



## CAJUN COAST

VISITORS & CONVENTION BUREAU

# CAMPING ON THE CAJUNCOAST – Morgan City

Day One: Arrive in Morgan City

After parking and setting up the RV or cabin, fix an adult beverage and relax.

Day Two: Wake up and enjoy your morning coffee. Drive to Lake End Park & Campground and take a brisk morning walk on the walking trail around the park. One complete lap is a mile. Bring peanuts or snacks if you'd like to feed the squirrels.

If you have a kayak or canoe, you can paddle Lake Palourde. If you're feeling adventurous, paddle to the Carillon Bell Tower and back. If you bring your own kayak or canoe, there are over 11 trails throughout St. Mary Parish that you may paddle. Visit [www.cajuncoast.com/activities/paddling-trails](http://www.cajuncoast.com/activities/paddling-trails)

If paddling is not your thing, pull out your fishing pole and fish around the Lake Palourde. If you have a boat, you may launch and park at Russo's Landing. For fishing maps, visit Ivy's Tackle Box in Morgan City, 985-384-2070, 7209 Highway 182 E, Morgan City or Tideland Marine, 985-384-2724, 6805 LA-182, Morgan City, LA 70380. You'll need a fishing license. Charlie's Pawn Shop, 6711 Highway 182 E, 985-384-7296, Ivy's Tackle Box or visit [www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/recreational-fishing-licenses-and-permits](http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/recreational-fishing-licenses-and-permits).

For dinner, you'll want to sample local boiled seafood. D&B Seafood, 1601 Highway 70, Morgan City, 985-385-1999, Claws and Craws, 1601 LA 70, Morgan City, 985-384-7500 or Susie's Seafood, 6701 Highway 182, Morgan City, 985-702-0274.

Day Three: After another morning walk, enjoy breakfast at one of our other local restaurants.  
[www.cajuncoast.com/eat](http://www.cajuncoast.com/eat)

After breakfast, visit the Cajun Coast Welcome Center in Morgan City, 900 Dr. MLK Boulevard, 985-380-8224, for local information. Keep your eye out for local wildlife including alligators, turtles, snakes, red tailed hawks, American bald eagles, rabbits, blue herons, egrets and more.

After the Cajun Coast Welcome Center, travel downtown for a tour of the "Mr. Charlie." The "Mr. Charlie" or the International Petroleum Museum & Exposition is the first submersible drilling rig ever built and is considered an engineering marvel. Afterwards, visit the Diving/ROV Historical Preservation Room. For reservations, contact 985-384-3744. After the tour, enjoy a walk along the 21 Foot "Great Wall" bordering the Atchafalaya River in downtown Morgan City. Visit the Atchafalaya National Heritage Trail Kiosk and learn more about the river.

For lunch, visit Bay City Bistro, 618 Front Street, Morgan City, 985-380-2853, Café Jojo's or Rita Mae's. The crab burger at Rita Mae's has been praised by many food writers, 711 Federal Avenue, Morgan City, 985-384-3550, and Café Jojo's, 624 Front Street, Morgan City, 985-384-9291 and Chef Brian have received numerous accolades. After lunch, enjoy shopping in some of our Main Street shops. For a sweet treat and flavorful coffee, visit Sweet & Simple Cupcakes, 209 Freret Street, Morgan City, 985-329-3939.

You can also enjoy a walking tour of downtown Morgan City and view some of our notable properties. For maps, <https://www.cajuncoast.com/listings/morgan-city-historic-district>

End the day with dinner on the patio at Atchafalaya Café, 7310 Highway 182 E, Morgan City, (Thursday, Friday and Saturday, only) 985-384-2707 or the Original Castelano's, 985-384-6188, 1023 Sixth Street, Morgan City, 70380. (Thursday and Friday only) Other restaurant options, visit [www.cajuncoast.com/eats](http://www.cajuncoast.com/eats)

Day Four/Day Five/Day Six: Options:

**Golfing:** The Atchafalaya Golf Course at Idlewild is an Audubon Golf Trail course and a favorite regardless of handicap. There are 18 holes of beautiful scenery and wildlife. 400 Cotten Road, Patterson, LA 70392. 985-395-GOLF, [www.atchafalayagolf.com](http://www.atchafalayagolf.com),

**Birdwatching/Wildlife:** Cotten Road, located in Patterson, is one of the best birding locations in St. Mary Parish. In total, there are over 300 species of birds to be found in St. Mary Parish. [www.louisianatravel.com/louisiana-birding-trails](http://www.louisianatravel.com/louisiana-birding-trails) for a map of St. Mary Parish and other birding sites throughout Louisiana.

**Casino Gaming:** Amelia Belle Casino, 500 Lake Palourde Road, Amelia, 985-631-1777 or Cypress Bayou Casino, 832 Martin Luther King Road, Charenton, 800-284-4386.

**Berwick:** Everett Berry Lighthouse Park, Southwest Reef Lighthouse, Riverfront Berwick and the Brown House, Berwick's Heritage Museum, 3326 Third Street, Berwick, 985-384-2283. You may need to call to make an appointment. The Everett Berry Lighthouse Park and Brown House tell the story of the Berwick area. The Southwest Reef Lighthouse guided mariners into the Atchafalaya Bay for over 130 years before it was retired.

**Patterson:** Wedell Williams Aviation Museum and Cypress Sawmill Museum in Patterson, 118 Cotten Road, Patterson, 985-399-1268. The Louisiana State Museum in Patterson documents Louisiana's aviation history and the cypress museum documents the cypress industry of the area.

**Patterson:** Captain Caviar Swamp Tours, 112 Main Street, Patterson, 985-395-7420, 504-343-5232 (cell). Venture into the Atchafalaya Swamp Basin, the largest overflow swamp in the US with Captain Caviar. Tour is approximately 2.5 hours.

**Patterson:** Ghost Tour with Captain Caviar, 112 Main Street, Patterson, 985-395-7420, Follow the trail and investigate these paranormal sites on your own or with Captain Caviar on a Ghostly Plantation Tour. Captain Caviar will take you and six of your friends on a ghostly tour in his Vintage Cadillac Limousine along the Cajun Coast! \$50.00 per person, \$200 minimum. Maximum 7 people. 985-395-7420 or 504-343-5232 (cell).

**Franklin:** Drive along the Bayou Teche Scenic Byway and visit historic homes of Franklin and shop along Franklin's Main Street, Main Street, Franklin

**Charenton:** Visit Chitimacha Museum in Charenton and more, 3289 Chitimacha Trail, 337-923-4830. Call. May be closed due to COVID-19.

Dining Options: [www.cajuncoast.com/eats](http://www.cajuncoast.com/eats)

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