



MORGAN CITY | FRANKLIN | BERWICK | PATTERSON | BALDWIN | CHARENTON

Staycation in Patterson, Louisiana

Day One: Arrive in Patterson. Kemper Williams Park & RV Campground, Cotten Road, Patterson, 985-395-2298, Nineteen 06 Bed & Breakfast, 1106 Main Street, Patterson, 985-518-6819 or Wax Lake Lodging, 5590 Hwy. 90, Patterson, 985-518-6082. After arriving, fix an adult beverage and relax.

Day Two, Day Three, Day Four, Day Five, Day Six: Outdoor Adventure

Option 1: Paddling: If you'd like to enjoy paddling on the bayou, you'll need to bring your own canoe or kayak. There are over 11 trails throughout St. Mary Parish. Visit www.cajuncoast.com/activities/paddling-trails

Option 2: Fishing: If you'd like to go fishing in the Lower Atchafalaya River, the Atchafalaya Basin, Gulf of Mexico, you'll need a launch, www.cajuncoast.com/sites/default/files/Cajun-Coast-Boat-Launches.pdf, fishing maps, 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 and an updated 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.

Option 3: Golfing: The Atchafalaya Golf Course at Idlewild is surrounded by the rich wildlife and incredible beauty found only in the heart of the Atchafalaya Basin. Designed by von Hagge, Smelek and Baril, the 7,533-yard course contains five lakes and ten native wetland areas that encompass nearly 40 acres of this 175-acre layout. More than a half million yards of native soil were used to develop dramatic elevations and breathtaking vistas.

Designer Robert von Hagge is well known for his innovative courses including Doral, LaCosta and TPC at the Woodlands. The 18-hole course features five sets of tees—each named after wildlife native to the basin—large fairways and generous pin placements. The course also includes a complete practice facility. The raised Acadian-style cottage clubhouse opened in 2007.

Atchafalaya Golf Course at Idlewild, 400 Cotten Road, Patterson, LA 70392. 985-395-GOLF, www.atchafalayagolf.com, <https://www.atchafalayagolf.com/online-tee-times/>

Option Four: Touring:

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.

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 3 hours.

Option Five: 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 for a map of St. Mary Parish and other birding sites throughout Louisiana.

Option Six: Touring Morgan City, Berwick, Franklin, Charenton: Drive along the Bayou Teche Scenic Byway and visit many sites throughout St. Mary parish. Visit the International Petroleum Museum in Morgan City, Berwick Lighthouse Park, historic homes of Franklin, Chitimacha Museum in Charenton and more. www.cajuncoast.com

Dining Options: www.cajuncoast.com/eats

For more ideas, visit www.cajuncoast.com