



## **In Louisiana's Cajun Bayou, It's All About ... The Great Outdoors!**

A lot of elements combine to make Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, a truly delightful destination for a getaway of any kind – family fun time, romantic retreat, girlfriend getaway or fishing weekend. You'll feel spoiled by everyone you meet, but one figure plays a very important role in the guest experience up and down the Bayou ... and that's Mother Nature herself. A true visit to Louisiana's Cajun Bayou requires time spent outside, maybe paddling a kayak, reeling in a fish or looking for a bird species you're not likely to see anywhere else.

A highlight for many visitors is time spent in our famous swamps. Many opt for a swamp tour, which travels through the waterways at a slower pace and gives folks the chance to spot animals (yes, alligators!) and plant life while learning about the people who have found the best ways to live in this environment. Another option is an air boat tour, which moves faster and combines time in the swamp with a bit of adventure.

Lafourche Parish is also a haven for fishermen. It's one of the few places in the world where you can find freshwater, brackish and saltwater fishing all within an easy drive or boat ride of each other. Local fishing guides are ready to take visitors out to find speckled trout, redfish, flounder and dozens of other species. The fish are plentiful and limits are high in Louisiana, so even a novice fishermen will likely find success on our waters.

This region is also a birdwatcher's paradise, as thousands of migratory birds pass through each spring and fall as they traverse the Gulf Coast Louisiana Flyway. Believe it or not, there are nearly 500 bird species in Louisiana, and almost all of them can be spotted along the Gulf Coast. Most guests will easily catch glimpses of egrets, herons, spoonbills, ducks, and a variety of songbirds. And perhaps best of all, coastal Louisiana is a top population center for bald eagles, so it's very likely you'll spot our national symbol here at home in the Bayou.

A visit to the Louisiana's Cajun Bayou truly isn't complete without some time spent in the Great Outdoors.