IBERIA YOUTH / KID FRIENDLY ITINERARY

Iberia Parish’s variety of activities make it a playground for all ages. Youth groups and families have plenty of adventures to choose from, whether they involve local wildlife, history and culture, sweet treats or splashing in the water. Most attractions in the parish are family friendly, and the Iberia Parish Parks and Recreation Department operates 14 parks totaling almost 400 acres of green space.

DAY ONE - INTO THE WILD

MORNING

Breakfast at Restaurant 1868
32 Wisteria Rd., Avery Island
337 365 8173 or 800 634 9599
Tabasco.com

Avery Island’s on-site restaurant has a casual, cafeteria style and serves Tabasco-infused Cajun favorites like boudin and pepper jelly biscuits daily. Parents can enjoy a cup of coffee or the Bloody Mary Bar from the wraparound porch with a view of the Tabasco factory and country store.

Jungle Gardens of Avery Island
32 Wisteria Rd., Avery Island
337 365 8173 or 800 634 9599
JungleGardens.org
1-2 hours

Kids can run wild at Avery Island’s Jungle Gardens, made up of 170 acres of semitropical landscape, birds and wildlife. Eleven different garden areas include the Marsh Trail, Long
Lagoons, Buddha’s Temple, the Wisteria Arch, Palm Garden, Bird City and more. Nature trails and garden paths are easy for children to navigate. Take a safe selfie with their resident stuffed porch alligator, Monsurat. In October, a Fall Fest offers hay rides, pumpkin carving, face painting, Halloween-themed games and activities, and a pumpkin patch.

*Jungle Gardens is open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily.*

**Lunch at Duffy's Diner**

*1106 Center St., New Iberia*

337 365 2326

A 1950s style dining experience awaits at this local favorite, where hot dogs, burgers, grilled cheese, fries, nachos, downhome dishes and a family bucket of fried chicken make up the menu. Treat the kids to soft-serve Borden's ice cream or a banana split for dessert.

**AFTERNOON**

**Isle of Iberia RV Resort**

*911 N.W. Bypass (Hwy. 3212), New Iberia*

337 256 8681

[Isleofibernia.com](http://Isleofibernia.com)

New Iberia's newest island is Isle of Iberia, an RV resort with a 9,000-square-foot pool, lazy river and splash pad. Families can fish the stocked pond on-site and stay at one of 185 available RV sites for those wanting to camp. The TropiCajun bar and restaurant serves specialty drinks for adults and snowcones, ice cream, nachos and more for the kids.

*Pool hours vary. Contact Isle of Iberia for details.*
Fudge It, Bayou Teche & Bayou Wheels
214 W. Main St., New Iberia
337 519 1337
Fudgeitdesserts.com

If you haven't indulged in too much ice cream by now, this sweet eatery on Main Street serves cupcakes, cookies, gelato, cake pops and, of course, fudge Mon.-Sat. Take your dessert to go and head down Main Street to browse shop windows or launch a kayak from New Iberia City Park boat launch. City Park (300 Parkview Dr.) also has Bayou Wheels Skatepark for skateboarders, inline skaters and scooters. Call Bayou Teche Experience at 337 366 0337 or visit Atchafalaya.org for paddle tour information. Hours at Bayou Wheels vary, so call 337-369-2337 for times.

EVENING

Dinner at R&M's Boiling Point
6308 Hwy. 90 W., New Iberia
337 365 7596
RandMsboilingpoint.com

Specializing in boiled, fried and grilled seafood, R&M's Boiling Point is known for its boiled crabs and crawfish, po Boys and crawfish etouffée. The kids menu includes grilled cheese and popcorn shrimp too.

Bowling Night
Cajun Bowl (1502 E. Main St., 337 376 6920) is open until 10 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and offers recreational bowling and games in a family atmosphere. There's even glow bowling on Fridays starting at 6 p.m.

Hotel or Bed and Breakfast
Iberia Parish has a variety of options for lodging, from major chain hotels to bed and breakfasts. Visit IberiaTravel.com for a complete list.
DAY TWO - CULTURE & HISTORY

MORNING

**Breakfast at Meche's Donuts**  
403 E. St. Peter St., New Iberia  
337 367 0726  
[Mechedonuts.com](http://Mechedonuts.com)  
Voted "Best of the Teche" for the past 20 years, Meche's makes its donuts from scratch starting at 4 a.m. Tues. through Sun. Kid-friendly favorites include filled donuts, cinnamon rolls, apple fritters and oversized donuts covered in sprinkles.

**Rip Van Winkle Gardens**  
5505 Rip Van Winkle Road, New Iberia  
337 359 8525 or 800 725 5625  
[RipVanWinkleGardens.com](http://RipVanWinkleGardens.com)  
1-1.5 hour  

History comes alive on 25 acres of semitropical gardens as kids explore the tree where Jean Lafitte buried his treasure, learn about the 1980 collapse of a giant salt dome beneath Lake Peigneur, tour an 1870s mansion and meet the resident peacocks. More gators and birds—over 260 species—can be found at Rip's Rookery, and a sighting of the Roseate Spoonbill, which gets its pink color from eating crawfish, is especially memorable.  
*Tours of the mansion begin on the hour from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily, and the gardens and gift shop are open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Rip's Rookery, located at the intersection of Jefferson Island Road and Rip Van Winkle Road, is always open and free.*
**Visit the Library**
Eight branches make up the Iberia Parish Library System, with activities for all ages ranging from Toddler Time to story times, socials, movie nights, crafts and more. In the summer, the library offers an extensive free summer a p program for ages 5-17 and a summer reading program for all ages. Visit IberiaLibrary.org for locations.

**Lunch at Brenda's Diner**
*411 W. Pershing St., New Iberia*
*337 367 0868*
Daily plate lunches, from red beans and rice on Mondays to Southern fried chicken on Thursdays, can be found at this soul food diner. With Brenda Placide in the kitchen, kids will feel like mom is cooking for them at home.

**AFTERNOON**

**Paul Schexnayder Studio + Gallery**
*335 W. St. Peter St., New Iberia*
*337 364 2645*
Schex.com

Author of two children's books and a visual art teacher himself, gallery owner and artist Paul Schexnayder paints with a sense of humor. His whimsical work, along with that of more than 15 other artists from the area, is on display Wed.-Sat. The gallery also hosts monthly workshops, private art lessons and art receptions throughout the year.

**Eddie Romero's Fruit Orchard**
*5119 Freetown Rd., New Iberia*
*337 364 3370*

Tours and pick your own fruits—from peaches to blackberries and citrus—are offered Wed.-Sun. at this family orchard located off Hwy. 90. Eddie Romero has more than 500 fruit trees on his property, and kids will get to taste exotic fruit like Asian pears and more familiar items like grapes and figs. By appointment.
EVENING

Dinner & A Movie
Have an early dinner at La Pizza Mia (616 S. Lewis St., New Iberia, 337 359 4999, LaPizzaMiaUS.com) open seven days a week. Pizza is the star here, coming with everything from basic cheese to seafood, smoked BBQ chicken and peppers in an homage to Avery Island. There’s classic spaghetti and meatballs and shrimp pasta too. The Grand 10 Theater is a short drive from the restaurant and has stadium seating and 3D capabilities.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

ATTRACTIONS

Bayou Teche Museum
131 E. Main St., New Iberia
337 606 5977
BayouTecheMuseum.org
1 hour

The Bayou Teche Museum holds a permanent collection of artifacts and memorabilia from the region that tells the story of a growing city, its people, culture and industry. From the "salt mine" experience, to regional music recordings, to the history of area sugar cane agriculture, the museum’s state of the art exhibits include entertainment, interactive and educational opportunities for visitors and tour groups of all ages. The museum is also the permanent home of well-known “Blue Dog” artist and native son George Rodrigue’s California artist studio. Save on admission with the New Iberia Historic District Pass. Open Thurs-Sat from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. and by appointment for groups.
**Shadows-on-the-Teche**  
317 E. Main St., New Iberia  
337 369 6446  
[Shadows-on-the-Teche.org](http://Shadows-on-the-Teche.org)  
1-1.5 hour

GUIDED TOUR: Tour the antebellum home, furnished with original furniture from the four generations of the Weeks family to live in the home from 1834 to 1958. Self-guided tour of the gardens included.

SELF-GUIDED TOUR: Tour the gardens with specialized QR (Quick Response) codes an interactive tour with additional information for an enhanced experience.

Games and Chores of Long Ago offered for student groups. This includes a tour and 45 minutes of 19th century-based activities for students. Save on admission with the [New Iberia Historic District Pass](http://New Iberia Historic District Pass). Open Mon. - Sat. from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Guided tours begin 15 minutes after the hour. Last tour at 3:15 p.m.

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**Konriko Company Store/Conrad Rice Mill**  
307 Ann St., New Iberia  
337 364 7242  
[ConradRice.com](http://ConradRice.com)  
1 hour

Conrad Rice Mill was built in 1912 and has been in continuous operation since then. Tour begins with a video of the Acadiana area, how the Cajuns arrived, how the culture evolved, as well as history of CONRAD RICE MILL, with an explanation of the growing and harvesting of Louisiana rice.

The tour continues with a walk to Conrad Rice Mill where the guide uses a model of the mill to explain the milling process from receiving the “rough” rice to packaging the finished milled rice and explains the function of the machinery located in the mill. Try free samples and shop for KONRIKO products, local foods, arts, crafts, books, and gift baskets at the company store. Save on admission with the [New Iberia Historic District Pass](http://New Iberia Historic District Pass). Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Tours start on the hour.

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**Tabasco Factory and Country Store**  
32 Wisteria Rd., Avery Island  
337 365 8173 or 800 634 9599  
[TABASCO.com](http://TABASCO.com)  
1-1.5 hour

Tour the history and production of TABASCO® Pepper Sauce, including: Museum, Green House, Mash Warehouse, Blending and Production, Avery Island Conservation, Salt Mine diorama and TABASCO® Country Store. Guided factory tours, cooking classes and a food tour for all ages are available by appointment. Save on admission with a Jungle Gardens/Tabasco combo ticket. Open daily from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.
Jeanerette Museum  
500 E. Main St., Jeanerette  
337 2764408  
JeaneretteMuseum.com  
1 hour

The museum, built in 1902, is made from the cypress wood that was once a major industry in Jeanerette. Step into the past and learn about the last 200 years of the sugarcane industry and the manufacturing process from sugarcane to sugar. Also learn about the cypress lumber industry and the days of the steamboat. Enjoy the pictorial history of the sugarcane industry, antique handmade cypress patterns, the 1879 sewing collection, the swamp room with over 40 native species, local exhibits and history. *Open Tues.- Fri. 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Last tour at 3 p.m.*

CULINARY

Cane River Pecan Company  
254 W Main St., New Iberia  
337 3654136 or 800 293 8710  
CaneRiverPecan.com

Try fresh, complimentary samples of the many flavored pecans as well as pecan specialty products and learn about the historic Cane River in Louisiana’s central Natchitoches Parish. Discover artwork by famed Louisiana artist, Clementine Hunter, who rose from cotton-picker on Louisiana’s famous Melrose Plantation to famed folk art painter of Southern plantation life.

Cane River is home to Boudin Pie and a wide range of other local specialty foods like carnival king cake. Special presentations available for groups. *Open Mon.- Sat. from 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.*

The Frosted Apron  
1807 E. St Peter’s St., New Iberia  
337 201 1952

Book a cake, cupcake or cookie decorating party with Stacy Dempsey whose fun themes are sure to get your creative juices flowing and bringing out the kid everyone. *By appointment.*
FARM TOURS

Leaning Oak Farm
3313 Broken Arrow Rd., New Iberia
337 967 1718
Meet baby animals and learn things you never knew about farming, gardening, aquaculture, cows, sheep, pigs, chicken, rabbits, geese, ducks, goats and more. Their guided farm tours provide a hands-on experience for children and adults. By appointment.

Gonsoulin Land and Cattle
6110 Loreauville Rd., New Iberia
337 577 9160
GLCRanch.com
Book a custom farm tour, field trip, cooking demonstration or workshop to learn about grass fed cattle, nutrition and conservation. By appointment

Iberia Community Garden
1505 S Hopkins St., New Iberia
337 636 0790
Community supported urban food farm focused on pesticide-free, bio-dynamic, and space intensive food growing practices. Open Mondays for tours, guest gardening and 'harvest your own' farm stand. Reservation required for large groups or for alternate dates to visit.
EVENTS

Delcambre Seafood & Farmers Market
605 S. Railroad St., Delcambre
800 884-6120 #6
DelcambreMarket.org
Don’t miss the Delcambre seafood & farmers market on the first Saturday of the month. Vendors offer everything from face painting to sweets, handmade baby items, candy, popcorn, children’s books and dolls. There’s even a lemonade stand. *The market runs from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. March through December.*

SugArena
713 NW Bypass Hwy., New Iberia
337 365 7539
SugArena.com
This multi-purpose facility hosts a wide variety of kid-friendly events, from rodeos and 4 H shows to the circus and concerts. Check our *calendar of events* for dates.

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