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VISITOR GUIDE



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ASCENSION PARISH, LA

A MIX OF HISTORY AND CULTURE

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With each mile traveled down historic River Road, anticipation builds as to what lies around the next bend. Then, when moss-draped lanes lead to compelling stories waiting to be told, you know you've reached Louisiana's Sweet Spot.

Located almost directly between Baton Rouge and New Orleans, Ascension Parish is the sweetest spot for visitors wanting to experience small-town South Louisiana culture without having to sacrifice the convenience and comfort of brand name accommodations that are usually only offered in larger cities. Visit the place at the heart of what makes Southern Louisiana such a special destination.

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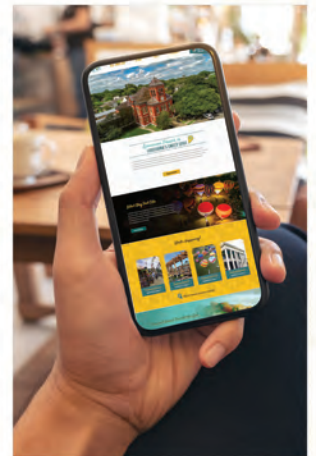
Find your way to Ascension Parishes' many treasures with this guide. For more information and complete listings of dining, events, festivals, accommodations, shopping, and more visit:

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welcome to

Ascension Parish

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By the time you cross the Sunshine Bridge you're well immersed in 500 years of history layered with such diverse culture and tradition you couldn't possibly be somewhere you have been before. In this special place where Native American, Spanish, French, German, Italian, English, African and Acadian cultures have thrived and mingled, the sights, sounds, traditions and experiences are truly more varied and unique.

Just as the sugar coaxes out the flavor in everything it's added to, the fusion of many influences and ethnicities in Ascension Parish add flavor to its rich heritage of cultural and culinary traditions.

These distinct accents and flavors are authentically tied to Louisiana's Sweet Spot between Baton Rouge and New Orleans. Where names such as Gonzales, Sorrento, and Donaldsonville reflect the story of a blended cultural past.

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HISTORY AND CULTURE



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A collection of restored Acadian buildings housing unique shops and galleries.



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Experience our rich heritage through our distinct culinary traditions.



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ONCE LOUISIANA'S STATE CAPITAL

Located on the west bank of the Mississippi River, Donaldsonville served as the capitol of Louisiana from 1829-1831. Rich in history, our Historic District, is home to 50 blocks with some 640 buildings dating from 1865-1933.

Donaldsonville is known today as the "Gateway to Cajun and Plantation Country" because of its rich heritage and the numerous plantations along the Mississippi River and Bayou Lafourche.



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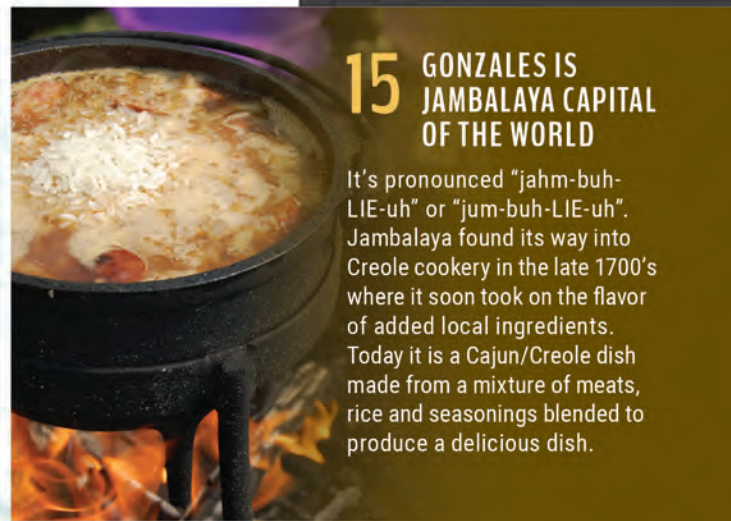
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It's pronounced "jahm-buh-LIE-uh" or "jum-buh-LIE-uh". Jambalaya found its way into Creole cookery in the late 1700's where it soon took on the flavor of added local ingredients. Today it is a Cajun/Creole dish made from a mixture of meats, rice and seasonings blended to produce a delicious dish.

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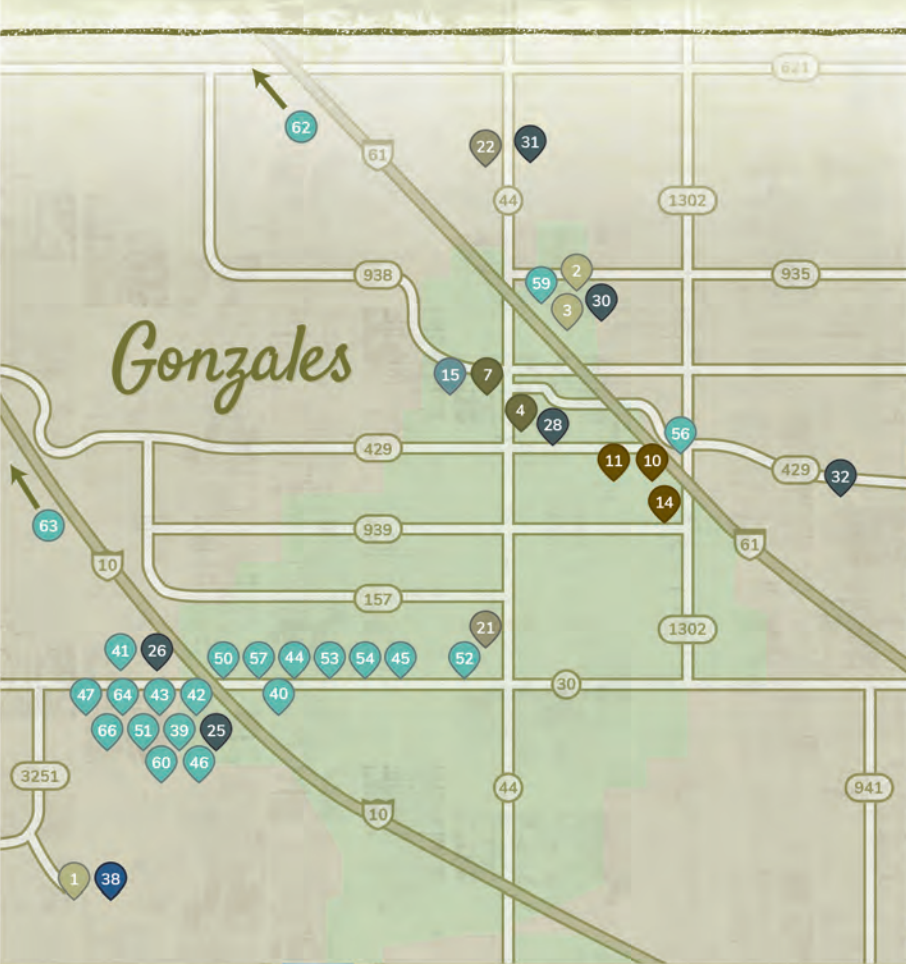
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THE CAJUN VILLAGE COTTAGES

6486 Highway 22
Sorrento, LA 70778
225-715-6060 | 225-803-6528
www.thecajunvillagecottages.com
Number of Rooms: 8

THE VICTORIAN ON THE AVENUE

117 Railroad Ave.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
225-473-1876
Number of Rooms: 5

CABAHANOSSE BED & BREAKFAST

602 Railroad Ave.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
225-474-5050
Number of Rooms: 4

THE RAYLIN HOUSE

129 Lessard St.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
225-939-4740
www.facebook.com/TheRaylinHouse
Number of Rooms: 4

THE INN AT HOUMAS HOUSE & GARDENS

40136 Highway 942
Darrow, LA 70725
225-473-9380
www.houmashouse.com
Number of Rooms: 21

TOWNEPLACE SUITES BY MARRIOTT

2823 South Outfitters Dr.
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-450-3400
www.marriott.com/btrgz
Number of Rooms: 95

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES

2806 W. Highway 30
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-743-8000
www.hiexpress.com
Number of rooms: 90

HOTELS AND MOTELS

CLARION INN & CONFERENCE CENTER

1500 West Highway 30
Gonzales, LA 70737
800-465-4329 | 225-647-8000
www.clariongonzales.com
Number of rooms: 171

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BY MARRIOTT**

2801 S. Cabela's Parkway
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225-621-3000
www.marriott.com/btrro
Number of Rooms: 96

CANDLEWOOD SUITES

2705 Outfitters Dr.
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-450-3390
www.ihg.com/candlewood
Number of Rooms: 83 Suites
Pet Friendly

HAMPTON INN OF GONZALES

2634 W. Outfitters Dr.
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-450-6999
www.gonzales.hamptoninn.com
Number of rooms: 78

THE INN OF GONZALES

1918 West Highway 30
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-647-2001
Number of rooms: 73

WESTERN INN

1712 West Highway 30
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-644-3114
Number of rooms: 71

QUALITY INN & SUITES

2539 West Highway 30
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-644-3600
www.qualityinn.com
Number of rooms: 70

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HOME 2 SUITES BY HILTON

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Gonzales, LA 70737

225-450-6755

www.hilton.com

Number of rooms: 97

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QUALITY INN

2275 Highway 70
Donaldsonville, LA 70346

225-264-6006

www.qualityinn.com

Number of rooms: 62

OYO TOWNHOUSE

2179 Highway 70
Donaldsonville, LA 70346

225-746-9050

www.oyorooms.com

Number of rooms: 60

BUDGET INN

2142 West Highway 30
Gonzales, LA 70737

225-644-2000

Number of rooms: 60

LA QUINTA INN & SUITES

2816 South Cabela's Parkway
Gonzales, LA 70737

225-644-4726

Number of rooms: 60

PELICAN INN

910 West Highway 30
Gonzales, LA 70737

225-450-1718

Number of rooms: 56

HIGHLAND INN

1740 W. Highway 30
Gonzales, LA 70737

225-647-5700

www.highlandinngonzales.com

Number of rooms: 53

CAJUN COUNTRY INN

2411 S. Darla Ave.
Gonzales, LA 70737

225-647-8992

Number of rooms: 52

THE INN ON THE RIVER

416 Mississippi St.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346

225-257-1140

www.innontheriverdonaldsonville.com

Number of Rooms: 16

ECONOMY INN

434 South Airline Highway
Gonzales, LA 70737

225-644-2125

Number of rooms: 38

AMERICA'S BEST SUITES

2412 Veterans Blvd.
Gonzales, LA 70737

225-647-4515 | 800-237-8466

Number of rooms: 37



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The Inn on the River, located in the Historic District of Donaldsonville, is the first hotel in the Historic District since the 1950's.



MAGNOLIA MOTEL

701 W. 10th St.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
225-473-3146
Number of rooms: 22

GONZALES MOTEL

1532 N Airline Highway
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-644-2687
Number of rooms: 19

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

2280 Business Park Blvd.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
225-473-3500
www.hiexpress.com
Number of rooms: 84

COMFORT SUITES

2821 Cabela's Parkway
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-647-6400
www.comfortsuites.com
Number of rooms: 70

AMERICA'S BEST VALUE INN

17301 Airline Highway
Prairieville, LA 70769
225-402-4362
Number of rooms: 43
Pet Friendly

SUBURBAN EXTENDED STAY

2279 Highway 70
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
225-264-6197
www.suburbanextendedstay.com
Number of rooms: 66

SLEEP INN/ MAINSTAY SUITES GEISMAR

37090 Market Place Ave.
Geismar, LA 70734
225-402-4401
www.choicehotels.com
Number of rooms: 78

BEST WESTERN EXECUTIVE RESIDENCY

2815 W. Highway 30
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-828-3933
www.bestwestern.com
Number of rooms: 82

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Lamar Dixon Expo Center is surrounded by some of Ascension Parishes best amenities, including hotels, restaurants, and shopping all within a 1/2-mile radius.

RV CAMPSITES

LAMAR-DIXON EXPO CENTER

9039 St. Landry Rd.
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-450-1009 (Phone)
225-647-8804 (Fax)
www.lamardixonexpoctr.com
Lots: 300+





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 225-474-4004
www.pelicanlandinggrill.com

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 Donaldsonville, LA 70346
 225-473-8463
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 Real Cajun Cuisine, Art Shows

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The fusion of many influences and ethnicities in Ascension Parish adds flavor to its rich heritage of cultural and culinary traditions.

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& TACO BAR**

17097 Airline Highway
Prairieville, LA 70769
225-313-6376
www.agavebluelua.com

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& SMOKEHOUSE**

17425 Airline Highway
Prairieville, LA 70769
225-673-8876
www.franksrestaurantla.com
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www.bergerons.com
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225-313-3039
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Gonzales, LA 70737

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225-622-9313

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Sorrento, Louisiana 70778

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225-647-2632

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www.mikeandersons.com/locations-gonzales

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Bayou Plaza
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225-644-2128
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OUTDOOR

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305 Mississippi St.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346

A walking path along the Mississippi
River Levee top with benches.

DONALDSONVILLE'S HISTORIC PORTALS TO THE PAST

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Donaldsonville, LA 70346

ASCENSION VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK

612 South Irma Blvd.
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-644-4470

RIVER REGION ART GALLERY

320 East Ascension St.
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-644-8496

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Donaldsonville, LA 70346
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225-647-1230
www.actgonzales.org

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along the Mississippi River finds
expression in the brush strokes of
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critically acclaimed. Visitors may
watch the artist at work, browse
the gallery, commission and/or
purchase original paintings.





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225-473-4814

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Gonzales, LA 70737
225-647-2841
www.gonzalesla.com

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Darrow, LA 70725
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www.houmashouse.com

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See & Do



DONALDSONVILLE'S HISTORIC PORTAL TO THE PAST

Create your own unique experience in one of Louisiana's oldest cities.

Enjoy learning about the history of Donaldsonville at your own pace by visiting seven self-guided

portals in the Historic District. The architecture of the buildings from the pre-Civil War era are said to be the finest collection to be found in any Mississippi River parish above New Orleans.

Portal Maps are located on Mississippi Riverwalk Panels at 305 Mississippi St.

MUSEUMS AND HISTORY

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

716 Mississippi St.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346

225-473-3176

www.ascensioncatholic.com

TEE JOE GONZALES MUSEUM

217 West Main St.
Gonzales, LA 70737

225-647-9549

www.gonzalesla.com

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Darrow, LA 70725

225-473-9380

www.greatriverroadmuseum.org

Daily Tours, Admission



HISTORIC FORT BUTLER COMMEMORATIVE SITE

169 Highway 18
Donaldsonville, LA

985-369-1960

acapone@charter.net

ASCENSION PARISH COURTHOUSE

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Donaldsonville, LA 70346

PLANTATIONS

PALO ALTO PLANTATION

1515 Highway 1 South
Donaldsonville, LA 70346

225-337-2283

HOUMAS HOUSE PLANTATION AND GARDENS

40136 Highway 942
Darrow, LA 70725

225-473-9380

www.houmashouse.com

Daily Tours, Admission, Restaurants



RIVER ROAD AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM

406 Charles St.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346

225-474-5553

www.africanamericanmuseum.org

All groups by appointment

River Road African American Museum preserves and exhibits art, artifacts, and buildings as it is related to the history and culture of African Americans in the rural communities along the Mississippi River.

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Shopping

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CABELA'S

2200 Cabela's Parkway
Gonzales, LA 70737

225-743-3400

www.cabelas.com/gonzales

**FAMILY TRADITIONS
ANTIQUES AND GIFTS**

9291 Airline Highway
Sorrento, LA 70778

225-313-1556

**THIS THAT AND MORE
INDOOR FLEA MARKET**

43123 Highway 429
Gonzales, LA 70737

225-773-8934



TANGER OUTLET CENTER

2410 Tanger Blvd., Suite 161
Gonzales, LA 70737

225-647-9383 | 800-406-2112

www.tangeroutlet.com

Tanger Outlets in Gonzales, LA provides shoppers with electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at no added cost while they shop. Tanger Outlets is a part of the Louisiana Tax Free Program and is a redemption center for International Shoppers! Over 60 designer and manufacturer outlet stores and restaurants are featured in this popular outlet mall.

**CABAHANOSSE
ANTIQUES & GIFTS**

602 Railroad Ave.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346

225-474-5050

www.cabahanosse.com

ROUSSEL'S OF GONZALES

1486 N. Airline Highway
Gonzales, LA 70737

225-647-7995

BIRDS AND BERRIES

13076 LA Highway 44
Gonzales, LA 70737

225-999-4438

www.birdsandberries.net

BAYOU ANTIQUES AND GIFTS

17239 LA Highway 44
Prairieville, LA 70769

225-622-3553



THE CAJUN VILLAGE SHOPS

6466 Highway 22
Sorrento, LA 70778

225-675-2782

LOUISIANA POTTERY

225-675-5572
www.LouisianaPottery.com

THE CAJUN SHOP

225.675.2640

LIVIN' LOUISIANA

225.675.2782

SPRING (MARCH-MAY)

LOUISIANA SPORTSMAN SHOW

Lamar Dixon Expo Center

Louisiana's oldest and largest fishing and hunting show!

SOUTH LOUISIANA FAMILY FESTIVAL

Lamar Dixon Expo Center

Activities include the Extreme Rodeo, extreme color run, car show, ag farm & fair, kids fishing rodeo, carnival rides, great food and more!

SOUTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL RODEO

Lamar Dixon Expo Center

DREAMS COME TRUE CRAWFISH FESTIVAL

Lamar Dixon Expo Center

From crawfish boils, competitions, kid's activities and more, the day will surely be fun for the whole family.

JAMBALAYA FESTIVAL

Gonzales, LA

Hosted Annually in Gonzales

GONZALES JAMBALAYA FESTIVAL

The festival features world champion jambalaya served daily, live music and entertainment, carnival rides, cooking contest, a variety of food and so much fun it takes 3 days to get it all in.

www.JambalayaFestival.net



— SWEET SPOTS FOR —

Festivals & Events

Ascension Parish hosts a multitude of festivals and events throughout the year. For a complete list of all the fun that's happening go to visitlasweetspot.com



AVENUE STROLL

Donaldsonville, LA

Stroll down Railroad Avenue in Historic Donaldsonville and enjoy shopping, art vendors, food and music in Louisiana Square

HOME & REMODELING SHOW

Lamar Dixon Expo Center

Featuring the very best products and services for everything in your home, inside and out.

SUMMER (JUNE-AUGUST)

ROCK'N THE BAYOU

Lamar Dixon Expo Center

Some of the biggest names in Rock!

JULY 3RD FIREWORKS

Donaldsonville, LA

Family fun, food, live music and a firework display over the Mississippi River.

JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL

Donaldsonville, LA

Join us in a day celebrating the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.

GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

Lamar Dixon Expo Center

Gemstones, minerals, fossils, lapidary equipment, fine jewelry, hourly door prizes and more.

FALL (SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER)

GULF COAST MOTORCYCLE COMPETITION

Cabela's

Gulf Coast Police Motorcycle Skills Training to enhance your skills as a motor officer.

VETERAN'S PARADE

Gonzales, LA

A parade in Gonzales to celebrate Veteran's Day.



BOUCHERIE AND BALLOONS FESTIVAL

On the lush green fields of the Lamar-Dixon Expo Center, you and your family can take in the sights of the festival in a relaxed and comfortable setting, from hot air balloons and cracklin' cookoffs, to live music and plenty of shopping, we've got festivities you and the family won't want to miss.

www.boucheriefestival.com



BOUCHERIE AND BALLOONS FESTIVAL

Lamar Dixon Expo Center

Cook-offs, hot air balloons, live music, carnival rides and more.

MISTLETOE MARKET

Lamar Dixon Expo Center

Craft vendors, home décor, boutiques and small business owners come together for one of the year's biggest holiday markets.

WINTER (DECEMBER-FEBRUARY)

HELEN BRETT HOLIDAY MARKET

Lamar-Dixon Expo Center

A popular southern market featuring the latest trends in jewelry, fashion, home decor, holiday decor and gifts.

JFA CHRISTMAS PARADE

Gonzales, LA

Christmas float parade

PARISH AND STATE LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Gonzales, LA

LSU Ag Center hosts Parish and State Highschool 4-H Livestock Show

SPRING AND SUMMER

1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

DONALDSONVILLE DOWNTOWN LIVE

Live music series in Downtown Donaldsonville Crescent Park.

MARKET ON THE SQUARE

Donaldsonville, LA

Farmer's Market and Craft market in Louisiana Square.

HIGHWAY 621 OUTDOOR MARKET

Prairieville, LA

Farmer's Market and local crafts.



LAMAR-DIXON EXPO CENTER

9039 St. Landry Rd.

Gonzales, LA 70737

225-450-1009

www.lamardixonexpocenter.com

The Lamar Dixon Expo Center is a multi-use event facility and the festival hub of Ascension Parish. Lamar Dixon showcases a diverse range of entertainment, including equestrian events and

rodeos, trade shows, animal shows, weddings, sporting shows, antique shows, school fairs and music concerts. Lamar Dixon Expo Center is surrounded by some of Ascension Parishes best amenities. With a multitude of hotels, restaurants, and shopping all within a 1/2 mile radius. Visitors can come and enjoy one of Lamar Dixon's many fantastic events while having all the amenities of home only minutes away.