Beautiful climate, beautiful surroundings and beautiful people — that's Abbeville!

You couldn't find a better place to live in or visit in all of Louisiana, or probably the country.

And, population growth figures indicate that sentiment must be true, since Abbeville has shown an increase in population in the last two official census counts.

Abbeville is connected to the rest of the parish and Louisiana by highways running in all four directions, La. Hwy. 14 running east to west and U.S. 167 and La. Hwy. 82 running north to south.

Abbeville provides a wide choice for diners with cultivated tastes, with selections ranging from local specialties such as oysters fresh from the Bay to locally produced crawfish and thick, juicy steaks.

That age old question, “What should we do this Saturday night” is no longer pondered here in Abbeville, except for leaving one with too many solutions.

The Mayor's Commission for the Arts is a new group founded by Mayor Larry Campisi and dedicated to bringing cultural activities to the town several times a year.

In addition, Abbeville is home to a newly opened four-theater cinema, a roller skating rink, and two health clubs, along with the Abbeville Country Club and Abbeville Golf Course.

Outstanding recreational facilities are offered at the city's main park, Comeaux Park, including five lighted tennis courts.
Located in one of the most fertile areas of the south, Abbeville and Vermilion Parish feature a thriving agricultural economy, offset by an also thriving oil and gas production industry. A newly constructed port facility operated by the Abbeville Harbor and Terminal District provides docking facilities for a wide range of industrial concerns. This is a typical industrial development in Vermilion Parish. For those looking for something different, Abbeville is home to Steen's Syrup, the largest producer of cane syrup in the country, and the Riviana Rice Mill, producers of Water Maid and Mahatma Rice, grown locally and sold worldwide. Special tours of the area's agricultural concerns are in the process of being organized through the Abbeville Chamber of Commerce.

Ranked as the top cattle producing parish in Louisiana, Abbeville is home of the Louisiana Cattle Festival every October and the French Acadian Music Festival in April.
Fishing

In addition to agriculture, Vermilion Parish residents can boast of a thriving offshore and onshore fishing industry. Many of Vermilion's rice fields have been converted to use by crawfishermen and the town of Delcambre, located east of Abbeville, features an inland port and facilities for hundreds of shrimp boats that fish Vermilion Bay and the Gulf of Mexico.

Sports fishing and crabbing are also popular and productive along the coastal marshes and into the bay and the recently revitalized Vermilion River. A campground operated by the city of Abbeville sits on Coulée Kinney, a small tributary of the river on Abbeville's west side.

Hunting

Vermilion Parish coastal marshes encompasses excellent waterfowl which migrate from Canada. Hunters come from all over the world to enjoy this wonderful sport. Commercial camps are available on request.

1. Syrup Mill
2. St. Mary Magdalen Church
3. St. Mary Magdalen Square
4. Vermilion Parish Court House
5. City Hall
6. Vermilion Parish School Board Office
7. Rice Mill
A historic town founded by a French immigrant priest, Pere Megret, in 1843, Abbeville has a unique French Acadian culture modified by the German, Irish, Italian, African and Jewish cultures of later settlers.

Tree-lined streets and century-old houses dot the residential neighborhoods, while a thriving commerce center has sprung up along the city's main highway, the La. Hwy. Bypass.

Abbeville's highly successful community theatre was organized in 1977 by a group of theatre-minded Abbevillians, the Abby Players. The theatre is housed in a former warehouse which has been transformed into an arena theatre complete with backstage area and upstairs dressing rooms. It seats 117 people and offers a Buffet Style Club complete with food and drinks. They have performed such well known plays as Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, The Odd Couple, Cactus Flower, and their most famous play, Play It Again Sam. Performances are 3-4 plays a year. Tours are available. The theatre is located on South State Street.

The Fa-Tras originated in 1982. It is a group of local businessmen who got together at backyard Bar-B-Ques playing for friends and family but then went on to be invited to play for festivals, to do benefits. It is a non-profit organization and all or any extra money go to charities. They have played in Memphis, Tenn., at the Cripple Children's Hospital, Gov. Edwin Edwards' Inaugural Ball, they will be playing at the World's Fair this year and are the official Cattle Festival Band. They have been invited to play in California sometime this year but have no more information as of this date.

The Guidry's have been growing daylilies since 1972. They are members of the American Hemerocallis Society and have over 200 registered cultivars. Several are National Award Winners and are shipped internationally. They are open year around, but viewing is best during the months of May and June. Tours are available.