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GUIDE

VISIT LAKE CHARLES



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WELCOME Y'ALL

Lake Charles/Southwest Louisiana



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 *Available in multiple languages



* 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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Watch our new
"Meet the Locals" video series at
www.VisitLakeCharles.org/meetlocals



Are you a new resident?
Get oriented!
[VisitLakeCharles.org/
NewInTown](http://VisitLakeCharles.org/NewInTown)

Experience local attractions!
Visit [www.YouTube.com/
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Search **#VisitLakeCharles** on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest, or other social media channels 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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 www.visitlakecharles.org/blog

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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 steeped in history. Visit this link to view all 5 videos: www.VisitLakeCharles.org/Top5Videos

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 29 And check out our Cajun-Fusion Cooking video at www.VisitLakeCharles.org/fusion.



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 pages 8-13.



FAMILY FUN & FESTIVALS

Mardi Gras, Black Heritage Festival, Iowa Rabbit Festival, Westlake Family Fun & Food Festival, Louisiana 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.

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, hands-on displays that are sure to inspire. See page 32-39.

Nature's bounty is in full force in Southwest Louisiana. See page 40 for adventure tourism and page 41 for parks.



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 15.

The area also has a thriving arts scene with live music, galleries, art shows and events. See pages 14-17.



CASINO TIME

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 GlobalSM. 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, 20,000 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 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 places to relax and unwind.

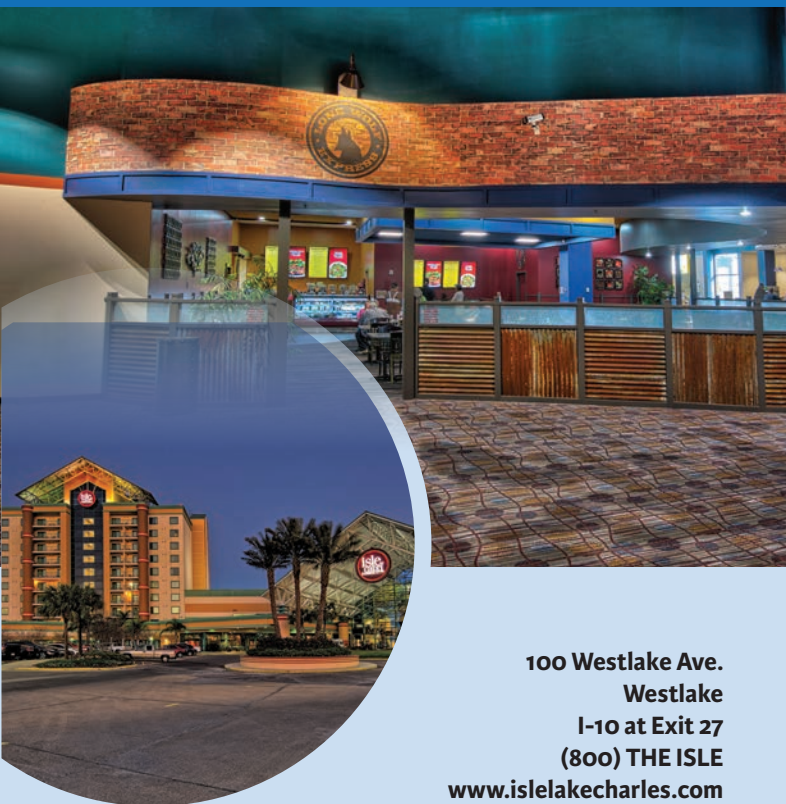


**2550 Golden Nugget Blvd.
Lake Charles
I-210 at Exit 3/Cove Lane
(844) 777-4653
www.GoldenNuggetLC.com**

With Vegas-style gaming and luxurious hospitality, Golden Nugget Lake Charles offers 1,100 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.

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 Lone Wolf bar. After you've worked up an appetite, visit the Lone Wolf Express next door where you'll find a variety of mouth-watering quick dishes. For the poker lovers, come play in our Poker Room located next to our non-smoking section.

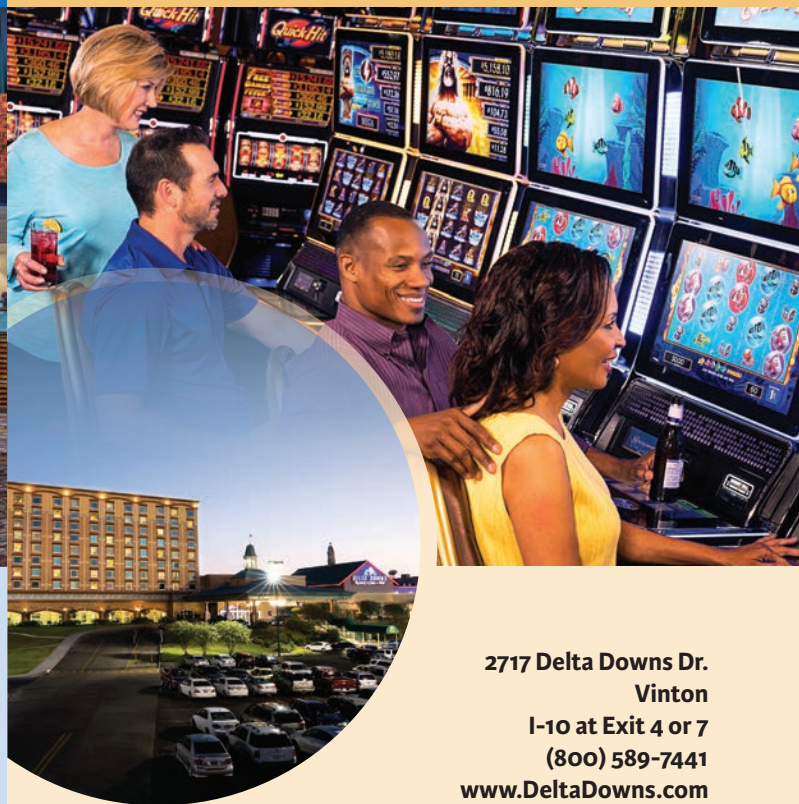


**100 Westlake Ave.
Westlake
I-10 at Exit 27
(800) THE ISLE
www.islelakecharles.com**

The Isle offers 26,000 square feet of gaming space with more than 1,150 slot machines, 34 table games, and 11 poker tables. All three restaurants offer an array of delicious options: Otis & Henry's Bar & Grill, Farmer's Pick Buffet and the Lone Wolf Express. The 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 racing 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 370 guest rooms with a spectacular pool and fitness center. Additional amenities include the Gator Grill, Triple Crown Buffet, and fine dining in Rosewater Grill & Tavern and The Lookout Restaurant, as well as chart-topping entertainment at the Delta Event Center and local entertainers at Gator Lounge.

MUSIC SCENE & NIGHTLIFE

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.



You can also check out music shows at www.VisitLakeCharles.org/livemusic.



ARTS & CULTURE

Southwest Louisiana has a thriving arts community, complete with galleries, museums, performing arts, and more. Our rich cultural history makes art and creativity an intrinsic part of life. For a map of the following cultural districts, see page 67.

- ◆ **Downtown Charlestown District**
- ♣ **Cottage Shops District**
- ♪ **Nellie Lutcher District**



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

◆ **Black Heritage Gallery**
809 Kirby St., Ste. 207
(337) 488-0567
In Historic Central School Arts & Humanities Center
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.

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 several science areas.

Imperial Calcasieu Museum
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. A 1913 steam locomotive, passenger car, 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.

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

Christian Youth Theatre (CYT)

www.cytlakecharles.org

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.



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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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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
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. Where the
locals hang out!

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.

The Brown Bag Cafe

2251 Sam Houston Jones Pkwy.
(337) 244-1686
www.brownbagcafemossbluff.com
A "taste of Americana"! Regional
recipes and dishes brought to you
from all across this great country
of ours!

Buffi's Peaux Boys

3620 Gerstner Memorial Blvd. Ste. H
(337) 656-2883
www.buffispeauxboys.com
Serving New Orleans inspired
gourmet peauxboys, soups, salads
and homemade desserts.

Casa Manana

2510 Ryan St. • (337) 433-4112
www.casamanana.net
Tex-Mex with a Southwest
Louisiana flair!

Charleston Bistro & Bakery

900 Ryan St. • (337) 602-6304
Serving lunch and dinner. Appetizers,
entrees, desserts, full bar, speciality
dessert drinks, large wine selection,
sweet shop, sweet gift boxes, sweet
& sandwich trays and catering.

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.

Dickey's Barbecue Pit

1736 W. Prien Lake Rd.
(337) 419-0088
www.Dickeys.com
Authentic barbecue, smoked low
and slow since 1941.

Gatti's Pizza

3522 Ryan St. • (337) 474-6625
[http://stores.gattispizza.com/](http://stores.gattispizza.com/location/lakecharles)
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
, @GoldenNuggetLC

» Bill's Bar & Burger

Located on the beach. Named
by CNN as "Top Ten Burgers in
America." Featuring burgers and
shakes, breezy cocktails, local
and craft beer.

» The Buffet

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



A complete list of restaurants
can be found at
[www.VisitLakeCharles.org/
restaurants](http://www.VisitLakeCharles.org/restaurants).



» **Cadillac Mexican Kitchen & Tequila Bar**

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

» **Chart House**

Located on the golf course. Fresh fish specialties and slow roasted prime rib. Traditional and local flavors. Dazzling views, unique cuisine, exceptional service.

» **Claim Jumper**

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

» **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.

» **Starbucks**

Choose from a variety of hot and cold coffee and tea beverages. Full range of Starbucks products available.

» **Vic & Anthony's Steakhouse**

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

« **NIGHTLIFE OPTIONS**
(at Golden Nugget Lake Charles)

» **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.

» **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.

L'Auberge Casino Resort

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

» **AsiaSM**

Asian fusion cuisine; Vietnamese favorites; sushi.

» **Ember Grille & Wine Bar**

Savor signature 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 & Grill**

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

» **J.D.s Patio**

Open seasonally. Enjoy JD's 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.

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

« **NIGHTLIFE OPTIONS**
(at L'Auberge Casino Resort)

» **GlobalSM**

Stylish oasis located right in the middle of the casino action.

» **Jack Daniel's® Bar & Grill**

Savory dishes, drink specials and live entertainment Friday & Saturday nights.



Watch our Cajun-fusion
cooking video at
[www.VisitLakeCharles.org/
cajun-fusion](http://www.VisitLakeCharles.org/cajun-fusion)



» **The L Bar**

Elegant and comfortable spot featuring specialty hand-crafted cocktails, regional craft beers and fine wine. Live entertainment Friday & Saturday nights.

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!
 @mamaretakitchen

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.

Pat's of Henderson

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

PG'S Diner

3048 Hwy. 14 • (337) 478-2925
www.pittgrill.com
Burgers, po-boys, plate lunches, full menu all day.

Pitt Grill

606 W. Prien Lake Rd.
(337) 564-6724
www.pittgrill.com
Burgers, po-boys, plate lunches, full menu all day.

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.


The Sloppy Taco

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


Southern Spice Restaurant & Grill

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

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. 

Tia Juanita's Fish Camp

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

Texas Roadhouse

3431 Nelson Rd. • (337) 478-7244
www.texasroadhouse.com
Steakhouse featuring legendary
ribs and made from scratch side
items. 

Toga Grill

4439 Nelson Rd. • (337) 477-4142
www.togagrill.com
Lebanese and Greek cuisine. Visit the
home of homemade cooking. 

Tony's Pizza

335 E. Prien Lake Rd.
(337) 477-1611
www.tonyspizzainc.com
We are family owned, and we are
proud to serve fresh and delicious
Italian food, served in a comfortable
setting. 

Villa Harlequin

324 Pujo St. • (337) 436-6251
www.thevillaonpujo.com
Traditional Italian cuisine, locally
sourced ingredients and the
freshest Gulf seafood. 


Walk On's

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




SULPHUR


B&O Kitchen and Grocery

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

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 nights. 


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.

LeBleu's Landing

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Cajun, seafood, steaks, buffet,
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Weekly seafood, buffets daily.
Senior discounts. 


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Experience the brews of Crying Eagle beers or Acadian Coffee Roasters in addition to the spirits made by Bayou Rum and Yellowfin Vodka, both made with Louisiana sugarcane, on the **Southwest Louisiana Brews & Spirits Trail**. From tastings to entertainment, these stops will add a local twist to your visit! Learn more at www.VisitLakeCharles.org/brews.



Visit our website to find delicious Cajun Recipes!
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Southwest Louisiana Boudin Trail

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.



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.



CREOLE CULTURE

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 CULTURE

What is a Cajun?

- Cajuns were French colonists from eastern Canada 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 IS 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.

CREOLE NATURE TRAIL ADVENTURE POINT

Kick off your Creole Nature Trail journey at 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.



FREE, FUN ATTRACTION!

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

Hours of operation:
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www.AdventurePoint.info



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 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. The many all-natural wonders of the Creole Nature Trail can be viewed right from your vehicle, perfect for all ability levels!

PICK YOUR ADVENTURE:

- 26 miles of natural Gulf beaches for 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!



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.



WILDLIFE REFUGES & OUTDOOR ATTRACTIONS

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.

www.CreoleNatureTrail.org



Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge & Visitors Center

GPS Coordinates: N 29.943344; W 93.08865
1428 Hwy. 27 • (337) 598-2216
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. Open year round.

Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge

GPS Coordinates: N 30.00555; W 92.91091
(337) 774-5923 • Self-guided drive at Lacassine Pool. Located 4 miles south of Hayes on Hwy. 14, and 4.5 miles south on Illinois Plant Rd. Open March 15 - October 15.

Peveto Woods Sanctuary

GPS coordinates: N 29.76110; W 93.60496
LA 82, 8.5 miles west of LA 27/LA 82 intersection (800) 456-7952
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. Open year round.

Pintail Wildlife Drive

GPS Coordinates: N 29.946078; W 93.084828
(337) 598-2216
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 year round.

Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge

GPS Coordinates: N 29.73269; W 92.83146
5476 Grand Chenier Hwy., Grand Chenier • (337) 491-2593
View alligators, shorebirds and wading bird rookery plus great fishing (with appropriate licensing) including Price Lake Nature Drive (open March to December) 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. Open year round.

» Blue Goose Trail

GPS Coordinates: N 29.890783; W 93.400942
1 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. Open year round.





Find additional information
about the more than
180-mile Creole Nature Trail
All-American Road at
www.CreoleNatureTrail.org



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/birdguide.

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: 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 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 Southwestern Louisiana at www.visitlakecharles.org/hunt.

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.



Sam Houston Jones State Park

Calcasieu Parish
boasts numerous facilities
for the outdoors. Visit
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Prien Lake Park

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

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Offers mule-drawn hayrides for
Christmas Tours on Lakeshore Drive,
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PARKS

Bark du Lac Dog Park

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www.cityoflakecharles.com
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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
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Play gyms, swings, a walking
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Community center with activities,
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The Grove at Heritage Square

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

Intracoastal Park

7955 Intracoastal Park Rd., Sulphur
www.cppj.net • Playground, tent
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pavilion, picnic tables, fishing, public
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Lock Park

1535 Ryan St., Lake Charles
www.cityoflakecharles.com
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Millennium Park

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Lake Charles Carriages



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The Country Club at Golden Nugget



National Golf Club of Louisiana



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Gray Plantation Golf Course

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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.

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Mallard Cove Golf Course

I-210 Loop Exit 10A, Lake Charles
On the former Chennault Airbase

(337) 491-1204

www.cityoflakecharles.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 of Louisiana

1400 National Dr., Westlake

(337) 433-2255

www.nationalgclca.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.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

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. For a map of the following cultural districts, see page 66.

- ◆ **Downtown Charlestown District**
- ♣ **Cottage Shops District**



Veteran's Memorial Park



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and take the tour of your choice!
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Experience the
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DeQuincy Railroad Museum

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.



Margaret Place House



Lakefront Promenade

ATTRACTIONS FOR HISTORY BUFFS

◆ Lakefront Promenade

The Lakefront Promenade boasts a 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.



1911 Historic City Hall



Millennium Statue

See maps of Southwest Louisiana's six cities on **page 66**.



Calcasieu Parish Courthouse



Louisiana Pirate Festival

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.

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.

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.

◆ **Downtown Charlestown District** See map on page 67



LAKE CHARLES

Adventure Cove

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(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.

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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 15.

Cinemark Movie Bistro

3416 Derek Drive • (337) 477-3913

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 15. **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 15.

◆ 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-foot-long 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.

Tabby Town – Club Tabby

1427 W. Prien Lake Rd
(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. and boy dept. **f**

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

Bayou Games

681 Kim St. • (337) 214-5001
www.bayougamesusa.com
Offers a 31-acre paintball complex, laser tag, educational & athletic games and more! **f**

Brimstone Museum Complex

900 S. Huntington • (337) 527-0357
www.brimstonemuseum.org
See page 15.

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.thequadllc.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 15. **f**

DeQuincy Railroad Park

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

DeQuincy Skate Park

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

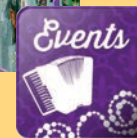
DeQuincy Town Hall Museum

218 East Fourth St.
(337) 786-6451
See page 15.



FESTIVALS & 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.



Download the Lake Charles/
Southwest Louisiana
FREE Events App today!

The Events App allows you to access the calendar of events so you'll know what is happening in Southwest Louisiana no matter where you are.



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: 2020 February 25 • 2021 February 16 • 2022 March 1

LOUISIANA PIRATE FESTIVAL

Early May

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.louisianapiratefestival.com

SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA CULTURAL FESTIVALS

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

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

April

- Banners Series, McNeese State University
- Louisiana Railroad Days Festival
- Westlake Family Fun and Food Festival
- Downtown Lake Charles Crawfish Festival

May

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

June

- Catch a Concert
- Gulf Coast Shrimp & Jazz Festival

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
- Chuck Fest
- Rouge et Blanc
- Vinton Heritage Festival
- ArtsFest
- Culture Fest

November

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

December

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



Chuck Fest



Louisiana Pirate Festival

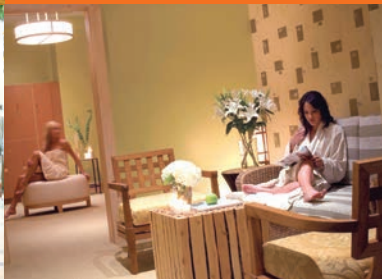
SHOPPING & SPAS

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!

◆ **Downtown Charlestown District** See map on page 67



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



SHOPPING LAKE CHARLES

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. **f**

◆ 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. **f**

◆ 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. **f**

Cedar Chest Antiques

210 W. Division St. • (337) 564-5646
www.cedarchestantiques.com
Rated one of Louisiana's best antique stores by *BestThingsLA.com*. **f**

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. **f**

Tabby Town—Club Tabby

1427 W. Prien Lake Rd. • (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. and boy dept. **f**

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.

Prien Lake Mall

496 W. Prien Lake Rd.
(337) 477-7411 • www.simon.com
DICK's Sporting Goods, Dillard's, JCPenny, Kohl's and Cinemark 14, featuring all digital technology and stadium seating. More than 80 specialty shops! **f** **t** **@Prienlakemall**

Recent Relics Antiques & Collectibles

416 Broad St. • (337) 794-3775
Antiques, shabby chic, vintage collectibles and fine jewelry. **f**

The Shops at Golden Nugget Lake Charles

Essentials Gift Shop, Chocolate Box, Style & Trend, Nineteen 46, Aqua, Luxe, Riveted, Memento, Country Club Pro Shop • 2550 Golden Nugget Blvd. • (337) 508-7777
Visit www.goldennuggetlc.com for hours of operation. Enjoy exciting boutique shopping at one of our featured shops here at the Golden Nugget Lake Charles. **f** **t**

The Shops at L'Auberge Casino Resort

Stiletto, So Mar, Modele, Contraband Bayou Golf Club Pro Shop, Karma Boutique, Studs of L'Auberge, Sundries, The Floral Shop
777 Avenue L'Auberge; (337) 395-7777
Visit www.mylauberge.com for hours of operation. Unique men's and women's fashion, accessories, gifts, flowers and more. **f**

Yoga Center of Lake Charles

321 Broad St. • (337) 497-0017
www.yogalakecharles.com
Neighborhood yoga studio established in 1998. Discover your mind, body & breath.
f **t** **@yogalakecharles**

DEQUINCY

Nichols Dry Goods

915 E. Fourth St. • (337) 786-8538
www.nichols-stores.com
A unique shopping experience—sporting goods, gifts, home décor and so much more! **f**

SULPHUR

Flock of Five Gift & Art Emporium

217 E. Thomas St. • (337) 476-5096
www.aflockoffive.com
7,000 square feet of unique handcrafted wares by local artisans. **f**

SALONS & SPAS LAKE CHARLES

1740 Barbier

777 Avenue L'Auberge • (337) 395-7116
www.mylauberge.com
Full-service barbershop including shaves, haircuts and whiskey.

Golden Nugget Spa & Salon

2550 Golden Nugget Blvd.
(337) 508-4005
www.goldennuggetlc.com
Luxurious spa with 10 treatment rooms, full service salon & boutique. Relax and soak out the stress in the sauna, whirlpool or steam room. Appointments recommended. **f** **t**

Scarborough's Salon & Day Spa

3600 Plaza 1 Nelson Rd.
(337) 474-3030
www.scarboroughhssalon.com
scarboroughhssalon@yahoo.com
Lake Charles premiere salon & day spa. Over 100 services. 5 star service and atmosphere at affordable pricing. Convenient location. **f** **t**

Spa du LacSM

777 Avenue L'Auberge • (337) 395-7768
www.mylauberge.com
Full-service spa including massages, hair, manicures, pedicures, gym, jacuzzi and dry sauna. Appointments recommended; walk-ins welcome. **f**

















The Barbershop & Shoe Shine at the Golden Nugget

2550 Golden Nugget Blvd.
(337) 508-4121
www.goldennuggetlc.com
Full-service barbershop offering boy's and men's haircuts, shaves and shoe shines.

WHERE TO STAY

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HOTELS & MOTELS LAKE CHARLES

	Number of Rooms	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	Shuttles: (A-Airport, C-Casino)	Laundry	Meeting Space
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	\$\$	●	●	●		●			●	●	●		C	●	
Best Western Bayou Inn & Suites 1320 MLK Hwy. N., (337) 990-5325, (800) 780-7234, www.bestwestern.com , 	55	\$\$	●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●			●	
Best Western PLUS Prien Lake Inn & Suites 1245 E. Prien Lake Rd., (337) 477-5900,  /bestwesternplusprien,  @BWPrienLake www.bestwestern.com/PLUSPrienLakeInnandSuites	69	\$\$-\$\$\$	●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●			●	●
Candlewood Suites 1105 W. Prien Lake Rd., (337) 478-8008, www.candlewoodsuites.com , 	83	\$\$	●		●	●			●	●	●	●			●	
Comfort Inn , 607 E. Prien Lake Rd., (337) 478-4650, (877) 424-6423 www.choicehotels.com/hotels/la187 ,  @comfortinnLCH, 	71	\$\$	●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●			●	
Comfort Suites , 1016 N. MLK Hwy 171 N., (337) 436-6400, www.choicehotels.com/hotel/la165	70	\$\$	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●			●	●
Courtyard by Marriott Lake Charles 2995 L'Auberge Blvd., (337) 477-5020, www.marriott.com/lchcy	110	\$\$\$	●		●	●	●			●	●	●	●	C	●	●
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, 	1,100	\$\$\$	●		●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●		●	●
Hampton Inn , 3175 Holly Hill Rd., (337) 480-644, www.hamptoninn3.hilton.com , 	82	\$\$\$	●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●		C	●	●
Holiday Inn & Suites Lake Charles , 2940 Lake St., (337) 310-7700 (800) HOLIDAY, www.holidayinn.com ,  /HolidayInnLC, 	120	\$\$\$	●		●	●	●			●	●	●	●		●	●
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lake Charles South Casino Area 1150 W. Prien Lake Rd., (337) 564-6877, (800) HOLIDAY, www.hiexpress.com/lcharlessouth	92	\$\$-\$\$\$	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●			●	●
Holiday Inn Express & Suites 402 N. MLK Hwy., (337) 491-6600, (800) HOLIDAY, www.hiexpress.com	81	\$\$-\$\$\$	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●			●	●
Home2 Suites by Hilton 1200 W. Prien Lake Rd., (337) 990-5330, www.home2suites.hilton.com , 	87	\$\$	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●			●	
Howard Johnson Inn , 825 Broad St., (337) 436-4311, (800) 446-4656, www.hojo.com	40	\$\$	●	●			●				●	●			●	
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 ,  /LAubergeLC, 	1,000	\$\$\$	●		●	●	●		●				●		●	●
Motel 6 , 921 N. MLK Hwy. 171, (337) 491-1000, www.motel6.com	58	\$	●				●		●	●	●	●				
Motel 6 on the Bayou 1101 W. Prien Lake Rd., (337) 474-5151, (800) 642-2968, www.motel6.com	102	\$	●				●		●		●	●			●	
Oasis Inn , 1000 N. Lakeshore Dr., (337) 494-7270	60	\$	●						●		●	●			●	

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Quality Inn & Suites 3211 Venture Park Dr., (337) 480-0898, (800) 424-6423, www.choicehotels.com , 	67	\$\$	•	•	•		•	•		•	•	•				•	
Quality Suites , 401 Lakeshore Dr., (337) 439-2444, www.choicehotels.com , 	111	\$-\$\$	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•	•
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, 	120	\$\$	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•				•	•
Scottish Inn & Suites , 2700 Broad St., (337) 433-8291	81	\$	•	•			•				•	•				•	
SpringHill Suites by Marriott 1551 W. Prien Lake Rd., (337) 474-1112, (888) 287-9400, www.marriott.com/lchsh , 	108	\$\$	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•				•	•
Staybridge Suites Lake Charles 1100 W. Prien Lake Rd., (337) 477-7474, www.staybridge.com/lakecharlesla , 	106	\$\$	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•				•	•
Studio 6 , 2607 Admiral King St., (337) 602-6475, www.staystudio6.com	51	\$	•						•	•	•	•				•	
Sunrise Inn , 5390 U.S. Hwy. 90 E., (337) 437-8339	90	\$	•								•					•	
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., (337) 477-1606, (800) 800-8000 www.super8.com/lakecharles ,  @Super8LCH, 	59	\$	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•				•	
Super 10 , 335 MLK Hwy., (337) 433-1773	80	\$	•				•		•		•	•					
TownePlace Suites by Marriott Lake Charles 2985 L'Auberge Blvd., (337) 477-5824, www.marriott.com , 	120	\$\$\$	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•			C	•	•
Tru by Hilton , 1220 W. Prien Lake Rd., (337) 564-6878, trulakecharles.trubyhilton.com , 	98	\$\$	•	•	•	•						•			C		
Wingate by Wyndham , 1731 W. Prien Lake Rd., (337) 502-5112, www.wingatehotels.com , 	77	\$\$	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			A C	•	•
WoodSpring Suites Lake Charles 3202 N. Power Centre Pkwy., (337) 564-6966, www.woodspring.com	124	\$	•						•	•	•	•				•	

SULPHUR

A+ Motel & RV Park , 4631 Hwy. 27 S., (337) 583-2631, www.a-plusmotel.com , 	35	\$\$	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•				•	•
America's Best Value Inn , 307 Garrett St., (337) 287-4828	35	\$	•	•						•	•	•				•	
Baymont Inn & Suites , 325 Arena Rd., (337) 313-6018, www.baymontinns.com	51	\$\$	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•				•	
Best Western PLUS Executive Hotel & Suites , 1200 Pintail St., (337) 625-9000, (800) WESTERN, www.bwsulphur.com ,  /BWSulphur,  @BWPSulphur	67	\$\$	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•				•	•
Candlewood Suites 320 Arena Rd., (337) 528-5777, (877) 226-3539, www.candlewoodsuites.com , 	77	\$\$	•		•	•	•		•	•	•	•				•	
Comfort Suites , 2505 S. Cities Service Hwy., (337) 625-6448, (877) 424-6423, www.comfortsuites.com	80	\$\$	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•				•	•
Crescent View Lodging 700 W. Napoleon St., (337) 888-3053, www.crescentviewlodging.com , 	21	\$	•							•	•	•				•	
Days Inn Sulphur 108 Dennis Ave., (337) 312-0108, (800) 329-7466, www.wyndhamhotels.com/days-inn	40	\$	•	•			•	•		•	•	•				•	

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SULPHUR (CONTINUED)

	Number of Rooms	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	Shuttles: (A-Airport, C-Casino)	Laundry	Meeting Space
Days Inn Sulphur - West 2600 S. Ruth St., (337) 527-8303, (800) 753-3757, www.daysinn.com	106	\$\$	•	•			•			•	•	•			•	
Fairfield Inn & Suites , 2615 Ruth St., (337) 528-2629, (888) 236-2427, www.marriott.com/LCHSL	78	\$\$	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•			•	
Hampton Inn by Hilton Sulphur/Lake Charles Area , 210 Henning Dr. (337) 527-0000, (800) HAMPTON, www.sulphur.hamptoninn.com, Twitter @hampton_sulphur, Facebook	79	\$\$-\$\$\$	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•			•	•
Holiday Inn (to be DoubleTree by Hilton 2Q 2020) , 330 Arena Rd., (337) 527-0858 www.hilton.com, Facebook	97	\$\$	•		•	•	•			•	•	•	•		•	•
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Sulphur (Lake Charles) , 102 Mallard St. (337) 625-2500, (800) HOLIDAY, www.hiesulphur.com, Twitter @HIESulphur, Facebook	84	\$\$	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•			•	•
Home Towne Studios , 104 Mallard Rd., (337) 625-5923, (800) 398-7829	117	\$	•						•	•	•	•			•	
HomeTel Inn , 2033 Ruth St., (337) 888-3226	47	\$	•						•		•	•			•	
Motel 6 , 2022 Ruth St., (337) 527-8146, (800) 466-8356, www.motel6.com	85	\$	•						•		•	•			•	
Quality Suites Sulphur , 320 S. Cities Service Hwy., (337) 626-7000 (800) 424-6423, www.choicehotels.com/hotels/la005, Twitter @QualitySulphur, Facebook	80	\$\$	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•			•	•
Red Roof Inn , 2619 S. Ruth St., (337) 527-1000, Facebook	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, Facebook	82	\$\$	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•			•	•

WESTLAKE

Isle of Capri Casino Hotel (Tower) , 100 Westlake Ave., (337) 430-2300 (888) ISLE VIP, www.islelakecharles.com, Twitter /IsleofCapriLC, Facebook	253	\$\$-\$\$\$	•			•	•		•	•	FD	•	•			•
Isle of Capri Casino Hotel (Inn) See above.	240	\$\$-\$\$\$	•			•	•		•	•	FD	FD				
LaQuinta Inn & Suites Westlake 1008 Sampson St., (337) 660-2525, www.lq.com/Westlake	69	\$\$-\$\$\$	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•			•	•
The Mulberry Hotel , 917 Mulberry St., (337) 214-1677, www.mulberrywestlake.com, Facebook	37	\$\$	•	•	•	•				•	•	•			•	•

DEQUINCY

Heritage Place Hotel & Suites 1028 4th. St, (337) 786-2919, www.heritagehotel.com, Facebook	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, Facebook	36	\$-\$\$	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•
Cobblestone Inn & Suites 2002 Cobblestone Dr., (337) 589-9420, www.staycobblestone.com, Facebook	45	\$\$	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•			•	•
Delta Downs Racetrack Casino & Hotel 2717 Delta Downs Dr., (337) 589-7441, (800) 589-7441, www.DeltaDowns.com, Facebook	370	\$\$-\$\$\$	•			•	•	•		•		•	•			•
Longhorn Travel Plaza Motel , 2374 Hwy. 109 S., (337) 589-5647 www.TexasLonghornComplex.com, Twitter @txlonghornclub, Facebook	23	\$-\$\$	•			•		•	•		•	•	•		•	Club

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Howard Johnson Express 107 E. Frontage Rd., (337) 582-2440, (800) 446-4656, www.hojo.com	41	\$	●	●					●	●	●	●			●
La Quinta Inn & Suites , 204 W. Frontage Rd., (337) 582-2261, (800) 531-5900, www.lq.com	61	\$\$	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			● ●



CAMPGROUNDS & RV PARKS LAKE CHARLES

	Number of Spaces	Price Range	Bathouse	Cabins	Primitive Sites	Boat Launch	Picnic Sites	Barbeque Pits	Swimming Pool	Laundry	Pavilion/Clubhouse	Playground	Sewer/Water	Dumping Station	Electricity	Cable	WiFi	Credit Cards Accepted
Bayou Oaks RV Park , 3403 Broad St., (337) 602-6043, www.bayouoaksvrpark.com	54	\$\$	●				●	●		●			●		●	●	●	●
Big Lake RV Park , 8630 Big Lake Rd., (337) 794-8396, www.biglakervpark.com , f	50	\$\$\$	●				●			●	●		●		●		●	
Cooling Springs RV Resort , 5501 Hwy 90 E., (337) 433-4187, www.coolingproperties.com	39	\$\$	●		●		●			●			●	●	●	●	●	●
Five Oaks RV Park , 6336 E. Opelousas St., (337) 497-0025, f	33	\$	●							●			●	●	●		●	●
Gates at McNeese 2130 E. McNeese St., (337) 244-8048, www.lakecharlestrailercommunity.com , f	170	\$\$	●							●			●		●		●	●
I-10 RV Resort , 583 I-10 Mobile Village Rd., (337) 433-2077, www.i10resort.com	65	\$	●						●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●
Jean LaFitte RV Park , 2101 Pujol Rd., (337) 439-2080	72	\$								●			●	●	●		●	●
K&P RV Park , 7874 Nelson Rd., (337) 304-1552	21	\$	●							●			●		●		●	●
Kershaw's Cajun Village , 3401 E. Prien Lake Rd., (337) 477-4915	50	\$			●								●	●	●	●	●	
Little Lake Charles RV Resort , 4200 Luke Powers Rd., (337) 433-1114, (877) 433-2400 www.littlelakecharles.com , @llcrv , f /LittleLakeCharles	420	\$-\$\$\$	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●		●	●
Osprey Lakes RV Park , 7143 Big Lake Rd., (337) 377-0442, www.ospreylakesrv.com	93	\$	●				●			●	●		●		●	●	●	●
Paradise RV Park , 1986 Sam Houston Jones Pkwy., (337) 905-8616, www.paradise-rvpark.com , f	43	\$\$	●							●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●
Paradise RV Park 2 , 165 Reeves Rd., 337-905-8616, www.paradise-rvpark.com , f	45	\$	●							●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●
Parkside Marina , 2735 Sam Houston Jones Pkwy., (337) 855-7591	14	\$				●	●	●		●	●		●	●	●	●		●
Sam Houston Jones State Park 107 Sutherland Rd., (337) 855-2665, (888) 677-7264, www.lastateparks.com , f	39	\$-\$\$\$	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Spacious Living RV Park , 3066 Hwy. 3059, (337) 669-4865, (337) 842-6432	18	\$	●							●			●		●		●	●
Twelve Oaks RV Park 2736 Conoco St., (337) 439-2916, Fax (337) 564-6252, www.twelveoaksvr.com	107	\$	●						●	●	●		●		●	●	●	●
Twelve Palms RV Park Downtown , 2323 Broad St., (337) 419-1806	29	\$\$	●				●			●	●		●		●	●	●	●
White Oak Park , 5584 River Rd., (337) 721-3540, www.cppj.net	8	\$	●		●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●			●
SULPHUR																		
A+ Motel & RV Park , 4631 Hwy. 27 S., (337) 583-2631, www.a-plusmotel.com , f	134	\$\$	●				●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●
Calcasieu River RV Park , 1080 Edward Rd., (337) 842-1631, www.crrvpark.com , f	11	\$	●			●				●			●		●		●	




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Choupique RV Park, 7657 Hwy. 27 S., (337) 583-8439	33	\$	●							●			●		●		●	●
Civeo Acadian Acres, 2010 Patton St., (337) 625-2224	115	\$					●	●		●	●		●	●	●		●	●
Hidden Ponds RV Park 1201 Ravia Rd., (337) 583-4709, www.hiddenpondsrvpark.com, 	250	\$-\$\$\$	●	●						●			●		●	●	●	●
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	\$	●		●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●			●
Maplewood Place RV Park, 400 Arvel Loop, (337) 888-3002, www.maplewoodplacepark.com, 	199	\$	●							●			●	●	●		●	●
Wingate RV Park, 1202 Henning Dr., (337) 625-9541, (337) 563-1820	28	\$\$\$											●		●	●		●





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Bayou Marino, 2200 Carlin Dr., (337) 540-1736, 	31	\$\$	●				●			●			●		●		●	●
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	\$\$					●			●			●		●	●	●	
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Bender Oaks RV Park, 1984 Frontage Rd., (337) 244-1339, www.benderoaksrv.com, 	50	\$	●							●			●	●	●		●	●
Cajun Oasis RV Resort, 3380 Sandpit Rd., (337) 589-8111, www.cajunoasis.com, 	20	\$\$						●	●	●	●		●		●		●	●
Longhorn Truck & Car Plaza, 2374 Hwy 109 S., (337) 589-5647 www.TexasLonghornComplex.com,  @TxLonghornclub, 	13	\$								●			●		●		●	●
Niblett's Bluff Park, 3409 Niblett's Bluff Rd., (337) 589-7117, www.niblettssbluffpark.com	52	\$	●		●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Paradise RV & Cabin Resort, 2466 Toomey Rd., (337) 551-6352, www.paradiservparkvinton.com	105	\$\$-\$\$\$	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
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	\$	●	●					●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●

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Blue Heron RV Park, 601 W. Hwy. 90, (337) 508-0600, www.blueheronrv.com, 	50	\$\$	●							●			●		●		●	●
Cypress Bend RV Park, 717 N. Thompson Blvd., (337) 582-1722, (877) 409-2784, 	80	\$\$	●	●			●	●		●		●	●		●	●	●	●

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Lorrain Park, 7803 Lorrain Rd., (337) 721-3540, www.cppj.net	9	\$	●		●	●	●	●			●		●	●	●			●
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Alligator Park, 5316 Alligator Park Rd., (337) 721-3540, www.cppj.net	8	\$	●		●	●	●	●			●		●	●	●			●
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City Bus Transportation

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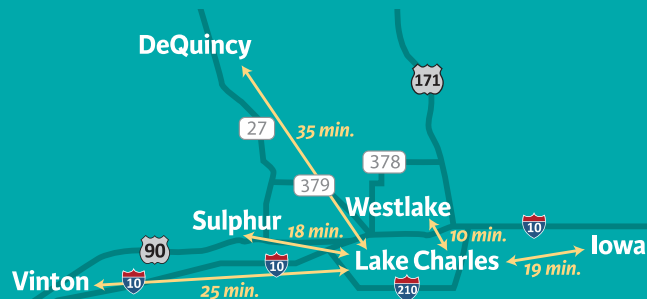
Lake Charles Regional Airport (LCH)

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.

MAPS

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.



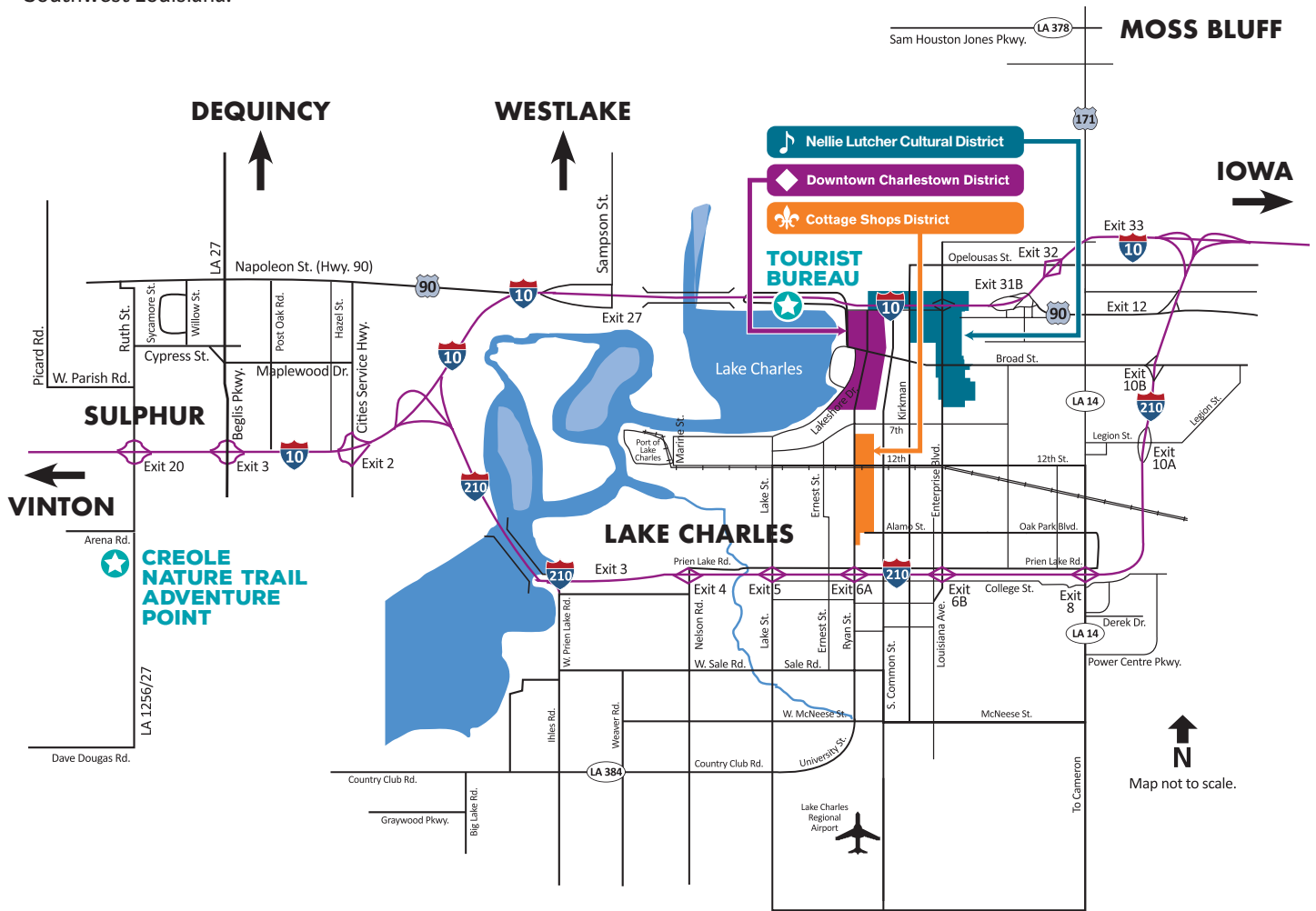
DRIVING DISTANCE TO LAKE CHARLES

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- Shreveport187 miles
- New Orleans..... 218 miles
- Austin..... 272 miles
- Mobile 320 miles
- San Antonio 341 miles
- Destin..... 432 miles

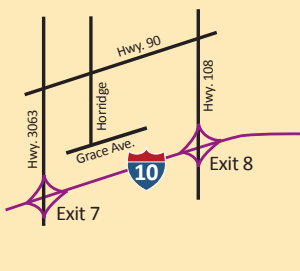


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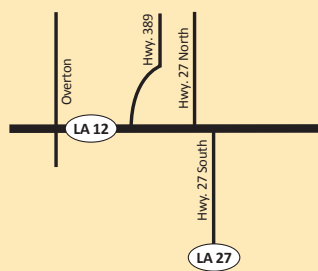
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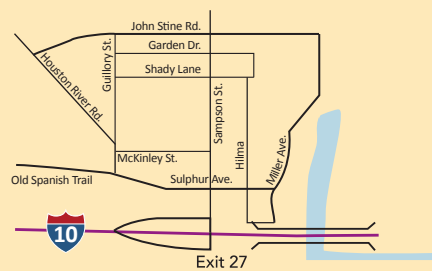
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