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THE NORTSHORE

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Points of Interest

Northshore towns offer great getaway opportunities. **Historic downtown Covington** is home to numerous fine arts galleries, shops, restaurants, the boutique **Southern Hotel**, B&Bs and music venues. The quaint **Olde Towne Slidell** boasts an array of public murals, eateries, art galleries and antique shops. Dine with a view along the **Mandeville** lakefront or the banks of the Tchefuncte River in **Madisonville**. The wacky **Abita Mystery House**, live music at the **Abita Opry** and fun festivals delight visitors to **Abita Springs**. Beer lovers will enjoy visits to the tap room of the **Abita Brewing Company** and **Chafunkta Brewing Company**, while wine enthusiasts will want to visit **Wild Bush Farm & Vineyard**.

The **Honey Island Swamp** can be explored via several tour operators who take the curious on a deep dive into this unique and pristine environment. Visitors observe alligators in their natural habitat, as well as a wide variety of bird life, deer and wild boar from the safety of large, covered boats. Native guides share swamp lore, history and ecological information.

History can be explored in the ruins of an 1829 sugar mill at **Fontainebleau State Park**, at the **Otis House at Fairview-Riverside State Park**, **Maritime Museum Louisiana**, **Mandeville's Historic Marker Tour** and **HJ Smith's Son General Store and Museum** in downtown Covington.

Kids and their parents will love **Global Wildlife Center**, the largest free-roaming wildlife park of its kind in the country, featuring 2,500 exotic and endangered animals on 900 savanna-like acres. Other kid-friendly venues include **Insta-Gator Ranch**, where you can learn about and even touch alligators; swamp tours; nature trails and boardwalks; splash pads and playgrounds; and a skateboard park.



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Three Interstates Intersect

854 Square Miles

St. Tammany Parish

24-Mile Long Causeway Bridge

Location

North Shore of Lake Pontchartrain
Two bridges connect to New Orleans

The Twin Spans from Slidell to New Orleans

The Causeway connecting Mandeville and Metairie

An hour's drive from
Baton Rouge
Mississippi Gulf Coast
New Orleans



Climate

Average annual temperature in St. Tammany Parish is 67 ° F, 50° F in January and 81 °F in July.

Airport

The Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY) is the closest major airport to St. Tammany Parish. Major carriers that fly to the area include American Airlines, United, Delta Airlines and others.

Annual Events

SPRING

Crawfish Festival
Louisiana Bicycle Festival
Great Louisiana Bird Festival

SUMMER

Tammany Taste of Summer
Heritage Festival
Crab Festival

FALL

Three Rivers Art Festival
Wooden Boat Festival
Bluesberry Festival
St. Tammany Parish Fair

WINTER

Christmas Festivals
Mardi Gras

New and Noteworthy

Restaurants: The Pink Agave, The Gloriette, GilliGil's Island, Crumbl Cookies, Triple Nickle Grill, Odelia Café, Tavi.

Attractions: Wild Bush Farm & Vineyard; Covington Beer Garden, Altitude Trampoline Park, Louisiana Tours & Adventures tour expansions for film industry; Far Horizons Collective-Art Gallery.

Coming Soon: Southern Hotel expanding, adding 24 new rooms and spa.

Lake Life

There's a certain serenity that living life by the lake brings. The magnificent Lakeshore Drive lines the location with stunning aspirational mansions, some passed down in families for hundreds of years. Others have been recently restored to a magnitude of dreams. Walking paths lead the way for families with strollers, dogs on an adventure, and hand-in-hand sunset strolls. You'll also find playgrounds with laughing children plus a beach to soak up the sun on summer days or can sit and hear a man playing the fiddler by the banks. Canopying, hundred-year-old live oaks shade wooden hand-crafted swings perched perfectly for enjoying sunrises with coffee and cool breezes overlooking the dancing waters.

Sailboats are sprinkled along the horizon, taking off from the nearby **Pontchartrain Yacht Club** with experienced seaman and those excited for a unique sailing charter experience on board. On the water, you can also find paddleboarders taking advantage of the calm waters and fishermen hoping for today's catch.

Restaurants overlooking the lake are filled with patrons and fresh seafood menus created by world-renowned chefs. Dive bars and pubs serving local craft selections have bartops from which to watch the sun slip down behind the Causeway Bridge.

The lakefront blocks of old Mandeville feature historic homes converted to local shops, eateries and businesses. People travel from near and far to enjoy the joie de vivre on the Lakefront, roosting up in a historic refurbished bed and breakfast like **De La Bleu** for the full experience of lake life in Mandeville, Louisiana.

Tammany Taste

The Northshore has a rich and diverse culinary scene, ranging from restaurants to farmers' markets, pick-your-own blueberry farms, cheesemakers and breweries. The parish is home to award-winning chefs like Pat Gallagher, who operates three eponymous restaurants in Slidell, Covington and Mandeville as well as **Pat's Rest Awhile** on the Mandeville lakefront.

Other fine dining restaurants such as **The Gloriette, Tchefuncte's, Dakota, Sal & Judy's, Del Porto** and **Lola** delight. Louisiana comfort food – poboys, boiled and fried seafood, Cajun, Creole and Italian specialties – is everywhere, served in family-run joints like **Middendorf's**, rich in heritage. Dine al fresco with a view of the lake, bayou or river at plenty of places including **The Anchor, The Chimes, Palmettos on the Bayou, The Blue Crab**, or **Rips on the Lake**.

Olde Towne, New Feel

Olde Towne Slidell is a recently revitalized area, home to public murals, restaurants, galleries, antiques and gift shops, and hosts semi-annual antique fairs. They're not stopping there. They have big plans on the horizon, including redevelopment of the waterfront, Heritage Park and Main Street areas to better connect the community for pedestrians and cyclists to enjoy. There's more than ever to explore in Olde Towne including the **Old Town Soda Shop** and their new miniature golf adventure area, **The Arcade on Carey, Green Oaks Apothecary, Whiskey & Ashe**, and **Olde Towne Pizza Company**.

Soft Outdoor Adventure

Soft adventure is plentiful in the parish, with opportunities for kayaking, tubing, fishing, paddleboarding, birdwatching and hiking. From **Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuge** to **Northlake Nature Center** to the Nature Conservancy's **Abita Creek Flatwoods Preserve**, nature is pristine and accessible on the Northshore. Gear – including bicycles, kayaks, paddleboards and fishing equipment – can be rented in several locations.

St. Tammany Parish



St. Tammany Parish, draped across the northern shore of Lake Pontchartrain, is just 45 minutes from New Orleans' French Quarter. The Northshore is an easy escape where visitors enjoy soft adventure on 80,000 acres of green spaces and waterways, a thriving culinary scene and cultural experiences. Picturesque towns, quirky festivals, lively music venues and one-of-a-kind shopping give the parish an overall feel-good vibe.



Fun Facts

- The Northshore has been shaped by geography and by the diverse peoples who have called it home, including mound-building Native Americans; Europeans who came in the 1700s; and African Americans, many of them free people of color.
- The parish passed between French, Spanish and British governments and was, for 74 eventful days, part of the rebellious Republic of West Florida until Louisiana became a state in 1812.
- New Orleanians have considered the Northshore a getaway since the 1880s, when steamboats brought them across the lake to stay in resorts where the deep-spring water was reputed to cure ills and calm nerves. Today, that spring water still is the source for the area's best-known product, Abita Beer.
- The Northshore is home to the **Dew Drop Jazz Hall**, the oldest unaltered jazz hall in the world.
- The 24-mile-long Causeway is the world's longest continuously over-water bridge.
- Louisiana's first rails-to-trails hike/bike path, the **Tammany Trace**, is a 31-mile paved path through the Northshore, connecting five towns and scenic green spaces.



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