluff Rd., Highway 109/Exit 4 in Vinton (337) 589-7177 • [www.niblettsbluffpark.com](http://www.niblettsbluffpark.com) • Daily, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. One of the more significant events was during the Civil War when Niblett's Bluff became an Encampment. Among all this history is excellent fishing, camping, bird-watching and hiking opportunities.







## Historic Markers

Information on the Atakapas-Ishak Indian marker as well as the Gerstner Field World War I marker and others can be found online at [www.visitlakecharles.org/historicmarkers](http://www.visitlakecharles.org/historicmarkers).

## Glimpse Into Our Past

The romantic history of **Lake Charles**, involving tales of pirates and buried treasure, began with the arrival of the first French settlers in the 1760s. The lumber boom was responsible for the rapid growth of the city in those early years. Without architects in the area until the early 1900s, the structures reflect the individual characteristics of the carpenters and builders, and the “Charpentier Historic District” is named after the carpenters that built the Victorian mansions. The district is on the National Register of Historic Places.

In the late 1800s, **Sulphur** was a sulfur mining haven. In 1907, the average population of the Sulphur Mines area was 5,000, making it a town unto itself. This fifty-acre tract of land was then known as the “richest fifty acres in the world.” By the 1940s, the main focus was the petrochemical industry, which is still the backbone of the city.

**Westlake** was originally named “Rio Hondo,” and the area from Westlake up the Sabine River was also known as “No Man’s Land” to rustlers, pirates and renegades since it belonged to no one. In the 1800s, settlers came to the area, purchased land and renamed it Westlake.

In 1897, the Kansas City, Pittsburgh and Gulf Railway, now the Kansas City Southern, reached the point where its main line bent southwest toward Beaumont and the old Calcasieu River. Vernon & Shreveport tram line, now the Lake Charles branch of the K.C.S., joined the main line causing the rise of the town of **DeQuincy**. Today, you can visit the DeQuincy Railroad Museum.

The quaint town of Vinton was once traveled by Civil War soldiers. The soldiers cut a road extending from an area in **Vinton** known as “Niblett’s Bluff” on the Sabine River. Area residents often hold re-enactments of Civil War battles at Niblett’s Bluff Park.

The history of **Iowa** is filled with stories of the early Midwestern Settlers from Kansas, Illinois and Iowa to the French Canadians (Cajuns) to Jean Lafitte’s pirates along the Old Spanish Trail. The railroad that cut through this country brought settlers who were lured to the prairie land for rice farming, raising cattle and, later, oil fields.



YOU'RE HERE! NOW WHAT?

## Top Things To Do



### Casino Gaming & Horseracing

Casino Gaming at L'Auberge Casino Resort, the Isle of Capri Casino & Hotel, Delta Downs Racetrack Casino & Hotel, and the Golden Nugget Lake Charles. (See page 6)

### Creole Nature Trail

Exploring the Creole Nature Trail where you can view birds, alligators and wildlife up close – not to mention – Gulf beaches with excellent shelling and relaxation. (See page 40)

### Boudin Trail & Culinary Delights

Culinary delights are at every turn, so be sure to taste our seafood. You can also experience stops along the Southwest Louisiana Boudin Trail. (See page 19)

### Museums & History

From railroads to sulfur mining, pirate legends to Cajun/Creole roots, the area has 7 museums: Mardi Gras Museum, DeQuincy Railroad Museum, Brimstone Museum, Children's Museum, DeQuincy Town Hall Museum, the Imperial Calcasieu Museum and the USS Orleck Naval Museum. (For a list of museums, see page 9. For historic sites, see page 30.)

### Art Scene – Out & About

The area has a thriving arts scene with live music, galleries, art shows and events. The 1911 Historic City Hall brings in traveling exhibits from around the world. Also, the Henning Cultural Center has local art, and there are other galleries with displays year round. (See page 8)

### Hunting & Fishing

Nature's bounty is in full force in Southwest Louisiana. We have guides that can take you to the sweet spots and the honey holes so that you can hit your limit! (See page 44)

### Adventure Tourism & Parks

For the more adventurous souls who want to feel the wind on their face and get into the spirit of the great outdoors, you can explore fun options. (For adventure tourism, see page 26. For parks, see page 45.)

### Festivals & Fun

Festival capital of Louisiana with over 75 annual festivities. Mardi Gras, Black Heritage Festival, Iowa Rabbit Festival, Westlake Family Fun & Food Festival, Contraband Days Pirate Festival, Cajun Music & Food Festival, Cal-Cam Fair, and the Southwest Louisiana Christmas Lighting Festival. You can check out our festivals at [www.visitlakecharles.org/events](http://www.visitlakecharles.org/events).

### Shopping for Louisiana Products

The Charlestown Cultural District and the Cottage Shops District are just two examples of places where you can find unique gift items in Southwest Louisiana. Many of our grocery stores and farmers' markets also carry authentic Louisiana spices and products that you can rarely find outside the state. For more information and a video, check [www.visitlakecharles.org/LAproducts](http://www.visitlakecharles.org/LAproducts).

### Shake Your Groove Thing!

Chill and listen to great music, or get out and dance. For an up-to-date list of entertainment, check out [www.visitlakecharles.org/nightlife](http://www.visitlakecharles.org/nightlife).



## Kid Friendly Fun



Not only can kids enjoy getting close to nature at area parks and along the Creole Nature Trail, but they can learn about our culture and experience fun at local attractions.

### Lake Charles

#### Adventure Cove

3200 Power Centre Pkwy.  
(337) 990-0112  
First barrier-free playground in the area, providing access to children of all abilities, built by community volunteers. Has a sprayground and one of only 10 Freedom Swings in the United States.

#### Children's Museum

327 Broad St., (337) 433-9420  
Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
[www.swlakids.org](http://www.swlakids.org)  
See page 9.

#### Cinemark Movie Theater

548 W. Prien Lake Rd., located in the Prien Lake Mall  
(337) 562-0053

#### Imperial Calcasieu Museum

204 W. Sallier St., (337) 439-3797  
Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
[www.imperialcalcasieuseum.org](http://www.imperialcalcasieuseum.org)  
See page 9.

#### Mardi Gras Museum of Imperial Calcasieu

809 Kirby St., 2nd floor, Lake Charles; In Historic Central School Arts & Humanities Center  
(337) 430-0043  
Tues.-Fri., 1-5 p.m.  
[www.swlamardigras.com](http://www.swlamardigras.com)  
See page 9.

#### ◆ Millennium Park

901 Lakeshore Dr., Lake Charles Civic Center  
(337) 436-9588  
20,000 square ft. playground with a tower, train, tree house and a new forty-foot-long pirate ship.

#### Petro Bowl

630 Petro Point Dr.  
(337) 477-7554  
48 lanes of bowling.

#### Prien Lake Park

3700 W. Prien Lake Rd.  
(337) 721-3500  
Picnic grounds, boat launch, playground and sprayground for kids.

#### Putt-Putt Fun Center

620 Petro Point Dr.  
(337) 480-1954  
Two 18-hole courses.

#### Skate City

4720 Nelson Rd.  
(337) 474-2855  
Inline skating & inside inflatable play area.

#### Tabby Town – Club Tabby

1427 W. Prien Lake Road  
(337) 478-3600  
[www.myclubtabby.com](http://www.myclubtabby.com)  
[natalie@myclubtabby.com](mailto:natalie@myclubtabby.com)  
Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.; Sun. noon-6 p.m.  
Boutique, retail, makeovers, haircuts, stuff-a-pet, ice cream, events for girls and boys, baby items.

#### United Artists Lake Charles

3416 Derek Dr.  
(337) 477-0115  
10 movie screens.

#### Ward 3 Recreation

3210 Power Centre Pkwy.  
(337) 990-0112  
Indoor walking track, basketball courts, soccer, skate park, baseball & softball, exercise & activity rooms. Youth football & volleyball, disc golf, line dancing & salsa classes, yoga, taekwondo & martial arts.

#### Wheeler's Family Entertainment

1130 Hwy. 171 N., Moss Bluff  
(337) 855-3234  
Skating, laser tag and games.

### Sulphur

#### Brimstone Museum Complex

Brimstone Museum Complex  
900 S. Huntington,  
(337) 527-0357  
Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-noon & 1-5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
[www.brimstonemuseum.org](http://www.brimstonemuseum.org)  
See page 9.

#### SPAR Aquatic & Recreation Center

933 W. Parish Rd.  
(337) 721-3040  
Water park, Olympic-size swimming pool, basketball courts and more.

### DeQuincy

#### DeQuincy Railroad Museum

400 Lake Charles Ave.,  
(337) 786-2823  
Tues.-Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
[www.dequincyrailroadmuseum.com](http://www.dequincyrailroadmuseum.com)  
See page 9.

#### DeQuincy Railroad Park

400 Lake Charles Ave.  
(337) 786-2823  
Playground, picnic tables.

#### DeQuincy Skate Park

110 W. 4th St.  
(337) 786-8241  
Skate Park.

#### DeQuincy Town Hall Museum

218 East Fourth St.  
(337) 786-6451  
Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m.  
See page 9.

# Festivals & Events



## Mardi Gras

Glitter, feathers, floats, parades, and yeah – gumbo! We like to eat just as much as we like to dance and celebrate. Mardi Gras in Lake Charles/Southwest Louisiana is family-friendly and super-sized with the second largest Mardi Gras festival outside New Orleans. For a full listing of Mardi Gras events, go to [www.swlamardigras.com](http://www.swlamardigras.com)

### FUTURE DATES:

- 2015 February 17
- 2016 February 9
- 2017 February 28

## Contraband Days Pirate Festival

### First two weeks of May

Arrrgh! Pirates sail in from Lake Charles and roam the seawall for 2 weeks. Shiver Me Timbers! Don't miss the "storming of the seawall," walking parades of buccaneers, live music, carnival rides and specialty events and exhibits. [www.contrabanddays.com](http://www.contrabanddays.com)



Known as the *Festival Capital of Louisiana*, we host more than 75 fairs, festivals and special events each year! Here are a few favorites.

### January

- Mardi Gras Twelfth Night Revelry
- Louisiana Fur & Wildlife Festival
- Martin Luther King Jr. Festival

### February

- Southwest Louisiana District Livestock Show & Rodeo
- Mardi Gras of Imperial Calcasieu

### March

- Black Heritage Festival
- Banners Series, McNeese State University
- Iowa Rabbit Festival
- Live at the Lakefront
- Palm Sunday Tour of Homes
- Sulphur Mines Festival

### April

- Banners Series, McNeese State University
- Louisiana Railroad Days Festival
- Spring Fest & Civil War Encampment
- Westlake Family Fun and Food Festival
- Downtown Lake Charles Crawfish Festival

### May

- Contraband Days Louisiana Pirate Festival
- National Tourism Week
- Starks Mayhaw Festival
- Downtown at Sundown
- Memorial Day Avenue of Flags

### June

- Juneteenth Festival
- Catch a Concert

### July

- Red, White, Blue & You
- Lake Charles Symphony Summer Pops
- Cajun French Music and Food Festival
- Marshland Festival

### August

- Arts & Crabs Fest

### September

- Calca Chew Food Festival
- Boo Zoo's Labor Day Festival
- Stars & Stripes/Boudin Wars
- Gallery Promenade

### October

- Cal-Cam Fair
- Rouge et Blanc
- Vinton Heritage Festival
- ArtsFest
- Culture Fest

### November

- Mistletoe & Moss Holiday Market
- Veteran's Day Parades
- Veteran's Day Avenue of Flags

### December

- Christmas Lighting Festival
- Light Up the Lake Christmas Festival
- Christmas Under the Oaks

# Creole Nature Trail



## Creole Nature Trail All-American Road

### Scenic byway near Lake Charles, LA

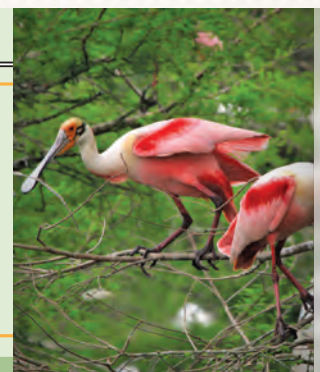
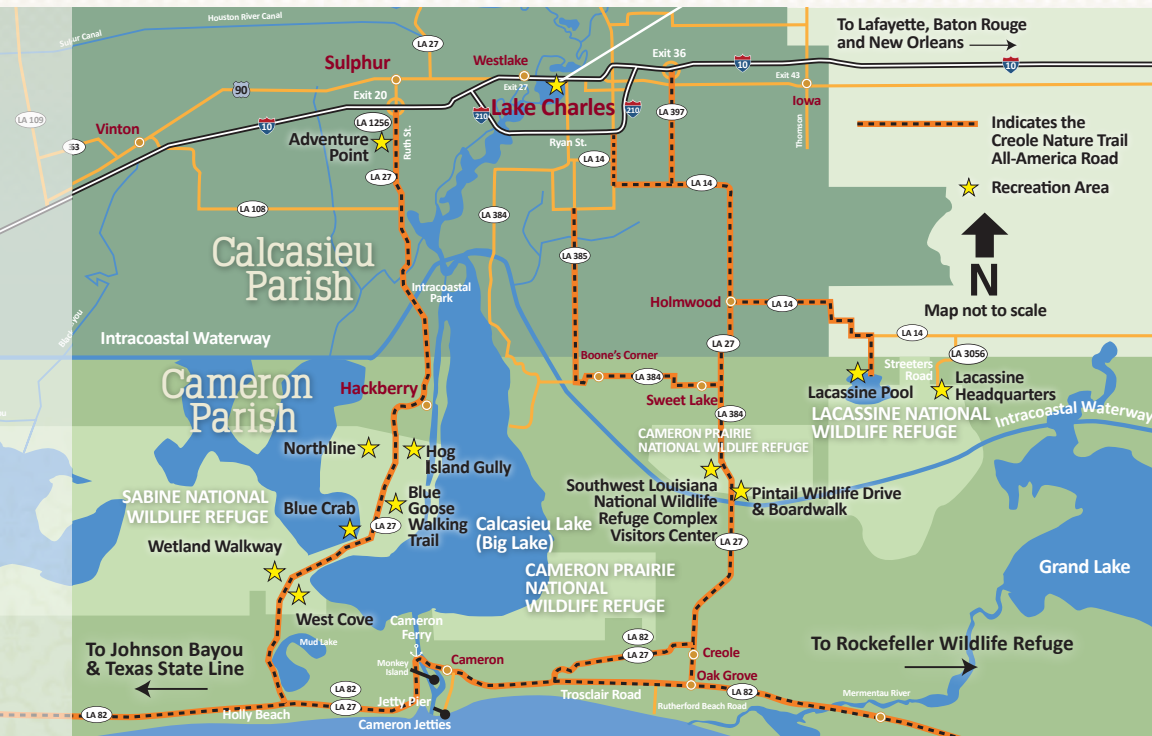
Explore the vital Louisiana coastal wetlands in *Louisiana's Outback*, and see the birds, alligators and other wildlife that inhabit them in their natural environments. One of only 31 federally-designated All-American Roads, the 180-mile Creole Nature Trail is an outdoor adventure land. Whether your preference is to view and photograph nature, fish, crab, and hunt, or soak in the sun and collect shells, the Creole Nature Trail, is a natural wonder and a recreational paradise for all ages.

Visit [www.CreoleNatureTrail.org](http://www.CreoleNatureTrail.org) to plan your *Louisiana Outback* adventure. Free tour app (search "creole" in your app store!) or check-out a free rental unit at the Lake Charles/Southwest Louisiana Convention & Visitors Bureau at 1205 N. Lakeshore Drive in Lake Charles.

## Pick your adventure:

- ✓ 26 miles of natural Gulf beaches for swimming, shelling, surf fishing and picnicking.
- ✓ Over 400 different bird species spotted each year (including hundreds of thousands of migrating waterfowl in winter!)
- ✓ Peveto Woods Bird & Butterfly Sanctuary is a critical stop for, and a great place to see, migrating neotropical songbirds and butterflies.
- ✓ Fish from your own boat, a pier, shore or the banks or hire a local professional guide...it's up to you!

**Creole Nature Trail Adventure Point, 2740 Ruth St. in Sulphur, Opening Spring 2015**



# Explore the Outdoors



## Wildlife Refuges & Outdoor Attractions

The area is rich with natural beauty and attractions to explore, boasting wildlife refuges and opportunities to see alligators, birds, driving and walking trails and lush scenery.

### Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge & Visitors Center

1428 Hwy. 27; (337) 598-2216  
GPS Coordinates:  
N 29.943344 W 93.08865  
[www.fws.gov/swlarefugecomplex](http://www.fws.gov/swlarefugecomplex)  
Visitors Center  
Mon.-Thurs., 7 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Fri., 7 a.m.-3 p.m.,  
Engage in wildlife exploration at the Visitors Center featuring state-of-the-art talking dioramas as well as multiple over-water boardwalks and viewing areas.

### Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge

209 Nature Rd.; (337) 774-5923  
GPS Coordinates:  
N 30.01594 W 92.78311  
Self-guided drive at Lacassine Pool. Located 4 miles south of Hayes on Hwy. 14, and 4.5 miles south on Illinois Plant Rd.  
GPS Coordinates:  
N 30.00555; W 92.91091  
Open year-round from one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset for excellent bird watching including a Roseate Spoonbill rookery.

### Pintail Wildlife Drive

(337) 598-2216  
GPS Coordinates:  
N 29.946078 W 93.084828  
Three mile self-driving tour located just south of Cameron Prairie Headquarters. A half mile (loop) accessible boardwalk provides an excellent view into the marsh. Nature photography, especially during waterfowl migrations, is spectacular. Open daily during daylight hours.

### Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge

5476 Grand Chenier Hwy., Grand Chenier; (337) 491-2593  
GPS Coordinates:  
N 29.73269 W 92.83146  
View alligators, shorebirds and wading bird rookery plus great fishing (with appropriate licensing) including Price Lake Nature Drive for wildlife viewing, bank fishing, shrimping and crabbing.

### Sabine National Wildlife Refuge

3000 Holly Beach Hwy., Hackberry; (337) 762-3816

### Wetland Walkway; GPS Coordinates:

N 29.866544 W 93.455858  
1.5 mile (loop) accessible walking trail right into the marsh including a 2-story observation tower for panoramic views.

### Blue Goose Trail; GPS Coordinates:

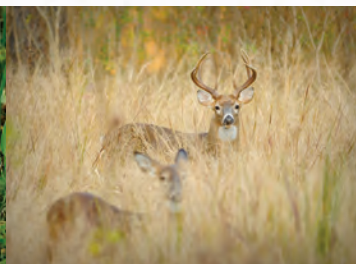
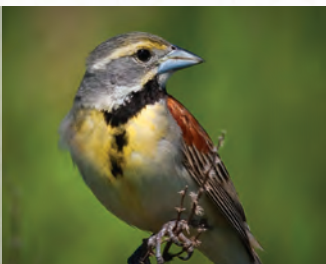
N 29.890783 W 93.400942  
1 mile paved walking trail to the western edge of Lake Calcasieu; open during daylight hours as are the Hog Island Gully, Blue Crab and West Cove recreation areas which offer excellent fishing and crabbing.

### Peveto Woods Bird & Butterfly Sanctuary

LA 82, 8.5 miles west of LA 27/LA 82 intersection; (800) 456-7952  
GPS coordinates:  
N 29.76110 W 93.60496  
Grab your binoculars and enjoy the natural beauty of the brightly plumed spring warblers, tanagers and orioles as well as more sought after species such as the Scarlet Tanager. Not to be outdone, thousands of butterflies call Peveto Woods home from late fall to early summer.

## Birding

The Creole Nature Trail is home to more than 400 bird species making it one of the Top 10 Birding Destinations in the country.  
[www.visitlakecharles.org/birdguide](http://www.visitlakecharles.org/birdguide)





## Shelling & Beaches

The Creole Nature Trail's 26 miles of natural Gulf beaches are easily accessible and offer a wide range of water activities. You can swim, tube, surf fish, observe shore birds, sunbathe and shell to your hearts content!

The beaches along the trail are particularly excellent for shelling. Located west of the Mississippi Delta, they are constantly replenished by the "muddy river's" southeast tidal flow which carries rich deposits of driftwood and a wide variety of shells including welks, cockles, angelwings, cateyes, olives, wentletraps, coquinas and periwinkles.

Check here for our shelling brochure [www.visitlakecharles.org/shells](http://www.visitlakecharles.org/shells)

In addition to Gulf Beaches, we also have inland beaches to explore in town:

### LaFleur Beach

On Prien Lake Rd. right off the I-210 Bridge, Exit 3

### North Beach

On the north shore of the lake right off I-10, Exit 29 for eastbound travelers and Exit 30A for westbound travelers.

## Fishing

Freshwater fishing, Brackish or saltwater fishing. Side-of-the-road fishing. Surf-fishing on the beaches. If you have a boat or if you've hired a guide, go fishing in the Gulf of Mexico or "deep-in-the-marsh." Along the Creole Nature Trail, variety is the spice of life and the options are pretty much endless. [www.visitlakecharles.org/charter](http://www.visitlakecharles.org/charter)

## Hunting

The Creole Nature Trail habitat—known as *Louisiana's Outback*—ranks as one of the top waterfowl hunting environments in the nation. Outstanding variety and sheer quantity of birds provide hunters with a unique experience. Throughout the fall and winter, feathered visitors include snows, blues, and speckle belly geese as well as mallards, pintails and teal.

There is also hunting for deer, dove, quail, rabbit, squirrel and turkey as well as hunting and trapping beaver, bobcat, coyote, gray fox, mink, muskrat, opossum, river otter, red fox, raccoon, and skunk. Hunting and trapping licenses are required. Get all the details at the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries website. [www.visitlakecharles.org/hunt](http://www.visitlakecharles.org/hunt)

## Parks

Several parks in the area create the perfect spot to have a picnic, snap pictures of wildlife or just enjoy the scenery. Fresh, brackish and saltwater fishing is excellent year round, so you can "catch the big one." Calcasieu Parish boasts numerous facilities for outdoor fun with amenities ranging from playgrounds, picnic tables and boat launches to pavilions and camping accommodations—both RV pads and tent sites. Visit [www.cppj.net](http://www.cppj.net) for more information.

### Sam Houston Jones State Park

107 Sutherland Rd. off of Hwy. 378 in Moss Bluff  
(337) 855-2665, (888) 677-7264; [www.lastateparks.com](http://www.lastateparks.com)  
6 a.m. - 9 p.m. for day trips.  
Admission: Day visitors, \$2 per person. Featuring 1,087 acres of lakes, trees, vistas, rivers and streams, Sam Houston Jones State Park is an excellent spot for bird watching with nearly 200 species brought in by the migratory patterns in the spring and fall. Camping sites range from \$16-\$18 per night in the winter and \$20-\$26 in the summer. Cabins are \$85.

### Niblett's Bluff Park

At the end of Niblett's Bluff Rd. off of Hwy. 109/Exit 4 in Vinton  
(337) 589-7117  
[www.niblettbluffpark.com](http://www.niblettbluffpark.com); Daily 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; History of the bluff dates back over two hundred years. One of the more significant events was during the Civil War when Niblett's Bluff became an encampment. Among all this history is excellent fishing, camping, birdwatching and hiking opportunities.

### Drew Park

416 Dr. Michael DeBakey Dr.  
Play gyms, swings, a walking trail, picnic tables and oak trees. A community center with activities, pool tables, table and video games, a TV, snack machines, seasonal painting classes and tennis. Close to the lake and historic Charpentier District.

### Lock Park

1535 Ryan St.  
Newly renovated, the park includes an open air pavilion, firetruck and covered playground. Also home to the Lake Charles High School memorial.

### Millennium Park

901 Lakeshore Dr.  
Civic Center; (337) 436-9588  
20,000 sq. ft. playground with a tower, pirate ship and tree house.

### Intracoastal Park

7955 Intracoastal Park Rd.  
[www.cppj.net](http://www.cppj.net)  
Playground, tent and RV camp sites, boat launch, pavilion, picnic tables, fishing, public restrooms with showers.

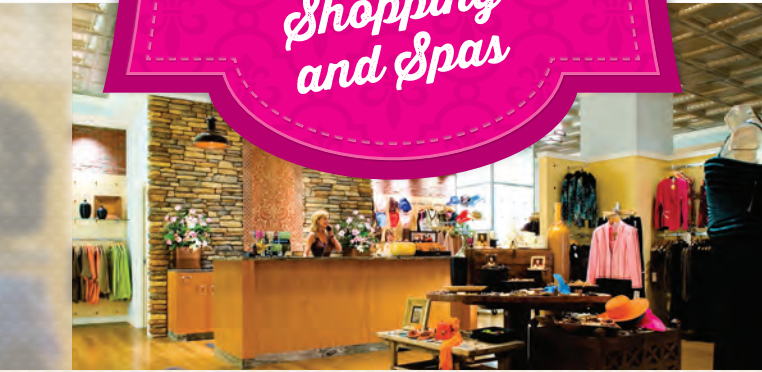
### Riverside Park

1700 Fitzenreiter Rd., Lake Charles  
(337) 491-1280 (Main Rec Office)  
Boat launch and dock, a fishing pier, a picnic pavilion and restrooms.



For a complete list of parish and city parks, visit [www.visitlakecharles.org/parks](http://www.visitlakecharles.org/parks).

# Shopping and Spas



Bring back some hidden gems to your friends and family, or pamper yourself in a spa. The area has much to offer in the way of unique gift ideas. Check out some of these shopping and spa venues and see for yourself!

## Shopping Lake Charles

### Affordable Elegance

925 Enterprise Blvd.; (337) 377-6616  
Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

A wide assortment of unique furniture, home décor & accessories.

### ◆ Alexander Art Studio

900 Ryan Street, Ste. 102  
(337) 433-2299  
www.alexanderartstudio.com  
candice@alexanderartstudio.com  
Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Downtown's finest art studio with original paintings and amazing designs! **f**

### ◆ The Art Shop

706 Ryan St.; (337) 564-6403  
Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sun. 1 p.m.-6 p.m.  
Art sales, bike rentals, kayak rentals.

### ◆ Associated Louisiana Artists/ Gallery By The Lake/Creative Arts Center

106 W. Pryce St.; (337) 436-1008  
www.fineartamerica.com/profiles/  
gallery-by-the-lake.html  
Tues.-Fri. Noon-5 p.m.  
Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Professional artists in all media.  
Wholesale to the public; city/state  
tax-exempt. **f**

### Bella Cosa

3101 Ernest St.; (337) 439-4384  
www.bellacosagifts.com  
belcoze@aol.com  
Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Unique jewelry, ladies accessories,  
fragrances and so much more.

### ◆ Cedar Chest Antiques, LC

210 W. Division St.; (337) 564-5646  
Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Antiques, art, jewelry, furniture,  
collectibles, gifts, crafts and more.

### ◆ Chapman's Antiques & Collectibles

748 Bank St.; (337) 436-2726  
Call for hours.  
Fine glass, lamps, vintage jewelry.

### Eighty-One

3507 Ryan St.; (337) 478-8115  
81creativity@gmail.com  
Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Louisiana creativity and local products.

### French Quarter Antique Mall

3529 Ryan St.; (337) 777-8606  
www.frenchquarterantiquemall.com  
frenchquarterantiquemall@yahoo.com  
Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Sun. 1-5 p.m.  
Furniture, home décor, art, antiques,  
collectibles, gifts and much more!

### Gallery of Fine Wine & Spirits

429 Ryan St.; (337) 656-2752  
info@galleryoffinewineandspirits.com  
Mon.-Fri. 9:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Over 800 wines and 350 beers.  
Tastings every Thursday at 6 p.m.

### Mimosa Boutique

3101 Ernest St., Ste. 1  
(337) 564-5818  
www.mimosa-boutique.com  
Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Affordable women's contemporary  
clothing; BCBG Generation, MM  
Couture, Free People, Level 99. **f**

### The Party Time Store

Mardi Gras, Halloween and Parties  
4452 Lake St.; (337) 477-2789  
mardipartytime@suddenlinkmail.  
com; Mon.-Fri. 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sat. 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Closed on Sunday, except during  
Mardi Gras and Halloween.  
All your Mardi Gras needs.

### ♣ The Perfect Gift

2712 Hodges St.; (337) 439-7693  
Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Unique store with fleur de lis,  
purses, jewelry, clothing,  
unusual gifts, etc. **f**

### The Shops at L'Auberge

Modele, Studs of L'Auberge,  
The Flower Shop, Karma,  
Legends, Sundries,  
Major Denim, Stiletto  
777 Avenue L'Auberge  
(337) 395-7777  
Visit www.mylauberge.com  
for hours of operation. Unique  
men's and women's fashion, fine  
jewelry, flowers and more.

### Tabby Town - Club Tabby

1427 W. Prien Lake Road  
(337) 478-3600  
www.myclubtabby.com  
natalie@myclubtabby.com  
Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Fri. 10  
a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sun. noon-6 p.m.  
Boutique, retail, makeovers, haircuts,  
stuff-a-pet, ice cream, events for  
girls and boys, baby items. **f**

### ♣ Yaji Beads, Gems and Gallery

610 Alamo St.; (337) 494-9294  
www.yajibeadsgemsandgallery.com  
yajibeads@hotmail.com  
Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Bead store; crystals, gemstones,  
pearls, findings, charms and  
handcrafted jewelry. Offers classes  
for beginners and experts.

## DeQuincy

### Nichols Dry Goods

915 E. Fourth St.; (337) 786-8538  
www.nichols-stores.com  
Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
A unique shopping experience—  
sporting goods, gifts, home  
décor and so much more! **f**

## Spas

### Lake Charles

#### Salon Elegance & Day Spa

10002 Gulf Hwy.; (337) 598-3400  
www.salonelegance.com  
jt.salonelegance@yahoo.com  
Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Aveda concept. Hair salon, day  
spa & fitness center.

#### Scarborough's Salon & Day Spa

3600 Plaza 1 Nelson Rd.  
(337) 474-3030  
www.scarboroughssalon.com  
scarboroughssalon@yahoo.com  
Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sat. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Lake Charles premiere salon & day  
spa. Over 100 services. 5 star service  
and atmosphere at affordable pricing.  
Convenient location.

#### Spa du Lac

777 Avenue L'Auberge  
(337) 395-7768  
www.mylauberge.com  
Spa Treatments:  
Daily 9 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Fitness Facility: Daily 6 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Salon Hours: Daily 9 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Full-service spa including massages,  
hair, manicures, pedicures, gym,  
Jacuzzi and dry sauna. Appointments  
recommended; walk-ins welcome.

#### 1740 Barbier

777 Avenue L'Auberge  
(337) 395-7116  
www.mylauberge.com  
Hours vary by season.  
Please call for current hours.  
Full-service barbershop including  
shaves, haircuts and whiskey.



# Where to Stay

Whether you like adventures in the great outdoors in a campground or RV park, the comforts of home in our traditional Southwest Louisiana accommodations, or being pampered in a bed & breakfast, you are sure to find what you need.

## Hotels & Motels

### Lake Charles



Pricing Key: \$ = \$79 or less | \$\$ = \$80-\$139 | \$\$\$ = \$140 & up

Rooms	Price Range	Internet: I-In room; H-High speed; W-Wireless; B-Business center	Breakfast Included	Business Center	Fitness Room	Swimming Pool	Jacuzzi Suites	Pets Allowed (restrictions apply)	Coffee Maker	Microwave: FD-Front Desk	Refrigerator: FD-Front Desk	Restaurant in House	Airport Shuttles	Laundry	Meeting Space
<b>America's Best Suites</b> , 401 Lakeshore Dr., (337) 439-2444, (800) BEST-INN	111	\$\$\$-\$\$\$	IHWB	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•
<b>America's Best Value Inn</b> , 921 MLK Hwy. 171 N., (337) 491-1000, (888) 315-2378, www.abvi.com	50	\$	W	•		•		•	•	•					
<b>America's Best Value Inn</b> , 3411 Broad St., (337) 990-5607, www.americasbestvalueinn.com	30	\$	HWB	•	•	•	•		•	•	•			•	
<b>America's Best Value Inn &amp; Suites</b> , 3231 Lake St., (337) 477-4230, (888) 315-2378, www.americasbestvalueinn.com	52	\$\$	IHWB	•	•	•			•	•	•			•	
<b>Best Western Bayou Inn &amp; Suites</b> , 1320 MLK Hwy. N., (337) 990-5325, (800) 780-7234, bwlc171@gmail.com, www.bestwestern.com	55	\$\$	IHWB	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•
<b>Comfort Inn</b> , 607 E. Prien Lake Rd., (337) 478-4650, (877) 424-6423, www.comfortinn.com/hotel/LA187, @hotelsoclf, f	71	\$\$	IHWB	•	•	•	•		•	•	•			•	
<b>Comfort Suites</b> , 1016 N. MLK Hwy 171 N., (337) 436-6400, www.choicehotels.com/hotel/la165, @comfordsuitelc, f	70	\$\$	IHWB	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•
<b>Days Inn</b> , 1212 N. Lakeshore Dr., (337) 433-9461, www.daysinn.com	83	\$\$	IHW	•		•			•	•	•				
<b>Deluxe Inn</b> , 3900 Hwy. 90 E., (337) 433-1024	43	\$	IHW						•	•	•			•	
<b>Econo Lodge</b> , 351 N. MLK Hwy., (337) 721-8001, www.econolodge.com, f	59	\$	IHW	•		•	•	•	•	•	•			•	
<b>Golden Nugget Hotel &amp; Casino Resort (Opening Dec. 2014)</b> 2550 Golden Nugget Blvd., (337) 477-4653, www.goldennuggettc.com, f	740	\$\$\$	IWB		•	•	•	•	•		•			•	•
<b>Hampton Inn</b> , 3175 Holly Hill Road, (337) 480-6443, www.hamptoninn3.hilton.com, f	82	\$\$\$	IHWB	•	•	•	•		•	•	•		•	•	•
<b>Holiday Inn Express Hotel &amp; Suites</b> , 402 N. MLK Hwy., (337) 491-6600, (800) HOLIDAY, www.hiexpress.com	81	\$\$\$-\$\$\$	HB	•	•	•	•		•	•	•			•	•
<b>Holiday Inn &amp; Suites Lake Charles</b> , 2940 Lake St., (337) 310-7700, (800) HOLIDAY, www.holidayinn.com, @HolidayInnLC, f	120	\$\$\$	IHWB		•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•
<b>Howard Johnson Inn</b> , 825 Broad St., (337) 436-4311, (800) 446-4656, www.hojo.com	40	\$\$	IHW	•		•			•	•	•			•	
<b>Inn on the Bayou</b> , 1101 W. Prien Lake Rd., (337) 474-5151, (800) 642-2968, www.innonthebayou.com	104	\$	IH			•		•	•	•	•				•
<b>Knights Inn</b> , 2700 Broad St., (337) 433-8291	81	\$	IHW	•		•		•	•	•	•			•	
<b>La Quinta Inn &amp; Suites</b> , 1201 W. Prien Lake Rd., (337) 478-9889, (800) 753-7575, www.lq.com	75	\$\$\$-\$\$\$	IHWB	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•
<b>L'Auberge Casino Resort</b> , 777 Ave. L'Auberge, (337) 395-7777, (866) 580-7444, www.mylauberge.com, @LAubergeLC, f	1,000	\$\$\$	IHWB		•	•	•		•		•			•	•
<b>Motel 6</b> , 335 Hwy. 171, (337) 433-1773, (800) 466-8356, www.motel6.com	129	\$	IW			•		•	•	•				•	
<b>Oasis Inn</b> , 1000 N. Lakeshore Dr., (337) 494-7270	60	\$	IHW					•	•	•				•	







Pricing Key: \$ = \$79 or less | \$\$ = \$80-\$139 | \$\$\$ = \$140 & up

## Bed & Breakfast

### Lake Charles

**Aunt Ruby's Bed & Breakfast**, 504 Pujo St.,  
(337) 430-0603, www.auntrubys.com

Rooms	Price Range	Internet: I=In room; H=High speed; W=Wireless; B=Business center	Historic Home	Swimming Pool	Private Bath	Pets Allowed (restrictions apply)	Laundry Facilities	Credit Cards Accepted
5	\$\$\$	IHW	•		•		•	•

## Campgrounds & RV Parks

### Lake Charles

**Big Lake RV Park**, 8630 Big Lake Rd., (337) 794-8396, biglakervpark.com

**Jean LaFitte RV Park**, 2101 Pujol Rd., (337) 439-2080

**Little Lake Charles RV Resort**, 4200 Luke Powers Rd.,  
(337) 433-1114, (877) 433-2400, www.littlelakecharles.com,

**Parkside Marina**, 2735 Sam Houston Jones, (337) 855-7591

**Sam Houston Jones State Park**, 107 Sutherland Rd.,  
(337) 855-2665, (888) 677-7264, www.lastateparks.com

**Twelve Oaks RV Park**, 2736 Conoco St.,  
(337) 439-2916, FAX (337) 564-6252, www.twelveoaksvr.com

**VFW Post 2130 RV Park**, 1900 Country Club Rd., (337) 477-7546

**White Oak Park**, 5584 River Rd., (337) 721-3540, www.cppj.net

Spaces	Price Range	Bathroom	Cabins	Primitive Sites	Boat Launches	Picnic Sites	Barbecue Pits	Swimming Pool	Recreational Facilities	Laundry	Pavilion/Clubhouse	Playground	Sewer/Water	Dumping Station	Electricity	Phones Available	Cable	Wireless Internet	Credit Cards Accepted
50	\$\$\$	•				•				•	•		•	•	•			•	
53	\$									•			•	•	•				•
63	\$\$-\$\$\$	•	•	•		•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•
12	\$				•	•	•				•		•	•	•				•
62	\$\$-\$\$\$	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•
70	\$	•							•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•
20	\$\$												•	•	•		•		
8	\$	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				

### Sulphur

**A+ Motel & RV Park**, 4631 Hwy. 27 S.,  
(337) 583-2631, www.a-plusmotel.com,

**Choupique RV Park**, 7657 Hwy. 27 S., (337) 583-8439

**Hidden Ponds RV Park**, 1201 Ravia Rd.,  
(337) 583-4709, www.hiddenpondsvrpark.com

**Holbrook Park**, 1868 Holbrook Park Rd., (337) 721-3540, www.cppj.net

**Intracoastal Park**, 7955 Intracoastal Park Rd., (337) 721-3540, www.cppj.net

**Wingate RV Park**, 1202 Henning Dr., (337) 625-9541, (337) 563-1820

140	\$\$	•				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•
32	\$	•			•					•			•	•	•			•	•
165	\$\$-\$\$\$	•	•							•	•		•	•	•			•	•
13	\$	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
28	\$	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
28	\$\$\$												•	•	•				•

### Westlake

**Whispering Meadow RV Park**, 3210 Westwood Rd.,  
(337) 433-8188, www.whisperingmeadowrvpark.com

56	\$	•				•				•	•		•	•	•			•	•
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### Vinton

**Niblett's Bluff Park**, 3409 Niblett's Bluff Rd., (337) 589-7117,  
www.niblettsbluffpark.com

**Texas Pelican RV Park**, 2219 Old Hwy. 90, (337) 589-5239

**V RV Campground**, 1514 Azema St., (337) 589-2300, (866) 589-2300

48	\$	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
34	\$	•								•			•	•	•				
141	\$	•	•					•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•

### Iowa

**Cypress Bend RV Park**, 717 N. Thompson Blvd.,  
(337) 582-1722, (877) 409-2784

80	\$\$\$	•	•			•	•			•			•	•	•			•	•
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### Hayes

**Lorrain Park**, 7803 Lorrain Rd., (337) 721-3540, www.cppj.net

9	\$	•		•	•	•	•			•			•	•	•				
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### Starks

**Alligator Park**, 5316 Alligator Park Rd., (337) 721-3540, www.cppj.net

8	\$	•		•	•	•	•			•			•	•	•				
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## Transportation

### City Bus Transportation

View Lake Charles bus route at [www.visitlakecharles.org/bus](http://www.visitlakecharles.org/bus)

### Dynasty Limousine

2901 General Twining,  
Lake Charles; (337) 478-5720  
[www.dynastylimousinelc.com](http://www.dynastylimousinelc.com)  
[dynastylimousinelc@yahoo.com](mailto:dynastylimousinelc@yahoo.com)  
Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Sat. 8 a.m.-midnight  
Sun. 8 a.m.-midnight  
Luxury transportation for all occasions. Travel like a star. **f**

### Royalty Limousine

128 Kingsley St.; (337) 794-8566  
[tguillory@suddenlink.net](mailto:tguillory@suddenlink.net)  
Open Mon.-Sun.

The only 10 passenger Mercedes Coach limousine in the area. The most comfortable limo in town.

### Superior Taxi and Limo

500 Airport Blvd.  
(337) 912-4477; (337) 401-4818  
Available 24 hrs. day/7 days a week.  
Full service provider serving Lake Charles and surrounding areas.

## Flights

### American Eagle Airlines

[www.aa.com](http://www.aa.com)  
Commercial airline service non-stop from Lake Charles to Dallas, TX.

### United Airlines

[www.united.com](http://www.united.com)  
Commercial airline service non-stop from Lake Charles to Houston, TX.

Easily located off I-10, Lake Charles is the hub city of Calcasieu Parish. Commercial air passenger service is available through United and American Eagle Airlines.

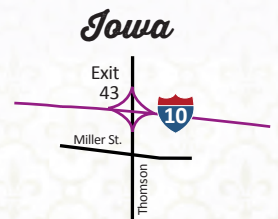
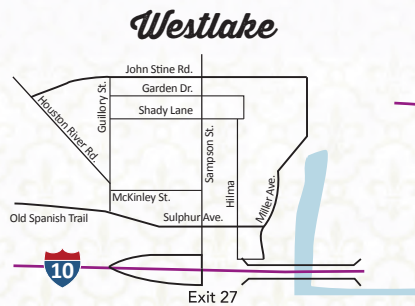
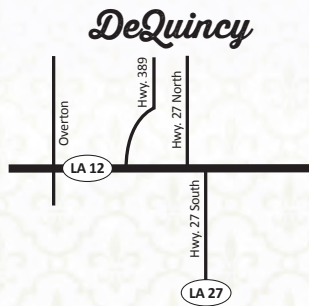
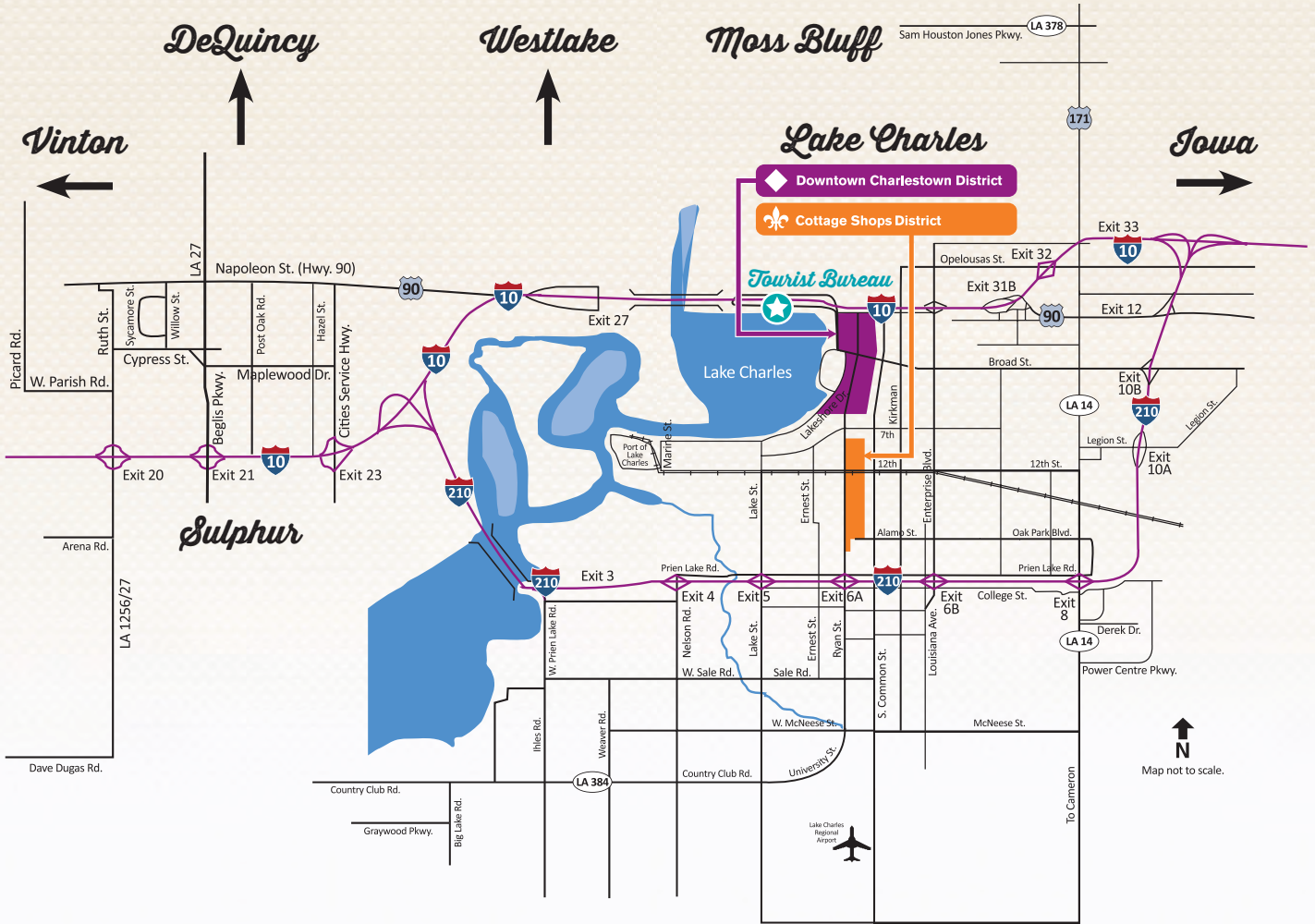
## Driving distance to Lake Charles

- Baton Rouge .....122 miles
- Houston ..... 140 miles
- Shreveport .....187 miles
- New Orleans ..... 218 miles
- Austin ..... 272 miles
- Mobile .....320 miles
- San Antonio .....341 miles
- Destin .....432 miles





Visit the tourist bureau office at **1205 N. Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles** for detailed maps and brochures of Southwest Louisiana.





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[www.VisitLakeCharles.org](http://www.VisitLakeCharles.org)