



Full of Outdoor Adventures

Remember – these are just ideas. Enjoy your visit your way!

DAY 1

Plan ahead and schedule a personalized eco tour with either **Grosse Savanne Eco-Tours**, an exhilarating ride through the marsh with **Airboats & Alligators**, or a charter trip with one of Southwest Louisiana’s **professional fishing guides**. These adventures take you outside the city limits into heart of the area’s marshes and waterways; plan to drive 30-60 minutes before reaching your destination. Being in the midst of quiet and serene surroundings, you’ll quickly discover why Louisiana is called “Sportsman’s Paradise.” **Estimated Activity Time: 1 – 5 hours**

If you’d rather more urban, outdoor adventures, hit the waterways with a paddle board or kayak rentals from **Paddle Up, LLC**, and navigate through Prien Lake or the Calcasieu River. We recommend late afternoon/evening trips to experience the beauty and solitude of a Louisiana sunset. **Estimated Activity Time: 2-3 hours**

For fun on the waterways with less paddling, rent a pontoon boat from **Redneck Yacht Rentals** and tour the Lake Charles lakefront. **Estimated Activity Time: 4-8 hours**

DAY 2

Remain one with nature with a drive along the **Creole Nature Trail All-American Road**. View alligators, over 400 bird species and marshlands teeming with life, as you travel along the Creole Nature Trail All-American Road. The trail also offers 26 miles of natural Gulf of Mexico beaches as well as fishing and crabbing areas. Start your Creole Nature Trail journey at the **Creole Nature Trail Adventure Point** (open 7 days/week) in Sulphur. **(Click here for detailed Creole Nature Trail itineraries)**

Visit one of the local **food stops** along the trail for a down home, Cajun lunch or stock up on a variety of homemade specialties for a **beach picnic** before hitting the trail. While at the beach be on the lookout for **seashells**. If you’re lucky you might even find a “sea bean” – a pod carried all the way from Central and South American forests.

Afterwards, try your hand at **crabbing**. With just a few supplies that can be found at local bait shops, you’ll be catching crabs like a pro. Louisiana blue crabs are easy to catch, and the whole family can enjoy. **Estimated Activity Time: 4-5 hours (including 1 hour for lunch)**

DAY 3

Conclude your weekend excursion with a trip to the trails or secluded rivers of **Sam Houston State Jones Park**. Abundant in wildlife, it is a fantastic location for wildlife watching. If you have access to a

boat, the numerous waterways are perfect for water sports. If not, visit **Lloyd's Country Store** to rent a kayak. **Estimated Activity Time: 1 – 3 hours**

Head out on one of the park's three hiking trails that cut through 1,000 acres of forest. Trail options vary for leisure and serious hikers. The park also features a disc golf course. **Estimated Activity Time: 1 – 3 hours**

Return from the wilderness to explore downtown on a bicycle with a rental from **Lake City Board and Bikes, LLC** or hop a horse drawn **carriage ride** through the historic district. After a full day of exploration, treat yourself to a delicious meal at one of our **Top 20 restaurants** – many even have outdoor seating. **Estimated Activity Time: 1 – 2 hours**