Explore New Orleans: City Park, Historic Esplanade Ave, the French Quarter & more!

Make the most of your self-guided bike tour with simple turn-by-turn directions and points of interest.



Alphabetically listed yellow diamond graphics indicate Points of Interest.



Numbered violet circles correspond to **Turn by Turn Directions** (see map).

Points of Interest (see map, inside panels)

A. New Orleans City Park

Established in 1854, City Park is one of the oldest public parks in the U.S. This popular park covers approximately 13,000 acres, is twice as large as New York's Central Park and features many ancient oaks.

B. Bayou St. John

Known as Bayouk Choupic by the Native Americans who once lived here, this bayou is teaming with wildlife! Gators, ducks, swans, and pelicans are spotted here.

C. St. John Levee

These earthen hills and concrete walls are part of the levee system, built by the Army Corps of Engineers to protect low-lying New Orleans fom high tides and surges.

D. Lake Pontchartrain

Despite its name, this 630 sq. mile body of water is an estuary of the Gulf of Mexico. Lake Pontcartrain Causeway is the longest bridge in the world: 23.87 miles!

E. Rebuilt Neighborhood

After the disastrous 2005 failure of levees during Katrina, many houses were submerged by floodwater. These rebuilt houses testify to the resolve of New Orleans residents.

F Armstrong Park

Named after jazz great Louis Armstrong, this park features theaters and landmarks. Visit Congo Square, historic location of the Sunday gathering spot for New Orleans' slaves.

G. Cosimos Ba

According to theories used in court by former New Orleans District Attorney, Jim Garrison, this is where the JFK assassination was planned.

H. St. Louis Cathedral and Jackson Square.

Built and destroyed several times, this city's landmark cathedral dates originally to 1793.

I. Pere Antoine -Restaurant

J. French Quarter architecture

The French Quarter is famous for lavish architecture, wrought iron balconies and shuttered windows. Examples of 18th century architecture are found along St. Anne St.

K. Buffas Lounge -Restaurant

L. Esplanade Avenue

This historic avenue was once a busy portage trade route between Lake Ponchartrain and the Mississippi River and home to many of the city's elite.

M. Dufour/Baldwin House

Dating to 1859, this mansion is built in classic Greek Revival - Italian style architecture.

N. Degas House Museum

The famous French painter Edward Degas resided in this Esplanade Ave. residence for a year.



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O. Tastee - Doughnuts

In 1962, 18-year-old Alan Copeland sold his car to purchase one single doughnut shop from his brother, opening the door to restaurant franchises across the country. Today the quaint little shop offers up breakfast sandwiches, specialty burgers and of course, doughnuts!

P. Fortier Park

Grab a cup of coffee from across the street and relax at this charming neighborhood park, named after Tulane professor Alcée Fortier.

Q. St. Louis Cemetery

One of the lesser traveled cemeteries in New Orleans, this graveyard was established around the middle of the 19th century.

R. Main Entrance to City Park

Esplanade Ave. crosses over Bayou St. John at this historic corner. The Canal St. line of the city's famous streetcar system also stops here, at the end of scenic N. Carrollton Ave.

S. NOMA

This world class art museum boasts objects from the Renaissance and works by European Impressionists, including paintings Degas created while living in New Orleans.

T. Botanical Garden

Over 10 acres of beautiful garden. Be sure to stop and smell the roses!

U. Carousel Gardens Amusement Park

This classic amusement park boasts 16 rides. The highlight of the park is the century-old carved wooden carousel.

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