

# Explore New Orleans City Park, Lake Pontchartrain Shore, Historic Architecture & Much More!



## Bike Safe!

Proceed through streets and intersections carefully.  
Be courteous of pedestrians and don't forget water and sunscreen.  
For safety and comfort, wear your helmet and comfortable clothing.  
Obey all laws and enjoy!

## Turn-by-Turn Directions

- 13 Turn left at Dreyfous Dr. re-entering City Park.
  - 14 Turn right on Lelong Dr. **OPTIONAL:** to explore the French Quarter, turn left at Lelong Drive to exit City Park and continue straight on Esplanade Ave. then continue to Direction # 17.
  - 15 Keep right at the Collins Diboll Circle, exiting onto Roosevelt Mall St. Turn right on Henry Thomas Dr.
  - 16 Turn right on Friedrichs Ave. to return to Wheel Fun Rentals!
- FRENCH QUARTER OPTION:**
- 17 Turn right on Royal St.
  - 18 Turn right on St. Louis St.
  - 19 Use the crosswalk to cross to the far side of Basin St., turn right at Basin St to join the dedicated two-way bike lane.
  - 20 Just before Leffite Ave, turn left on to the Leffite Greenway Trail.
  - 21 At Norman C Francis Pkwy, cross to the center square and take the bike path to the right to follow the Dr. Norman C Francis Pkwy Bike Trail along Bayou St. John.
  - 22 When the bike path ends, continue along Bayou St. John on Moss St.
  - 23 Rejoin the bike path to the right at N Carrollton Ave, then turn left at Lelong Dr to re-enter City Park. Continue to Direction #15 to return to Wheel Fun Rentals.

## Wheel Fun Rentals

Big Lake Trail, City Park  
New Orleans, LA 70124  
(504) 300-1289



## Turn-by-Turn Directions

- 1 Exit Wheel Fun Rentals facing away from the kiosk and straight onto the path. Turn left onto Friedrichs Ave.  
**FRENCH QUARTER OPTION:** Starting from Wheel Fun Rentals, turn left onto the Zemurray Bike Trail and follow it around the lake to Lelong Dr. and exit City Park at the intersection with Esplanade Ave. Use the crosswalks to join the bike lane on the far side of the intersection and continue straight on Esplanade Ave. Then continue to Direction #17.
- 2 Turn right on Henry Thomas Dr.
- 3 Turn left on Zachary Taylor Dr.
- 4 Turn right on Magnolia Dr.
- 5 Turn right on Diagonal Dr.
- 6 Turn right on Harrison Ave.
- 7 At Wisner Ave, cross the median and turn left to join the Wisner Trail.
- 8 When the Wisner Bike Trail ends, cross Allen Toussaint Blvd via the crosswalks and continue straight on Beauregard Ave.
- 9 Bear right on to Cloverleaf Rd. and follow it underneath the overpass, then turn right onto Lakeshore Dr. to continue along the lake front.
- 10 Turn left onto Marconi Dr. at the crosswalk. **OPTIONAL:** To explore the Orleans Marina & Harbor, continue straight on Lakeshore Drive. Once you are done exploring the area, return to the route by turning left on Allen Toussaint Blvd. and continue to Direction #11.
- 11 At Allen Toussaint Blvd., use the crosswalks to cross over and join the Marconi Dr. Bike Path at the southeast corner of the intersection.
- 12 At Zachary Taylor Dr., just before passing under the I-610 underpass, join the two-way dedicated bike lane and continue along Marconi Dr.

- Start
- City Park Route
- French Quarter
- Marina & Harbor
- Turn Indicator
- Roads
- One Way Street
- Point of Interest





## POINTS OF INTEREST

(see map for location)

### A. New Orleans City Park

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

### B. Louisiana Children's Museum

Offering interactive exhibits designed to inspire curiosity and learning in children, the museum features hands-on activities focused on STEM, literacy, wellness, and nature and encourages exploration through water play, art, and imaginative exhibits, making learning fun for all ages.

### C. Bayou St. John

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

### D. 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 from high tides and surges.

### E. Lake Pontchartrain

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

### F. Rebuilt Neighborhood

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

### G. Carousel Gardens Amusement Park

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

### H. Botanical Garden

Showcases vibrant themed gardens, exotic plants, and historic Art Deco architecture the garden spans 10 acres, and offers a serene escape with lush landscapes, tropical flora, and enchanting sculptures in a tranquil setting.

### I. New Orleans Museum of Art (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.

### J. 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.

### K. Esplanade Avenue

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

### L. St. Louis Cemetery #3

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

### M. Fortier Park

Established in 1926, is a 0.39-acre triangular park was named after Tulane University Professor Alcée Fortier. It features twelve live oaks, winding flagstone paths, benches, chess tables, and colorful sculptures.

### N. Dufour-Plassan House

Originally built in 1870 on Esplanade Avenue for the attorney Cyprien Dufour. The house was moved to its current location in 1906 and purchased by Adolph Plassan.

### O. Degas House Museum

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

### P. Cosimo's Bar

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

## EXPLORE CITY PARK, LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN SHORE, HISTORIC NEW ORLEANS, FRENCH QUARTER, LOCAL DINING & MORE!

### Q. Louis 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.

### R. 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.

### S. St. Louis Cathedral and Jackson Square

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



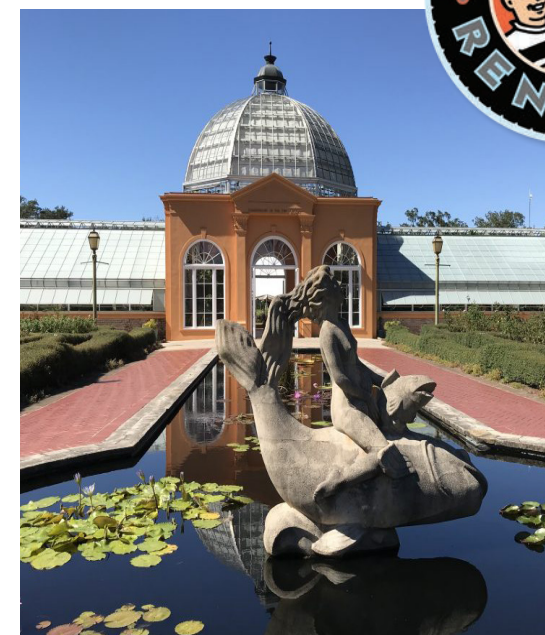
## Dining Options

- 1. The Blue Crab Restaurant and Oyster Bar** Waterfront eatery dishing up down-home seafood, from oysters on the half shell to grilled catfish. 7900 Lakeshore Dr. • (504) 284-2898
- 2. Felix's Restaurant & Oyster Bar** With a lively atmosphere and a menu bursting with coastal flavors the menu features chargrilled oysters and signature dishes inspired by a passion for Gulf Coast seafood. 7400 Lakeshore Dr. • (504) 304-4125
- 3. Café Degas** A relaxed and fun French bistro with patio seating and weekend brunch options. 3127 Esplanade Ave • (504) 945-5635
- 4. Stanley of New Orleans** Located right on Jackson Square, this Airy, sun-filled cafe on Jackson Square with elevated, modern Louisiana fare, serves all-day breakfasts and oyster po' boys. 547 St. Ann St • (504) 587-0093
- 5. Café Du Monde** Founded in 1862, this legendary New Orleans coffee shop serves their famous beignets and coffee and chicory. A must stop on your tour of New Orleans. 800 Decatur St • (504) 587-0833

# Self-Guided BIKE TOUR

## WITH TURN-BY-TURN DIRECTIONS & POINTS OF INTEREST

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