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WELCOME Y'ALL •



Adventure and exploration await with a diverse offering of culture, music, world-famous food, festivals, the great outdoors, casino gaming, top name 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.

Check out our free apps to enhance your experience! VisitLakeCharles.org/apps



* Showcasing adventures to be found in the great outdoors and details on flora and fauna found along the Creole Nature Trail.



Conveniently reference events, live music, festivals and more while in Southwest Louisiana!



* Experience the Charpentier
Historic District, with a choice
of a 30 minute tour, 1 hour tour
or Calcasieu Ghost Tour.

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Search #VisitLakeCharles on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest, or other social media and see posts from people around the world sharing their experiences in Lake Charles/Southwest Louisiana.

Read our blog for informative and engaging articles written by locals who are immersed in the area's culture. Explore Cajun fusion cooking, the arts scene, festivals, outdoors and more by visiting **VisitLakeCharles.org/blog**.

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L'AUBERGE CASINO RESORT

With more than 80 table games and nearly 1,600 slot machines, L'Auberge Casino Resort is where you'll find non-stop Vegas-style gaming. From blackjack to baccarat—and most everything in between—there are high-stakes thrills at every turn. If you decide to sit out a hand, cozy up for a ringside seat to all the action in GlobarSM. Enjoy a drink as you wait for your next chance to hit it big!



777 Avenue L'Auberge, Lake Charles 1-210 at Exit 4/Nelson Rd. (337) 395-7777 • www.mylauberge.com

Featuring a Tom Fazio-designed championship golf course, full-service spa and salon, resort pool and lazy river, unique shopping, innovative dining outlets, a 26-story hotel with 1,000 rooms and suites, 26,000 square feet of meeting space plus big name entertainment, L'Auberge is the place for Legendary action.

GOLDEN NUGGET LAKE CHARLES

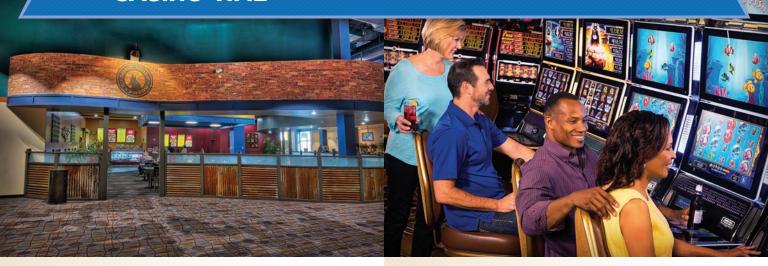
Experience Golden Nugget Lake Charles, one of the most luxurious resort-casinos outside of Las Vegas filled with a wide variety of top-notch, luxurious amenities and just a short drive from New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Houston. In addition to the exciting gaming and our unmatched dining experiences, our one-of-a-kind H2O Pool + Bar and championship golf course are the locals' favorite place to relax and unwind.



2550 Golden Nugget Blvd., Lake Charles
I-210 at Exit 3/Cove Lane
(844) 777-4653 • www.goldennuggetlc.com

With Vegas-style gaming and luxurious hospitality, Golden Nugget Lake Charles offers 740 guest rooms, an 18-hole golf course, innovative gaming, multiple Landry's restaurants, retail shops, almost 30,000 square feet of meeting space, a marina, a private beach and more.

* CASINO TIME *



ISLE OF CAPRI CASINO HOTEL

Dedicated to providing guests with an exceptional gaming and entertainment experience, the Isle of Capri Casino Hotel Lake Charles has made some improvements! Jam out to your favorite live band and dance the night away at the all new Lone Wolf bar. After you've worked up an appetite, visit the new Lone Wolf Express next door where you'll find a variety of mouth-watering quick dishes. For the poker lovers, come play in our brand new Poker Room located next to our non-smoking section.



100 Westlake Ave, Westlake • I-10 at Exit 27 (800) THE ISLE • www.isleofcapricasinos.com

The Isle offers 26,000 square feet of gaming space with more than 1,150 slot machines, 36 table games, and 13 poker tables. All three restaurants offer an array of delicious options: Otis & Henry's Bar & Grill, Farmer's Pick Buffet and the new Lone Wolf Express. The remodeled Tower Hotel and the Inn at the Isle have a combined total of 493 hotel rooms and suites. And with more than 13,500 square feet of meeting and banquet space, their professional staff can accommodate any business meeting or private function.

DELTA DOWNS RACETRACK CASINO & HOTEL

Enjoy a spacious casino floor with more than 1,600 of the most popular slot and video machines, live Thoroughbred and American Quarter Horse action from fall through spring on a six furlongs oval track, and daily simulcast events from coast-to-coast and around the world in the state-of-the-art off track betting (OTB).



2717 Delta Downs Dr., Vinton • I-10 at Exit 4 or 7 (800) 589-7441 • www.DeltaDowns.com

The beautifully appointed hotel features 200 guest rooms, with a spectacular 167-room hotel and pool opening fall 2016. Additional amenities include the Food Court, Triple Crown Buffet, and fine dining in Rosewater Grill & Tavern and Lookout Restaurant, as well as chart-topping entertainment at the Delta Event Center and local entertainers at Gator Lounge.



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! Enjoy top-name casino entertainment, 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 weekly list of live music, visit www.VisitLakeCharles.org/nightlife.



Check out the free Southwest Louisiana Events App to enhance your experience! Search "Lake Charles Events" in your app store.



* ARTS & CULTURE *



GALLERIES

Lake Charles

♦ 1911 Historic City Hall 1001 Ryan St.; Corner of Ryan and Kirby Streets • (337) 491-9147

Rotating exhibits of great significance, presentations and festivals.

Grand Gallery

McNeese State University (800) 622-3352 (337) 475-5060 4205 Ryan St. Shearman Fine Arts Center Annex Rotating exhibits by well-known artists as well as university faculty and students.

◆ Art Associates Gallery

809 Kirby St., Ste. 208
(337) 439-ARTS
In Historic Central School
Arts & Humanities Center
www.artassociates.org
Monthly rotating exhibits by a
variety of artists.

The Art Factory

1753 Common St. • (337) 802-2999 www.theartfactoryswla.com Community art studio offering pottery, painting, drawing opportunities, summer art camps and more

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

Tree of Life Mural - Candice Alexander Art Studio

106 W. Pryce St. • (337) 436-1008 www.lakecharlesartists.com Largest selection of art by local artists in Southwest Louisiana area.

809 Kirby St., Ste. 207 (337) 488-0567 In Historic Central School Arts & Humanities Center On Louisiana's African American

◆ Black Heritage Gallery

On Louisiana's African American Heritage Trail, rotating exhibits and educational activities representing the contributions of African Americans to Southwest Louisiana.

◆ Candice Alexander Art Studio

900 Ryan St. • (337) 433-2299 www.candicealexander.com Southwest Louisiana's largest art studio. Large gift shop. Great for tourists. Home of Downtown's Tree of Life Mural Landmark

Sulphur

Henning Cultural Center

923 Ruth St.
(337) 527-0357
www.brimstonemuseum.org
Local art and traveling exhibits.

◆ Downtown Charlestown District ★ Cottage Shops District See page 67 ♪ Nellie Lutcher District

MUSEUMS

Lake Charles

◆ Children's Museum
327 Broad St. • (337) 433-9420

www.swlakids.org
Offers three floors of hands-on,
educational exhibits in a family
atmosphere. Features many
exhibits including a kid cafe, fire
station, bubble room, train layout,
shopping market, toddler area and

Imperial Calcasieu Museum

several science areas. f

204 W. Sallier St. • (337) 439-3797 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 In Historic Central School Arts & Humanities Center (337) 430-0043 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
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

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

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
Newport Industries museum and memorabilia. Wall of Honor paying tribute to locals who have served in the U.S. military services.



* ARTS & CULTURE *



◆ Downtown Charlestown District ★ Cottage Shops District See page 67 ♪ Nellie Lutcher District

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.

♪ Artists Civic Theatre (ACTS)

www.actstheatre.com

The Children's Theatre Company

www.thechildrenstheatre.cc

Itinerant Theatre

www.itineranttheatre.com

Lake Area Ballet Theatre

www.lakeareaballettheatre.com

Lake Charles Civic Ballet

www.lakecharlescivicballet.com

The Lake Charles Little Theatre

www.thelclt.com

Lake Charles Symphony

www.lcsymphony.com

McNeese State University Bayou Players

www.mcneese.edu/performingarts

The Mines Sulphur Community Theatre

www.theminestheatre.org

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.

CULTURAL DISTRICTS

For information on the Nellie Lutcher District, the Cottage Shops or the Downtown Charleston Cultural District, call the Arts and Humanities Council of Southwest Louisiana at (337) 439-2787 or visit www.VisitLakeCharles.org/districts.

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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 www.121artisanbistro.com Best steaks and seafood in SWLA; WaitrApp.com for to-go orders or delivery.

1910

949 Ryan St., Ste. 120 • (337) 602-6278 Open for lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch. Cajun & Creole fusion cuisine with a French backbone.

Big Daddy's Sports Grill & Restaurant

1737 W. Sale Rd., Ste. 101 • (337) 477-9033
Cajun comfort food. Hamburgers,
po-boys, seafood, steaks, salads;
relaxed neighborhood environment;
breakfast, lunch, dinner. Many TVs
with sports and more.

Blue Dog Café

609 Ryan St. • (337) 491-8880 www.bluedogcafe.com Award winning Cajun food and world famous Blue Dog artwork.

Botsky's

104 W. Pujo St., Ste., 100 • (337) 491-1155 www.facebook.com/Botskys
A high quality purveyor of hotdogs and sausages in downtown Lake
Charles, showcasing a diverse range of hotdogs & sausages paired with fresh and outlandish toppings.

Charleston Bistro & Bakery

900 Ryan St. • (337) 602-6304 Plate lunches, salad bar, sandwiches, soups, wraps, cupcakes, sweets, gift boxes, trays.

City Market & Deli

710 Dr. Michael DeBakey Drive
(337) 602-6415
Conveniently located, locally owned
& operated deli, meat market and
specialty grocery store.

¶/CityMarketandDeli

Darrell's Restaurant & Bar

119 W. College St. • (337) 474-3651 Po-boy sandwiches, beer, wine, mixed drinks. No minors allowed after 10 p.m.

Gatti's Pizza

3522 Ryan St. • (337) 474-6625 http://stores.gattispizza.com/ location/lakecharles Pizza, pasta, salads, po-boys, desserts, Gatti Land (game room).

Golden Nugget Lake Charles

2550 Golden Nugget Blvd. (337) 508-7777 • (844) 777-4653 www.goldennuggetlc.com

If, ¥@GoldenNuggetLC

» The Buffet

Fresh soups and salads, seafood, Asian, Mexican, Italian, American comfort and carving stations. Weekly dinner specials.

» Cadillac Mexican Kitchen & Tequila Bar

Delicious tapas and signature Mexican dishes. Extensive hand-crafted cocktail selection and impressive list of tequila selections.

» Claim Jumper

Full service casual dining featuring a medley of homemade dishes. Open breakfast, lunch, dinner and late night.

» The Country Club at Golden Nugget

Enjoy chef crafted cuisine with a Cajun flair. Full service bar with extensive wine, beer and liquor selections, as well as a premium cigar list.

» Grotto

Enjoy authentic Italian cuisine in a warm, entertaining atmosphere.

» Landry's Seafood House

Sample world-famous gumbos, fresh fish and shrimp, oysters shucked to order and more.

» Lillie's Asian Cuisine

Traditional and modern Chinese and Japanese cuisine, including noodle dishes, sushi and sashimi, soups & salads.

» Saltgrass Steakhouse

Certified Angus Beef® steaks known for superior quality and tenderness. Wide selection of fresh seafood, chicken & burgers.





» Vic & Anthony's Steakhouse Indulge at one of America's Top Ten Steakhouses, featuring prime beef, fresh seafood, and an extensive wine list.

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» Bar 46

Enjoy bar top video poker and action packed table games along with your favorite cocktail. Located on the casino floor.

» Blue Martini

Premier martini lounge. Tapas food menu and fine spirits selection. Stunning décor and high energy feel. Live music every weekend.

» Cadillac Beach Bar & Grille

Enjoy hand crafted cocktails with your toes in the sand. Fire pits and beach volleyball.

» H2O Pool + Bar

Sleek outdoor pool and lounge featuring lazy river, private cabanas, firepits, hot tubs—unlike anything on the Louisiana coast.

» Ice Bar

Enjoy a variety of specialty cocktails at this ultra-chic lobby bar.

» Rush Lounge & Party Pit

Hot spot to enjoy a cocktail, listen to live music and gamble in our high energy party pit.

Guillory's Famous Foods

1475 Gerstner Memorial (337) 497-1477 Barbecue ribs, brisket, sausage, homemade boudin, cracklins and beef jerky.

Hackett's Cajun Kitchen

5614 Gerstner Memorial Blvd.
(337) 474-3731
www.hackettscajunkitchen.com
Boudin, sausage, Cajun specialty
foods, voted best plate lunches.

Jo Jo's China Bistro

1732 W. Prien Lake Rd. (337) 562-7810 Best Chinese food in Lake Charles.

La Truffe Sauvage

815 West Bayou Pines Dr. (337) 439-8364 www.thewildtruffle.com European fine dining with Louisiana influences in an elegant atmosphere.

LaVoglia Ristorante Italiano

5656 Nelson Rd., Ste. B2
(337) 602-6310
www.lavoglia.net
Authentic Italian cuisine made
from fresh ingredients and
homemade pastas.

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

L'Auberge Casino Resort

» AsiaSM

Asian fusion cuisine; Vietnamese favorites; sushi

» Ember Grille & Wine Bar

Savor signature, wood-fired entrees in the glow of expansive stone fireplaces. Extensive wine cellar.

» Favorites Southern Kitchen

There's nothing wrong with playing favorites! Favorites Southern Kitchen is the spot for delicious breakfast, lunch, dinner and late night cravings.

» Jack Daniel's® Bar & Grille

Delicious menu of burgers, steaks, barbecue and other roadhouse favorites.

» J.D.s Patio

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

» Le Beaucoup BuffetSM

Extensive selection of American, Tex-Mex, local, seafood and Asian-style cuisine, along with pastries & desserts. » Modern Pantry

All homemade. All fresh. All good. Offering delicious menu items no matter the hour, Modern Pantry is your stop for PJ's coffee, breakfast pastries, salads, sandwiches, gelato & desserts.

» Touloulou's

Head out back to our lakeside bar, Touloulou's. 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.

■ NIGHTLIFE OPTIONS

(at L'Auberge Casino Resort)

» GlobarSM

777 Avenue L'Auberge (337) 395-7777 www.mylauberge.com

» Jack Daniel's® Bar & Grille

777 Avenue L'Auberge (337) 395-7777 www.mylauberge.com Features Live entertainment Wednesday & Friday nights.

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Leonard's Food Quarters

1708 Gerstner Memorial Drive (337) 494-0618 www.leonardsfoodquarters.com Cajun Creole food with a touch of soul.

Luna Bar & Grill

719 Ryan St. • (337) 494-LUNA www.lunabarandgrill.com Great food, great atmosphere, great live music, great local culture. Get down downtown.

■ ■ @lunabargrill

MacFarlane's Celtic Pub

417 Ann St.
(337) 433-5992
www.macfarlanescelticpub.com
Over 140 beers with a complete
Celtic menu for lunch and
dinner.

Mama Reta's Kitchen

345 Broad St.
(337) 656-2798
Family-owned restaurant serving the best home cooking this side of the bayou!

Mazen's Restaurant

217 W. College St. (337) 477-8207 Fine dining with Continental, New Orleans, French, and Mediterranean influences.

Mr. Bill's Seafood Express

500 E. McNeese St. (337) 477-9746 Fresh, fried or grilled seafood, hamburgers, steaks and more.

Nina P's Café

1600 W. McNeese St., Ste. A
(337) 474-6462
A little taste of New Orleans right around the corner.

Pappy's Deli

2627 Ryan St. • (337) 436-2813 Sports bar and deli: 30 beers on tap.

Pat's of Henderson

1500 Siebarth Dr. • (337) 439-6618 www.patsofhenderson.com A seafood and steak restaurant for family and business people.

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
Chicken, shrimp, chicken tenders, po-boys, Cajun side dishes, biscuits.

Pujo Street Café

901 Ryan St. (337) 439-2054 www.pujostreet.com American, Cajun and French. Now offering brunch on Sundays!

Restaurant Calla

1400 Market St.
(337) 419-1980
www.restaurantcalla.com
A neighborhood restaurant
that has creative, seasonal, and
sustainable dishes with an inviting
and comfortable feel.

Rotolo's Pizzeria

4201 Nelson Rd.
(337) 478-1996
www.rotolos.com
lake.charles@rotolos.com
Pizzas, salads, pastas, sandwiches,
calzones, in a family-friendly
atmosphere. 15 Beers on tap.

Seafood Palace

2218 Enterprise Blvd. (337) 433-9293 Cajun/Creole, boiled seafood in a family-friendly atmosphere.

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The Sloppy Taco

2500 Kirkman St. • (337) 602-6364 www.sloppytacotruck.com Unique fusion food presented taco style. If y

Southern Spice Restaurant & Grill

3901 Ryan St. • (337) 474-6065 277 N. Hwy. 171; (337) 855-0010 Join us on Facebook. Home-style breakfast, lunch and dinner; locally owned and operated. f

Steamboat Bill's on the Lake

1004 N. Lakeshore Dr. (337) 494-1070 www.steamboatbills.com Voted #1 Crawfish in SWLA. Acclaimed by USA Today. **f**

Tia Juanita's Fish Camp

723 Ryan St. • (337) 602-6243 Mexican Cajun Seafood. Fun and lively with great music and a casual atmosphere. **f**

Walk On's

5313 Common St. (337) 474-7333 Sports bar packing a culinary punch served by All-American Cheerleaders. www.walk-ons.com

SULPHUR

B&O Kitchen and Grocery

3011 E. Burton • (337) 625-4637 Boudin, sausage, specialty meats, cracklins, jerky, hog head cheese, deer processing.

Fox's Pizza Den of Sulphur

2590 Maplewood Dr. (337) 553-1181 www.foxspizzadensulphur.com Gourmet pizzas, stromboli, hoagies, wedgies, hot wings, salads, hamburgers & dessert. Dine-in & Pick-up.

Gatti's Pizza

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

Hollier's Cajun Kitchen

1709 Ruth St., Exit 20 (337) 527-0061 Steaks, seafood, gumbo, crawfish, boudin, sausage, lunch & night buffets.

Jake's Deli & Bakery

121 S. Huntington St. (337) 528-6860 Sandwiches, soups, salads, gift boxes, party trays, cupcakes, cookies, cake truffles, sweets.

Kem's Restaurant & Lounge

330 Arena Rd. (located inside Holiday Inn) (337) 527-0858 www.holidayinn.com/sulphurla Small hotel restaurant which serves breakfast & dinner every day.

LeBleu's Landing

202 Henning Dr. (337) 528-6900 Cajun, seafood, steaks, buffet, specialty meat market, gift shop.

Pitt Grill

102 Benoit Lane • (337) 527-9448 www.pittgrill.com Weekly seafood, buffets daily. Senior discounts. f

Popeve's

(Multiple Locations) 1613 Ruth St. (337) 527-8297 102 N. Cities Service Hwy. (337) 625-7181 Chicken, shrimp, chicken tenders, po-boys, Cajun side dishes, biscuits.

Richard's Boudin & Seafood Restaurant

2250 E. Napoleon St. (Hwy. 90) (337) 625-8474 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 Home cooked lunch Monday-Friday. All you can eat seafood buffet Friday and Saturday nights.

The Sausage Link

2400 E. Napoleon Dr. (337) 625-2030 Full-service specialty meats and casual Cajun dining. Best boudin.

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WESTLAKE

Bar B Que Pit Stop

2400 Westwood Rd.
(337) 433-7818
www.BarBQuePitStop.com
Fresh smoked ribs, sliced
brisket, chicken, sausage,
homemade slices.

Isle of Capri Casino Hotel

100 Westlake Ave. (337) 430-2400 (877) ISLE ONE www.isleofcapricasinos.com **f y** @isleofcaprilc

» Farmer's Pick Buffet

Breakfast, lunch, dinner, brunch, Seafood, Italian, Cajun, steaks, barbecue, all you can eat

- » Otis & Henry's Bar & Grill Dinner; the comfort of a neighborhood bar and grill with the favorites of a steakhouse.
- » The Lone Wolf Express American and Asian favorites.
- (NIGHTLIFE OPTIONS (at Isle of Capri)
- » The Lone Wolf 100 Westlake Ave. (337) 430-2400 (888) ISLE VIP www.isleofcapricasinos.com Live entertainment every Wed.-Sat. night.

Popeve's

1601 Sampson St. (337) 433-5636 Chicken, shrimp, chicken strips, poboys, Cajun side dishes, biscuits.

DEQUINCY

Popeve's

920 East 4th St. • (337) 786-4880 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! There's something for everyone.

- » Rosewater Grill & Tavern Delicious steaks and seafood with a Louisiana flare.
- » The Lookout Restaurant American, steaks and seafood. Formal dining in a relaxing atmosphere.
- » The Triple Crown Buffet Serving American, Cajun/ Creole, barbecue, catfish, seafood and desserts.
- (NIGHTLIFE OPTIONS (at Delta Downs)
- » Gator Lounge 2717 Delta Downs Dr. (800) 589-7441 www.DeltaDowns.com Sip your favorite drinks. Live entertainment and sports.

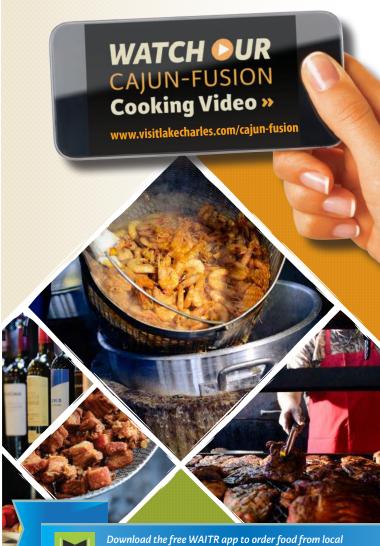
Longhorn Hard Country Café

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

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A complete list of restaurants can be found at www.visitlakecharles.org/restaurants





Download the free WAI I R app to order food from local restaurants. You can choose from carryout, delivery or dine-in options. Search "Waitr" in the app store.

CULINARY EXPERIENCES *



Acadian Coffee Roasters

2908 Hodges Street • (318) 677-9050 www.acadiancoffee.com Micro Roaster offering 100% Organic, Fair Trade Organic and Rain Forest Alliance Coffees.

adventures.

Bayou Rum

20909 South I-10 Frontage Road (337) 588-5800 • www.BayouRum.com Handmade from Louisiana sugarcane in the largest privately-owned rum distillery in the USA-Louisiana Spirits Distillery. Offers free distillery tours followed by a rum sampling!

Crave

2018 Ryan Street, Suite 100
(337) 421-0040 • www.crave-foods.com
Crave is a unique "eat" boutique,
offering gourmet baskets, premium
olive oils and balsamics, wine,
cheese and other fine foods.

Crying Eagle Brewing Company

Summer 2016
1165 E. McNeese St.
www.cryingeagle.com
Craft Brewery with tasting bar,
live music, entertainment, beer
garden and more. Free tours.

Rikenjaks Brewing Company

3716 Ryan St.
(337) 602-6635
www.Rikenjaks.com
The only Restaurant/Microbrewery
in Southwest Louisiana offering
"Louisiana Comfort Food," live
entertainment, outdoor patio
dining, a full bar and most
importantly, a great tasting
selection of beers.

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. 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 are more than 25 stops located along the trail!

Go to **www.visitlakecharles.org/boudintrail** for a complete list of eateries on the trail and attractions along the way.



Visit our website to find delicious Cajun Recipes! Search #eatswla on social media.

Dishes like boudin, smoked sausage, kibbie, muffalettas, 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. View recipes at www.visitlakecharles.org/recipes.

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CREOLE CULTURE *

* CAJUN CULTURE *

CREOLE

What is a Creole?

- From the Portuguese word crioulu, which means homegrown, Creoles are of French and European descent, mainly aristocracy who settled in cities.
- 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.

Creole Cuisine

- Creole food is elaborate to prepare and uses vast ingredients, reminiscent of the Grand European styles, consisting of several courses.
- Creoles take culinary refuge in their sauces, herbs and intricate spices.

Zydeco Music

- 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.
- Zydeco contains elements of the blues, which became popular in the late 1940s.
- Country Creole combined the Cajun LaLa with the blues and jazz of the urban African Americans, creating the syncopated sounds known as Zydeco.

CAJUN

What is a Cajun?

- Cajuns were French colonists from eastern Canada who were displaced by war in the late 18th Century 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.

Cajun Cuisine

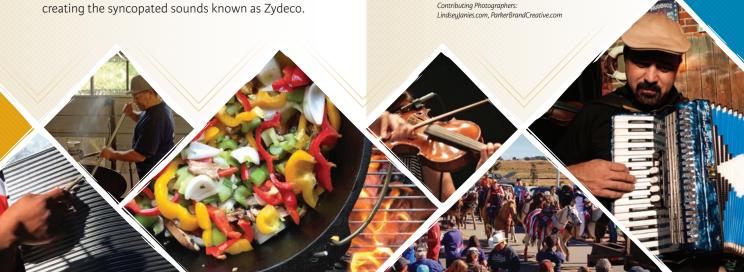
- Cajun cuisine is more robust usually made in just one pot.
- Cajuns generally prepare full-bodied or blackened cuisine.

Cajun Music

 Traditional Cajun music, with its waltz-like quality, has an emphasis on the fiddle and accordion.

WHAT'S THE SAME?

- Both Creoles & Cajuns have influences from Native American, African, Spanish and German cooks and incorporate the "Trinity," onions, bell peppers and celery, in their food dishes.
- Zydeco & Cajun music both use accordions in their unique music styles.



ADVENTURE POINT

www.AdventurePoint.info

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2740 Ruth St., Sulphur, LA (just south of Interstate 10 at exit 20) www.AdventurePoint.info (337) 502-4358

Hours of operation: Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday – Sunday: 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Kick off your Creole Nature Trail journey at the new Creole Nature Trail Adventure Point—a free, fun attraction that immerses you in nature and Louisiana's unique culture.

Through imaginative, hands-on displays, you can learn the best places to spot alligators and migrating songbirds, take a peek at wildlife found in bayous and marshes, smell the mouthwatering aromas of Cajun/Creole cooking, and "play along" with a Cajun and Zydeco band.

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 habitat. One of only 43 federally-designated All-American Roads, the more than 180-mile Creole Nature Trail is an outdoor adventure land. Whether your preference is to view and photograph nature, or fish, crab, and hunt, the Creole Nature Trail is a natural wonder and a recreational paradise for all ages.

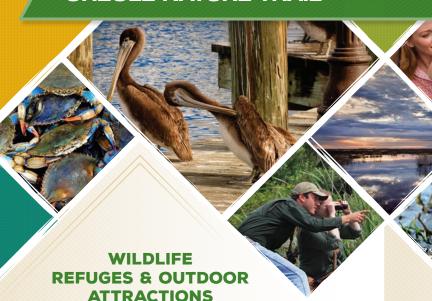
Visit www.CreoleNatureTrail.org to plan your Louisiana Outback adventure and download the FREE tour app by searching "Creole" in your app store!

* App is available in English, French, Spanish, German, Japanese and Mandarin Chinese.

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!)
- ✓ Four wildlife refuges with walkways, nature drives and boardwalks to explore plus numerous recreational areas to fish and crab.
- Peveto Woods Sanctuary is a great place to see migrating neo-tropical 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!





The area is rich with natural beauty and attractions to explore, boasting myriad opportunities to see alligators, birds, and lush scenery while driving or on several walking trails.

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 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

(337) 774-5923 GPS Coordinates: N 30.00555; W 92.91091 Self-guided drive at Lacassine Pool. Located 4 miles south of Hayes on Hwy. 14, and 4.5 miles south on Illinois Plant Rd.

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.

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
mile paved walking trail to
the western edge of Lake
Calcasieu; Also visit nearby
Hog Island Gully, Blue Crab
and West Cove recreation areas
which offer excellent fishing
and crabbing.

Peveto Woods 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 spring to late fall.

Contributing Photographers: Brenda LaFleur, LindseyJanies.com, MonsoursPhotography.net,
ParkerBrandCreative.com, pbase.com pattonpix

BIRDING

The Creole Nature Trail is home to more than 400 bird species annually making it one of the Top 10 Birding Destinations in the country. Year-round you will be treated to a seemingly endless array of raptors, waterfowl, wading birds and shorebirds residing in this lush environment. Bring out your binoculars, camera, or just enjoy watching the many varieties of birds flying overhead. For our birding brochure, log onto www.visitlakecharles.org/birdquide.

SHELLING & BEACHES

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 a wide variety of shells including whelks, cockles, angelwings, olives wentletraps, arks and periwinkles.

Low tide following a storm system offers prime shelling. With a little luck, you'll find a "Sea Bean" — a pod carried all the way from Central and South American forests. Check out our shelling brochure at www.visitlakecharles.org/shells.

In addition to Gulf Beaches, we also have a white sand inland beach in Lake Charles:

FISHING

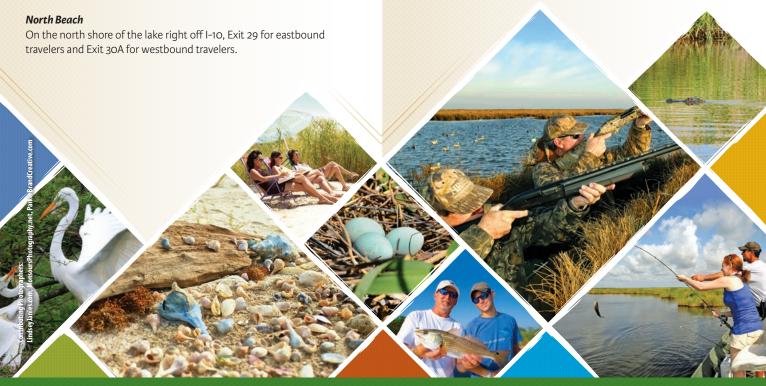
Freshwater fishing. Brackish or saltwater fishing. Side-of-the-road fishing. Surf-fishing from the beach. If you have a boat or if you've hired a guide, go fishing in the Gulf of Mexico or "deep-in-the-marsh." Along the Creole Nature Trail, variety is the spice of life and the options are pretty much endless. And don't forget numerous waterways along the Creole Nature Trail offer perfect locations to drop a line, tip your hat forward and wait for a nibble.

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. An outstanding variety and sheer quantity of birds provide hunters with a unique experience. Throughout the fall and winter, feathered visitors include snows, blues, and specklebelly geese as well as mallards, pintails and teal. There is also seasonal hunting for alligator.

Hunting and fishing licenses are required. Get all the details at the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries website. Get more information about hunting in Southwerst Louisiana at www.visitlakecharles.org/hunt.



TOUR THE OUTDOORS

Lloyd's Country Store
Kayak Rentals

PARKS





For a complete list of parish and city parks, visit www.visitlakecharles.org/parks.

GET YOUR ADVENTURE ON!

Glide out onto water, 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 Closed most major holidays. Airboat rides in *Louisiana's Outback* on the Creole Nature Trail.

Cajun Expeditions, LLC

Lake Charles • (337) 563-3851
www.cajunexpeditions.com
khebert@cajunexpeditions.com
Full service tour company offering
birding, outdoor, photography
excursions & more.

Grosse Savanne Eco-Tours

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

I&R Carriage

Downtown Lake Charles
(337) 842-0778
rdroy@jandrcarriage.com
Call for reservations, or walk-up
appointments are also available at the
staging area on the Promenade for the
mule-drawn carriage service.

Lake City Board & Bike, LLC

Lake Charles • (337) 660-1274
One of a kind mobile paddle board store and bicycle shop featuring YOLO brand products. • | / lakecityBB

Lloyd's Country Store

318 Phillips Rd., Westlake
(337) 540-3925
www.sealproperties.net
Kayak and paddleboard rentals for
\$25 a day; enjoy paddling down the
Calcasieu River.

Paddle Up Boarding Company

Lake Charles • (337) 240-8743 www.paddleuplc.com paddleup@yahoo.com Stand-up paddle boarding lessons, rentals, parties, fitness and corporate paddles.

Redneck Yacht Rentals

1201 Lakeshore Dr., Lake Charles (337) 263-1987 www.redneckyachtrentals.com redneckyachtrentals@yahoo.com Recreational boat rentals.

Vintage Carriage Company

900 Lakeshore Dr., Lake Charles
(337) 794-5591
vintagecarriagecompany@yahoo.com
Offers mule-drawn hayrides for
Christmas Tours on Lakeshore Drive,
caroling in various locations, parades,
and other events.

Bark du Lac Dog Park

111 W. Pine Street, Lake Charles (337) 491-1280 www.cityoflakecharles.com Fenced, off-leash dog park located just off the interstate in downtown Lake Charles. Park offers plenty of shade and separate play areas for large and small dogs.

Drew Park

416 Dr. Michael DeBakey Dr., Lake Charles www.cityoflakecharles.com Play gyms, swings, a walking trail, picnic tables and oak trees. Community center with activities, pool tables, table and video games, snack machines, seasonal painting classes and tennis.

The Grove at Heritage Square

1211 Ruth St., Sulphur www.sulphurparks.com Pedestrian park featuring fountains, walking paths, sitting and picnic areas, a stage, restrooms, WiFi and Sulphur Regional Library's Little Free Library.

Intracoastal Park

7955 Intracoastal Park Rd., Sulphur www.cppj.net • Playground, tent and RV camp sites, boat launch, pavilion, picnic tables, fishing, public restrooms with showers.

Lock Park

1535 Ryan St., Lake Charles www.cityoflakecharles.com Open air pavilion, fire truck, picnic tables and covered playground.

Millennium Park

901 Lakeshore Dr., Lake Charles www.cityoflakecharles.com Lake Charles at the Civic Center; 20,000 sq ft playground with a tower, pirate ship and tree house as well as a splash park.

Pinederosa Park

2901 Westwood Rd., Westlake www.cityofwestlake.com Play gyms, swings, basketball court, pavilion, walking trails, oak trees, BBQ pits and splash pad.

Prien Lake Park

3700 West Prien Lake Rd., Lake Charles • www.cppj.net 29-acre park on Prien Lake featuring walking paths with measurement markings, canoe and boat launches, kids playground and SprayGround water park, numerous picnic areas, boat launch, Amphitheater, two pavilions and free Wi-Fi.

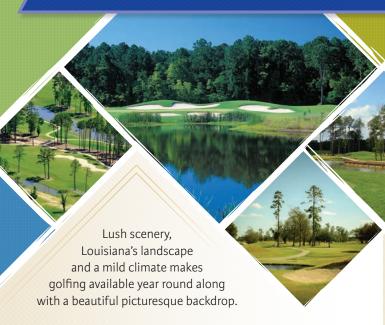
Sam Houston Jones State Park

107 Sutherland Rd. off of Hwy. 378 in Moss Bluff (337) 855-2665 • (888) 677-7264; www.lastateparks.com Featuring 1,087 acres of lakes, trees, vistas, rivers and streams Sam Houston Jones is an excellent spot for bird watching with nearly 200 species sited annually. Campsites and cabins available.

Calcasieu Parish boasts numerous facilities for the outdoors.

Visit www.cppj.net for details.

TEE TIME



LAKE CHARLES

Contraband Bayou® Golf Club at L'Auberge Casino Resort

777 Avenue L'Auberge, Lake Charles (337) 395-7220 • www.mylauberge.com Unique, public 7,077 yard, par-71 championship Tom Fazio designed course. Natural vegetation lines 8 lakes to challenge golfers of all skill levels. Pro shop; driving range; concrete paths; Champion Ultradwarf Bermuda grass; local rates. An interactive touchscreen GPS is available in every cart.

Gray Plantation Golf Course

6150 Graywood Pkwy., Lake Charles
(337) 562-1663
www.grayplantationgolf.com
Gray Plantation promises you a
day of unparalleled golf anywhere
in the country on its 18-hole 7,200
yard championship links course.
Conditioning and clubhouse
amenities are superior: plus,
the course also offers an indoor
state-of-the-art teaching academy
including video swing analysis.
Also provides club repair and
personalized club fitting. Now is the
time for you to "Play the Gray."

Mallard Cove Golf Course

I-210 Loop Exit 10A, Lake Charles On the former Chennault Airbase (337) 491-1204 www.citvoflakecharles.com 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. Excellent golf course that is well maintained, reasonably priced and with a beautiful clubhouse - the best golfing value in Southwest Louisiana!



The Country Club at Golden Nugget

2550 Golden Nugget Blvd., Lake Charles (337) 508-GOLF (4653) www.goldennuggetlc.com

The Country Club at Golden Nugget is an 18 hole, par 72 golf course designed by the award winning Todd Eckenrode 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 numerous 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. Listed in Golf Digest's 2015 Top Ten New Golf Courses. No membership required.

SULPHUR

Frasch Park Golf Course

400 Picard Rd., Sulphur
(337) 527-2515 • www.sulphurparks.com
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 through the entire design.
The terrain is fairly flat with a
meandering waterway that runs
through the course.

WESTLAKE

National Golf Club

1400 National Dr., Westlake (337) 433-2255

www.nationalgcla.com

The 18-hole, par-72 course, designed by David Bennett, 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 tees with yardage ranging from 6,065 to 7,025 yards. Tee times accepted 10 days in advance.

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

HISTORIC DISTRICTS

♦ 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.

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.

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.



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

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.

HISTORIC MARKERS

Information on the Atakapa-Ishak Indian marker as well as the Gerstner Field World War I marker and others can be found online at 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.

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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 reenactments of Civil War battles at Niblett's Bluff Park.

The history of *lowa* 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.

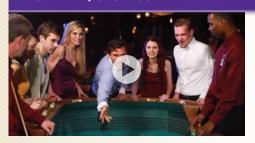
Brimstone Museum

TOP THINGS TO DO

TOP 5 ADVENTURES IN SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA

You can find your niche in Southwest Louisiana with such rich and diverse adventures. Check out the Top 5 things to do in the area from music, nightlife, casinos and foodie adventures to the great outdoors and unique cultural activities and steeped history. Visit this link to view all 5 videos: www.visitlakecharles.org/Top5Videos

NIGHTLIFE/CASINOS



Casino Gaming at Golden Nugget Lake Charles, L'Auberge Casino Resort, the Isle of Capri

Casino & Hotel and Delta Downs Racetrack Casino & Hotel include delicious dining options, entertainment and the chance for you to relax in style. See page 6.

OUTDOOR EXCURSIONS



Explore the *Creole*Nature Trail where you can view birds, alligators and wildlife up close - not to mention - Gulf beaches. Kick

off your journey at the *Creole Nature Trail Adventure Point* that immerses you in nature and Louisiana's unique culture through imaginative, handson displays that are sure to inspire. See page 30–37.

Nature's bounty is in full force in Southwest Louisiana. See page 38 for adventure tourism and page 39 for parks.

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FOOD



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 27. And check out our Cajun Fusion Cooking video at **www.visitlakecharles.org/fusion**.

FAMILY FUN & FESTIVALS



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 are truly the tip of the festival iceberg! You can check out our festivals & events on the free Lake Charles Events App or at www.visitlakecharles.org/events.

HISTORY & CULTURE



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. See page 13.

The area also has a thriving arts scene with live music, galleries, art shows and events. See page 12-15.

KID FRIENDLY FUN

◆ Downtown Charlestown District ★ Cottage Shops District See page 67

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.

Altitude Trampoline Park

3009 La-14 • (817) 741-5867 www.altitudetrampolinepark.com World's premier trampoline facilities that offer fun and exercise for people of all ages. f

Children's Museum

327 Broad St. • (337) 433-9420 www.swlakids.org See page 13.

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 www.imperialcalcasieumuseum.org See page 13. **f**

◆ Mardi Gras Museum of Imperial Calcasieu

809 Kirby St., 2nd floor, Lake Charles; In Historic Central School Arts & **Humanities Center** (337) 430-0043 www.swlamardigras.com See page 13.

◆ Millennium Park

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

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 & sprayground for kids.

Putt-Putt Fun Center

620 Petro Point Dr. • (337) 480-1954 Two 18-hole courses and 4 batting cages.

Skate City

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

Tabby Town - Club Tabby

and boy dept.

1427 W. Prien Lake Road (337) 478-3600 • www.clubtabby.com natalie@myclubtabby.com Boutique, retail, makeovers. haircuts, stuff-a-pet, ice cream, pedicures, Parents Night Out. camps, Princesses on Saturdays, baby dept.

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.

Wheelers Family Entertainment

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

SULPHUR

Brimstone Museum Complex

900 S. Huntington • (337) 527-0357 www.brimstonemuseum.org See page 13.

Creole Nature Trail Adventure Point

2740 Ruth St. (337) 502-4358 www.AdventurePoint.info Enjoy interactive displays and colorful dioramas, including exhibits on marshes, swamps, prairies, Gulf wildlife, Creole and Cajun cooking, and "play along" with a Zydeco and Cajun band. **f**

SPAR Aquatic & Recreation Center

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

The Quad of Sulphur

2901 Maplewood Dr. • (337) 313-3327 www.theguadllc.com The Quad is an 8,500 sf indoor play place for kids. We also host birthday parties, field trips, team building & private events. **f**

DEQUINCY

DeQuincy Railroad Museum

400 Lake Charles Ave. (337) 786-2823 www.dequincyrailroadmuseum.com See page 13. f

DeQuincy Railroad Park

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

DeQuincy Skate Park

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

DeQuincy Town Hall Museum

218 East Fourth St. (337) 786-6451 See page 13.



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.

FUTURE DATES:

2017 February 28 • 2018 February 13 • 2019 March 5

CONTRABAND DAYS LOUISIANA 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

SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA CULTURAL FESTIVALS

In March, the Sulphur Mines Festival celebrates the history and vitality of one of our six cities. April brings the Original Downtown Crawfish Festival, the Louisiana Railroad Days Festival in DeQuincy and the Westlake Family Fun & Food Festival. Music is hot with the Live at the Lakefront Series, Downtown at Sundown Series and Cajun music at the Cajun Music & Food Festival and the Marshland Festival throughout the spring and summer. Also, October rounds out with the Cal-Cam Fair and Vinton Heritage Festival.

www.visitlakecharles.org/events

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 Southwest Louisiana

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
- Westlake Family Fun and Food Festival
- Downtown Lake Charles Crawfish Festival

May

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

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- 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
- Stars & Stripes Classic Car Show
- Boudin Wars
- Gallery Promenade

October

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

November

- Mistletoe & Moss Holiday Market
- Veterans Day Parades
- Veterans Day Avenue of Flags

December

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



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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*

★ 505 Imports

2801 Ryan St. • (337) 480-6505 www.505imports.com Imported hand-crafted wood furniture and global accessories for your home.

The Art Factory

1753 Common St. • (337) 802-2999 www.theartfactoryswla.com
Community art studio offering pottery, painting, drawing opportunities, summer art camps and more.

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

106 W. Pryce St. • (337) 436-1008 www.lakecharlesartists.com Largest selection of art by local artists in Southwest Louisiana area.

♦ Candice Alexander Art Studio

900 Ryan St. • (337) 433-2299 www.candicealexander.com Southwest Louisiana's largest art studio. Large gift shop. Great for tourists. Home of Downtown's Tree of Life Mural Landmark.

French Quarter Antique Mall

3529 Ryan St. • (337) 777-8606 www.frenchquarterantiquemall.com Open 7 days a week. Furniture, home décor, art, antiques, collectibles, gifts and much more!

Mimosa Boutique

3101 Ernest St., Ste. 1
(337) 564-5818
www.mimosa-boutique.com
Affordable women's contemporary
clothing; BCBG Generation, MM
Couture, Free People, Level 99.

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1427 W. Prien Lake Road
(337) 478-3600
www.clubtabby.com
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Boutique, retail, makeovers,
haircuts, stuff-a-pet, ice cream,
pedicures, Parents Night Out,
camps, Princesses on Saturdays,
baby dept. and boy dept.

The Party Time Store

Mardi Gras, Halloween and Parties 4452 Lake St. • (337) 477-2789 mardipartytime@suddenlinkmail. com; Closed on Sunday, except during Mardi Gras and Halloween. All your Mardi Gras needs.

The Perfect Gift

3045 Ernest St. • (337) 439-7693 Unique store with fleur de lis, Louisiana gifts, jewelry, clothing, unusual gifts, etc. ■

Prien Lake Mall

496 W. Prien Lake Rd.
(337) 477-7411
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DICK's Sporting Goods, Dillard's,
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14, featuring all digital technology
and stadium seating. More than 80
specialty shops!

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The Shops at L'Auberge Casino Resort

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www.yogalakecharles.com
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established in 1998. Discover your
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■ Y@yogalakecharles

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SPAS Lake Charles

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2550 Golden Nugget Blvd.
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Luxurious spa with 10 treatment
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Relax and soak out the stress in the
sauna, whirlpool or steam room.
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Spa du LacSM

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Full-service spa including massages, hair, manicures, pedicures, gym, jacuzzi and dry sauna. Appointments recommended; walk-ins welcome.

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www.goldennuggetlc.com
Full-service barbershop offering boy's
and men's haircuts and shaves.



A complete list of shopping & spas can be found at www.visitlakecharles.org/shops

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* 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.		a		nduded	enter	W(Pool	tes	Pets Allowed (restrictions apply)	(er	Microwave: FD-Front Desk	Refrigerator: FD-Front Desk	Restaurant in House	ıttles		sace
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◆ Lake Charles Coming Soon: Candlewood Suites, Towne Place Suites America's Best Inn & Suites Lake Charles, 401 Lakeshore Dr.			>	<u>~</u>	<u>~</u>	Œ	S	ed.	~	3			æ	Ā	- 22	2
(337) 439-2444, (800) BEST-INN, f	111	\$-\$\$	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•
America's Best Value Inn, 3411 Broad St. (337) 990-5607, www.americasbestvalueinn.com	30	\$	•	•	•		•	•		•	•	•			•	
America's Best Value Inn & Suites, 3231 Lake St. (337) 477-4230, (888) 315-2378, www.americasbestvalueinn.com	52	\$\$	•	•	•		•			•	•	•			•	
Best Western Bayou Inn & Suites, 1320 MLK Hwy. N. (337) 990-5325, (800) 780-7234, bwlc171@gmail.com, www.bestwestern.com,	55	\$\$	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•			•	•
Best Western PLUS Prien Lake Inn & Suites, 1245 E. Prien Lake Rd., y @BWPrienLake (337) 477-5900, www.bestwestern.com/PLUSPrienLakeInnandSuites, f /bestwesternplusprien	69	\$\$-\$\$\$	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•			•	•
Comfort Inn, 607 E. Prien Lake Rd., www.choicehotels.com/hotels/la187 (337) 478-4650, (877) 424-6423, У@comfortinnLCH, ■	71	\$\$	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•			•	
Comfort Suites, 1016 N. MLK Hwy 171 N. (337) 436-6400, www.choicehotels.com/hotel/la165	70	\$\$	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•			•	•
Courtyard by Marriott Lake Charles (opening 2016), 2995 L'Auberge Blvd. (337) 477-5020, www.marriott.com/lchcy	110	\$\$\$	•		•	•	•			•	•	•	•		•	•
Days Inn, 1212 N. Lakeshore Dr. (337) 433-9461, www.daysinn.com	83	\$\$	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•			•	
Deluxe Inn, 3900 Hwy. 90 E. (337) 433-1024	43	\$	•							•	•	•			•	
Econo Lodge, 351 N. MLK Hwy. (337) 721-8001, www.econolodge.com,	58	\$	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•			•	
Golden Nugget Lake Charles, 2550 Golden Nugget Blvd. (844) 777-4653, www.goldennuggetlc.com, ♥@GoldenNuggetLC ■	740	\$\$\$	•		•	•	•	•		•			•		•	•
Hampton Inn, 3175 Holly Hill Rd. (337) 480-6443, www.hamptoninn3.hilton.com,	82	\$\$\$	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•		•	•	•
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, 402 N. MLK Hwy. (337) 491-6600, (800) HOLIDAY, www.hiexpress.com	81	\$\$-\$\$\$	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•			•	•
Holiday Inn & Suites Lake Charles, 2940 Lake St. (337) 310-7700, (800) HOLIDAY, www.holidayInn.com, ♥/HolidayInnLC, ■	120	\$\$\$	•		•	•	•			•	•	•	•		•	•
Howard Johnson Inn, 825 Broad St. (337) 436-4311, (800) 446-4656, www.hojo.com	40	\$\$	•	•			•			•	•	•			•	
Knights Inn, 2700 Broad St. (337) 433-8291, www.knightsinn.com/LakeCharles	81	\$	•	•							•	•			•	
La Quinta Inn & Suites, 1201 W. Prien Lake Rd. (337) 478-9889, (800) 753-3757, www.lq.com, ■	75	\$\$-\$\$\$	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•			•	•
L'Auberge Casino Resort, 777 Ave. L'Auberge (337) 395-7777, (866) 580-7444, www.mylauberge.com, У/LAubergeLC, ■	1,000	\$\$\$	•		•	•	•			•			•		•	•
Luxury Inn, 335 Hwy. 171 (337) 433-1773, (800) 466-8356, www.motel6.com	129	\$	•				•		•		•	•			•	
Motel 6, 921 N. MLK Hwy. 171 (337) 491-1000, www.motel6.com	60	\$	•				•		•		•	•				

HOTELS & MOTELS ◆ Lake Charles continued Motel 6 on the Bayou, 1101 W. Prien Lake Rd.	Sumos 102	Price Range	• WIFI	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
(337) 474-5151, (800) 642-2968, www.motel6.com Oasis Inn, 1000 N. Lakeshore Dr.	60	\$	•						•		•	•			•	
(337) 494-7270 Quality Inn & Suites, 3211 Venture Park Dr. (337) 480-0898, (800) 424-6423, www.choicehotels.com,	67	\$\$	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•			•	
Red Roof Inn & Suites, 269 Hwy. 397 (337) 990-0165, (800) 733-7663, www.redroof.com	54	\$\$	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•			•	
Residence Inn, 1591 W. Prien Lake Rd., (337) 474-1772, www.marriott.com/lchri,	92	\$\$	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•			•	•
Richmond Suites Hotel, 2600 Moeling St. (337) 433-5213,	140	\$\$	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•		•	•
Springhill Suites by Marriott, 1551 W. Prien Lake Rd. (337) 474-1112, (888) 287-9400, www.marriott.com/lchsh,	108	\$\$	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•			•	•
Sunrise Inn, 5390 U.S. Hwy. 90 E. (337) 437-8339	105	\$	•								•				•	
Super 8 Inn & Suites, 1004 MLK Hwy. 171 N. (337) 310-7666, (877) 229-6668, www.Super8.com	50	\$	•	•				•		•	•	•			•	
Super 8 Motel, 1350 E. Prien Lake Rd., www.super8.com/lakecharles (337) 477-1606, (800) 800-8000, У @Super8LCH, f	59	\$	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•			•	
Value Place-Lake Charles, 3202 N. Power Centre Pkwy. (337) 564-6966, fax (337) 567-6974, www.valueplace.com	124	\$\$\$	•								•	•			•	
Wingate by Wyndham, 1731 W. Prien Lake Rd. (337) 502-5112, www.wingatehotels.com,	77	\$\$\$	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•
♦ Sulphur																
A+ Motel & RV Park, 4631 Hwy. 27 S. (337) 583-2631, www.a-plusmotel.com, f	35	\$\$	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•			•	•
America's Best Value Inn, 307 Garrett St. (337) 287-4828	35	\$\$	•	•						•	•	•			•	
Baymont Inn & Suites, 325 Arena Rd. (337) 313-6018	51	\$\$	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•			•	
Best Western PLUS Executive Hotel & Suites, 1200 Pintail Dr., ■ BWSulphur (337) 625-9000, (800) WESTERN, www.bwsulphur.com, ■ @BWPSulphur	67	\$\$	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•			•	•
Candlewood Suites, 320 Arena Rd. (337) 528-5777, (877) 226-3539, www.candlewoodsuites.com,	77	\$\$	•		•	•	•		•	•	•	•			•	
Comfort Suites, 2505 Hwy. 108 S. (337) 625-6448, (877) 424-6423, www.comfortsuites.com	80	\$\$	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•			•	•
Crescent View Lodging, 700 W. Napoleon St. (337) 888-3053, www.crescentviewlodging.com,	21	\$	•							•	•	•			•	
Crossland Economy Studios, 104 Mallard Rd. (337) 625-5923, (800) 398-7829, www.crosslandstudios.com	117	\$\$	•						•	•	•	•			•	
Days Inn Sulphur, 108 Dennis Ave. (337) 312-0108, (800) 329-7466, www.daysinn.com	40	\$	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•			•	

+ Sulphur continued Fairfield Inn & Suites, 2615 Ruth St. (337) 528-2629, (888) 236-2427, www.marriott/LCNSL.com	Rooms 28	S Price Range	• WIFI	 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
Hampton Inn by Hilton Sulphur/Lake Charles Area, 210 Henning Dr. (337) 527-0000, (800) HAMPTON, www.hampton.com,	79	\$\$-\$\$\$	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•			•	•
Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 102 Mallard St. (337) 625-2500, (800) HOLIDAY, www.hiesulphur.com, ♥@HIESulphur, ■	84	\$\$	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•			•	•
Holiday Inn Sulphur, 330 Arena Rd., www.holidayinn.com/sulphurla (337) 527-0858, (800) HOLIDAY, → @HolidayInnSWLA, → ■	97	\$\$	•		•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•
La Quinta Inn, 2600 S. Ruth St. (337) 527-8303, (800) 753-3757, www.lq.com	106	\$\$	•	•	•		•		•	•	•	•			•	
Motel 6, 2022 Ruth St. (337) 527-8146, (800) 466-8356, www.motel6.com	85	\$	•						•		•	•			•	
Quality Suites Sulphur, 320 S. Cities Service Hwy., ♥@QualitySulphur, (337) 626-7000, (800) 424-6423, www.choicehotels.com/hotels/la005	80	\$\$	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•			•	•
Red Roof Inn, 2619 S. Ruth St. (337) 527-1000, ■ @SuperInn	99	\$	•						•		•	•				
Studio 6 Extended Stay, 112 Dennis Ave. (337) 564-5780, www.staystudio6.com	72	\$	•				•		•	•	•	•			•	
Super 8 Sulphur, 101 Mallard Rd. (337) 626-8800, (800) 800-8000, www.super8.com	52	\$	•	•						•	•	•			•	
Wingate by Wyndham, 300 Arena Rd. (337) 527-5151, www.wingatehotels/hotel/08945, ■	82	\$\$	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•			•	•
♦ Westlake Coming Soon: LaQuinta																
Isle of Capri Casino Hotel (Tower), 100 Westlake Ave. (337) 430-2300, (888) ISLE VIP, www.isleofcapricasinos.com, ♥/IsleofCapriLC, ■	253	\$\$-\$\$\$	•			•	•			•	FD	•	•			•
Isle of Capri Casino Hotel (Inn)	240	\$\$-\$\$\$	•			•	•		•	•	FD	FD				
◆ DeQuincy Heritage Place Hotel & Suites, 1028 E. 4th St., (337) 786-2919, www.heritagehotel.com, ■	36	\$\$-\$\$\$			•	•						•				
Red Oak Inn, 1575 West 4th St., (337) 786-3890	16	\$	•						•		•	•			•	
♦ Vinton																
Best Western Casino Inn, 2466 Toomey Rd. (337) 551-6350, www.bestwestern.com,	36	\$-\$\$	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•
Delta Downs Racetrack Casino & Hotel, 2717 Delta Downs Dr. (337) 589-7441, (800) 589-7441, www.DeltaDowns.com, ■	203	\$\$-\$\$\$	•				•	•		•			•			•
Longhorn Travel Plaza Motel, 2374 Hwy. 109 S. (337) 589-5647, www.TexasLonghornComplex.com, y @txlonghornclub, f	23	\$-\$\$	•			•		•			•	•	•		•	Club
◆ Iowa Howard Johnson Express, 107 E. Frontage Rd. (337) 582-2440, (800) 446-4656, www.hojo.com	42	\$	•	•					•	•	•	•			•	
La Quinta Inn & Suites, 204 W. Frontage Rd. (337) 582-2261, (800) 531-5900, www.lq.com	61	\$\$	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•



Kershaw's Cajun Village, 3401 E. Prien Lake Rd., (337) 477-4915 50 \$ Little Lake Charles RV Resort, 4200 Luke Powers Rd., www.littlelakecharles.com 173 \$-\$\$\$ (337) 433-1114, (877) 433-2400, **У**@llcrv, **I**f/LittleLakeCharles Paradise RV Park, 1986 Sam Houston Jones Pkwy. (337) 905-8616, www.paradise-rvpark.com, 43 \$\$ Parkside Marina, 2735 Sam Houston Jones Pkwy, (337) 855-7591 14 Sam Houston Jones State Park, 107 Sutherland Rd. 62 \$-\$\$\$ (337) 855-2665, (888) 677-7264, www.lastateparks.com, **1** Twelve Oaks RV Park, 2736 Conoco St. (337) 439-2916, Fax (337) 564-6252, www.twelveoaksrv.com Twelve Palms RV Park Downtown, 2323 Broad St. 29 \$\$ (337) 419-1806 White Oak Park, 5584 River Rd., (337) 721-3540, www.cppj.net 61

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A+ Motel & RV Park, 4631 Hwy. 27 S. (337) 583-2631, www.a-plusmotel.com,	134	\$\$	•				•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•
Choupique RV Park, 7657 Hwy. 27 S., (337) 583-8439	33	\$	•			•				•			•		•		•	
Hidden Ponds RV Park, 1201 Ravia Rd. (337) 583-4709, www.hiddenpondsrvpark.com, ■	230	\$-\$\$\$	•	•						•			•		•	•	•	•
Holbrook Park, 1868 Holbrook Park Rd., (337) 721-3540, www.cppj.net	13	\$	•		•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•			
Intracoastal Park, 7955 Intracoastal Park Rd., (337) 721-3540, www.cppj.net	28	\$	•		•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•			
Wingate RV Park, 1202 Henning Dr., (337) 625-9541, (337) 563-1820	28	\$\$\$											•		•	•		•
♦ Westlake																		
Bayou Marino, 2200 Carlin Dr., (337) 540-1736, f	30	\$\$	•				•			•			•	•	•		•	•
Lloyd's Country Store, 318 Phillips Rd. (337) 540-3925, www.sealproperties.net,	6	\$											•		•	•	•	
Whispering Meadow RV Park, 3210 Westwood Rd. (337) 433-8188, www.whisperingmeadowrvpark.com, ■	64	\$	•				•			•			•	•	•	•	•	•
♦ DeQuincy																		
Woodlake Park Estates, 1600 West 4th St., (337) 660-4544, www.dequincyrv.com	20	\$\$					•						•		•	•	•	
♦ Vinton																		
Longhorn Truck & Car Plaza, 2374 Hwy 109 S, (337) 589-5647 www.TexasLonghornComplex.com, y @TxLonghornclub, f	7	\$	•							•			•	•	•		•	•
Paradise RV & Cabin Resort, 2466 Toomey Rd., (337) 551-6352 www.paradiservparkvinton.com	80	\$\$-\$\$\$	•	•			•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•
Texas Pelican RV Park, 2219 Old Hwy. 90, (337) 589-5239	34	\$	•							•			•	•	•			
V RV Campground, 1514 Azema St., (337) 589-2300, (866) 589-2300	141	\$	•	•					•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•
*Niblett's Bluff Park, 3409 Niblett's Bluff Rd. Call (337) 436-9588 for details.																		
♦ Iowa																		
Cypress Bend RV Park, 717 N. Thompson Blvd. (337) 582-1722, (877) 409-2784, . .	80	\$\$	•	•			•	•		•		•	•		•	•	•	•
♦ Hayes																		
Lorrain Park, 7803 Lorrain Rd., (337) 721-3540, www.cppj.net	9	\$	•		•	•	•	•			•		•	•	•			
♦ Starks																		
Alligator Park, 5316 Alligator Park Rd., (337) 721-3540, www.cppj.net	8	\$	•		•	•	•	•			•		•	•	•			

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Lake Charles Regional Airport (LCH)

500 Airport Blvd., Lake Charles (337) 477-6051

LCH serves the commercial air travel needs for Southwest Louisiana; Air service is provided by United Airlines & American Airlines; car rentals on site; free parking.



For more information on transportation options, visit www.visitlakecharles.org/transportation.

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





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