

TOP 10 FREE THINGS TO DO IN ASCENSION PARISH

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1. Tee Joe Gonzales Museum



Come experience a step back in time! Tour the home of the founding father of Gonzales. The home sits on the original site along New River. Tours are free, but by appointment only. Call 225.647.9552 to schedule a tour!

2. The Cajun Village



A collection of restored Acadian buildings housing unique shops and galleries featuring original Louisiana artists and products, a Coffee House, alligator pond and more. This is a great stop for groups with "free time." Located right off I-10 in Sorrento!

3. Cabela's

The 165,000-square-foot retail showroom is not just for shopping! It boast an educational and entertainment attraction, featuring a décor of museum-quality animal displays, huge aquariums and trophy animals interacting in realistic re-creations of their natural habitats.



4. Stroll Down Railroad Ave in Historic Donaldsonville

The Donaldsonville Historic District is architecturally significant because it contains the finest collection of buildings from the pre-Civil War era to 1933 to be found in any of the Mississippi River parishes above New Orleans. Stop by the Welcome Center and pick up the brochure "Donaldsonville Walking Tour."



5. The Flea Market of Louisiana

Rain or shine, each Saturday and Sunday provides a new and unique shopping experience at the Flea Market of Louisiana. This speciality market features 400 covered booths and offers Antiques, collectibles, fresh produce, Cajun food and fun for the whole family. Located at 15545 Airline Highway in Prairieville.



6. Ascension Plantation Tour



Hop in the car and take a tour of the Plantations of Ascension Parish! The list includes Houmas House, Bocage Plantation, Ashland-Belle Helene, Hermitage Plantation, Mulberry Grove, Palo Alto Plantation, and St. Emma Plantation.

Check out AscensionTourism.com/plantations for some background information on these beautiful Plantations!

7. Veterans Memorial Park



Ascension Veterans Memorial Park is a contemplative environment where you can remember and honor the contributions of all United States veterans in defense of freedom worldwide. Spend time at the Freedom Fountain dedicated to all who paid the ultimate price in service to their country. You can find the park at 612 S Irma Blvd in Gonzales

8. Meet Alvin Batise

The history of generations along the Mississippi River finds expression in the brush strokes of Alvin Batiste, self-taught, primitive artist. Visitors may watch the artist at work, at his studio housed in the FramerDave's Frame Shop located in Donaldsonville. Browse the gallery, commission and/or purchase original paintings. Visit www.alvinbatiste.com for more information.

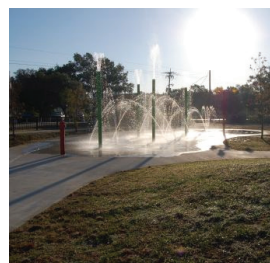


9. The Parish Library

With four great locations in the parish (Galvez, Gonzales, Donaldsonville, and Dutchtown) the Library system has numerous ongoing classes for young and old! Check out www.ascension.lib.la.us for the monthly newsletter for a full list of that months activities! From quilting, gardening, business, painting, and of course reading, there is an activity for every member of your family!



10. Ascension Parks



The Ascension Park system has 16 parks in the parish with amities ranging from swings, tennis courts, community centers, boat launches, water parks and much more! To find the park closest to you, log onto www.ascensionparish.net and go to the Recreation page under Departments.