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Welcome to Crowley, the **Rice Capital of America** and the heart of the Cajun Prairie, guaranteeing a friendly welcome and relaxing atmosphere. Crowley is home to a host of diverse cultures and traditions. Our community values its rich history and heritage. There are people to meet, places to go, sights to see and things to do, so - let's get going!

Now, a great place to start is the **Ford Building**, originally built as the Crowley Motor Company, a 1921 Model T dealership, and now home to **Crowley City Hall** and four remarkable museums, the **Rice Interpretive Center**, the **History of Crowley, J.D. Miller Music** and **Ford Automotive museums**. After touring the museums and getting to know a little about Crowley, take a leisurely stroll down **Historic Downtown Parkerson Avenue** where you'll discover the **Grand Opera House of the South** (c. 1900) and the historic **Rice Theatre** (c. 1939) among other notable historic landmarks. Crowley is home to one of the largest Historic Districts in Louisiana with over 200 listings on the National Register of Historic Places in America, so don't miss taking the **Historic District Residential and Downtown Walking and Driving Tour**.

Mix it up with shopping - browse our shops, boutiques and art galleries, there's sure to be something you can't live without! At the end of the day, relax, unwind or for a new look visit one of our many spa/salons. When it's time to eat, a visit to any of our local restaurants is certain to delight the taste buds and satisfy the appetite. And when it's time for a good night's sleep, comfortable accommodations are close at hand.

Celebrations with parades, live entertainment, fairs, good food, Queens and pageantry and loads of fun are a Louisiana tradition. **Joie de vivre** (joy of life) is a way of life in Acadiana and is evident in Crowley's three annual festivals. **Carnival d'Acadie** (Mardi Gras), **July Fete Independence Day Celebration** and the granddaddy of them all the **Crowley International Rice Festival**; the oldest and largest Agricultural Festival in Louisiana (held the 3rd weekend in October)...all of which makes having a good time here a year round job! So, come on down, "pass-a-good-time," grab a partner, dancing in the street is encouraged!

**All this and lagniappe** (a little something extra) - so get a move on... we're waiting for ya'll!

This Visitors Travel Guide provides information about these and other places of interest in Crowley and the surrounding area. For additional information please visit us at [www.crowley-la.com](http://www.crowley-la.com) or call our Tourism Coordinator toll free 866.665.4642. Itineraries and a step-on-guide are available at no charge.
Once Upon a Time  
~ The Story ~

In 1886, way down in South Louisiana on the Cajun Prairie, two brothers had a dream of building a town. But it took a bit more than dreaming — there was the cost (45¢ an acre), the railroad (moving a switch station depot), the planning of a city (a special grid design), and of course, all the people and hard work it took to make that dream a reality. On January 4, 1887 Crowley was born. On March 1, 1887 Crowley was chosen by popular vote as the Parish Seat of Acadia. Now for the rest of the story!

Located in the heart of the Cajun Prairie, the majority of the original settlers consisted of Midwesterners. Today, you'll find that Crowley is diverse in its cultures and traditions having been influenced by a cornucopia of heritages including French, German, African American, Irish, Italian, Spanish, American Indian and Lebanese.

From small town family fun and big city glitter, Crowley offers easy access to it all situated on Interstate 10 and Louisiana State Highways 13 and 90, close proximity to Interstate 49, located 55 miles east of Lake Charles, 20 miles west of Lafayette and perfectly situated midway between New Orleans and Houston — puts Crowley smack dab in the middle of where you want to be.

Louisiana is known as “Sportsman’s Paradise” and Crowley’s climate is perfect for outdoor activities. It's pleasantly mild for three seasons — autumn, winter and spring. Autumn is perhaps our most beautiful season with low rain fall and mild temperatures, while winter is usually mild with an occasional arctic chill and spring is similar to autumn with occasional rain showers. Summer, of course, brings heat and humidity but plenty of time for fun in the sun!

Crowley has earned the designation as a National Arbor Day Foundation’s Tree City USA. We are also recognized as a National Main Street Community, a designated Preserve America Community and a Louisiana Certified Retirement Community.

History and culture are the roots of Crowley’s proud community — Preserved through the dedication and hard work of our citizens — This commitment assures the promise of Crowley’s future — Crowley Pride... Catch It!
**Things To Do & Places To See ~ Attractions ~**

**Crowley Motor Company**
Ford Building
Crowley City Hall
425 North Parkerson Avenue
337.783.0824 / 866.665.4642 TOLL FREE
www.crowley-la.com
TOURS - NO ADMISSION

Built in 1920 (pictured above) at a cost of $40,000.00 the Crowley Motor Company was the city's Ford Model T dealership. Designed by an architect for the Ford Motor Company, it was one of 1,000 similar Ford dealerships constructed in the United States with only a few remaining today. In September of 2000, the city of Crowley purchased the building from the J.D. Miller family. Restoration began in August of 2003 and in February of 2006 City Hall moved in. The building is also home to four museums: the Rice Interpretive Center, the History of Crowley, J.D. Miller Music Recording Studio and Ford Automotive Museums (descriptions follow). Business hours are Monday thru Friday 8am to 4pm. For more information on the four museums or to schedule tours, call our Tourism Coordinator. Itineraries, a step-on-guide, special events and weekend tours can be arranged at no charge.

**Rice Interpretive Center**
425 North Parkerson Avenue
City Hall - 1st Floor
337.783.0824 / 866.665.4642 TOLL FREE
www.crowley-la.com
TOURS - NO ADMISSION

On entering the Rice Interpretive Center you’ll discover the connection between rice and Crowley through an award winning video, educational panels, exhibits and interactive displays. Focusing on the rice industry and Crowley, you’ll learn about the history, growing, production, cooking and promotion of rice. Milling more rice than any other city in America helped earn Crowley the title of “Rice Capital of America.” Amazing that this small, simple grain of rice is cause for the oldest and largest agricultural festival in Louisiana, the International Rice Festival, which will celebrate it's 74th year in October 2020.

**History of Crowley Museum**
425 North Parkerson Avenue
City Hall - Mezzanine
337.783.0824 / 866.665.4642 TOLL FREE
www.crowley-la.com
TOURS - NO ADMISSION

The history of Crowley is encapsulated in this museum and is told through a pictorial history, various exhibits and artifacts, educational panels and interactive displays. Crowley was founded by the Duson brothers and raised on the railroad. The city blossomed thanks to advancements in the rice industry as many local residents made their living farming, milling and/or shipping rice. Discover the history of our people and how they met the needs of a growing and ever changing city. The museum will give you a glimpse into the many facets that make up our community.

**J.D. Miller Music Recording Studio Museum**
425 North Parkerson Avenue
City Hall - 2nd Level
337.783.0824 / 866.665.4642 TOLL FREE
www.crowley-la.com
TOURS - NO ADMISSION

See and hear the story of a Louisiana music legend, J.D. Miller. Located on the second level the museum includes the original recording equipment and musical instruments used in J.D.'s studio recording sessions. Through an award winning video, photos, exhibits and educational panels, the history of J.D. Miller, his music, the artists who recorded his music and the artists whose music J.D. produced in the studio — “a place where legends performed” — is told. His labels featured Cajun, Zydeco, blues, country and “swamp pop” artists. J.D. was a prolific writer of songs and wrote more than 400 titles. His most famous, “It wasn’t God Who Made Honky Tonk Angels,” was recorded by Kitty Wells and the chart-topping record struck gold for her and J.D. In the mid 1980’s the studio was moved to J.D.’s music store, Modern Music. J.D.'s tradition plays on today through his son, Mark Miller, who owns and runs the studio, now named Master-Trak Sound Recorders, making the studio the oldest recording studio in continuous existence in the State of Louisiana.

**Ford Automotive Museum**
425 North Parkerson Avenue
City Hall - 2nd Floor
337.783.0824 / 866.665.4642 TOLL FREE
www.crowley-la.com
TOURS - NO ADMISSION

Travel back to the era of the Model T and the assembly line and make the Ford-Crowley connection. The Ford building, constructed in 1921, is sometimes mistakenly labeled as a Ford assembly
plant. Actually, the building was a Ford Model T dealership. Today, the history of the automobile in Crowley is told through video, photos and informational panels. The Ford Automotive Museum boasts 2 vintage 1923 Model T's (a coupe and a sedan) on loan to the museum by the Maxie Cradour family.

**HISTORIC RICE THEATRE**
323 North Parkerson Avenue
337.783.0824 • 186.665.4642 TOLL FREE
www.crowley-la.com
TOURS = NO ADMISSION

The Southern Amusement Company began construction of the Rice Theatre in 1939. Construction was delayed by the Flood of 1940 and it opened in January of 1941. The Rice Theatre is done in the Art Deco style, which was a popular international art design movement from 1925 until the 1940s, and is characterized by use of materials such as aluminum, stainless steel, lacquer and inlaid wood, with bold use of stepped forms and sweeping curves. The City of Crowley purchased the theatre in 1986 and a limited remodeling project was undertaken. In 2000 a complete restoration of this landmark was undertaken. The Historic Rice Theatre is an impressive example of the eclectic form of elegant and stylish modernism Art Deco design. These days the Rice Theatre plays host to numerous civic and community events and a wide range of live local, area and national entertainment.

**GRAND OPERA HOUSE OF THE SOUTH**
505 North Parkerson Avenue
337.783.0440
www.thegrandoperahouse.org
TOURS BY APPOINTMENT - FEE

November 23, 1901 was opening night and eight hundred patrons attended the Harry Ward’s Minstrels Show that evening. The Grand Opera House of the South, the dream of David E. Lyons, took two years to construct and cost $18,000. The Grand Opera House of the South is a non-profit organization, is once again bringing successful performances to its audiences. Though it serves as a historic setting for various acts and entertainers, the Grand Opera House of the South also features a museum that holds the treasures of days gone by. Memorabilia including the original sign that hung outside the Opera House, old stage costumes and a collection of show-biz Opera House relics will take you back to a bygone era.

**THE BALLROOM OF CROWLEY**
U.S. POST OFFICE 1914
124 East Third Street
337.783.8090
www.theballroomofcrowley.com
TOURS BY APPOINTMENT - NO ADMISSION

This Renaissance Revival, brick (overlaid with stucco) and limestone building was Crowley’s first post office and is now the home of the Federal Building. It features a hip roof, 20 ft. ceiling, inlaid stone floors and majestic fluted Doric columns at both entrances. It was closed in 1967 when the current Federal building was opened. Stamped with the history of Crowley, the building now proudly delivers in style. The Ballroom of Crowley, a reception hall perfect for any occasion.

**MODERN MUSIC ~ MASTER-TRAK SOUND RECORDERS**
413 North Parkerson Avenue
337.783.1601
www.mterecords.com
TOURS BY APPOINTMENT - NO ADMISSION

Kinda looks like it's raining guitars, you can hardly see the walls or floor for the huge selection of musical instruments, accessories and sound equipment stacked to the ceiling... then, you hear the music... you've entered Modern Music. For over 60 years Modern Music and the Miller family have brought music to Crowley and the world. Today, Mark Miller, the son of J.D. Miller, operates the music store and Master-Trak Sound Recorders Studio. Mark and his staff make sure that at Modern Music if you don't see it music wise, it probably doesn't exist! You'll find a treasure trove of CDs including Traditional & Contemporary Cajun, Country, Zydeco, Swamp Pop, Blues, Soul, Gospel and more at your fingertips and you're not gonna believe the 45's! As the music flows so do the stories and you never know who'll walk through the door to shop, record or just pop-in for a visit as Modern Music is home to many local, national and international artists. A visit to Modern Music is sure to hit the right note.

**THE GALLERY ~ CROWLEY ART ASSOCIATION**
220 North Parkerson Avenue
337.783.3747
www.crowleyartgallery.com
NO ADMISSION

Whether you're the artsy type or just gaze in wonder at the talents of others, The Gallery/Crowley Art Association, located in the historic Duson Building, is one stop to include on your to-see and to-do list. You'll discover fine art, hand-painted porcelain, beautiful hand-crafted items, woodcarvings and a variety of many artistic mediums by local artists and craftsmen on display. Opened in 1980, its purpose is to provide a place for area artists to display their original work and more importantly to stimulate community interest in art. You're likely to walk in on a class or workshop and be invited to join in and express your artistic talent. And if your talent doesn't lie in creating art... there's always the art of shopping for that perfect gift or souvenir and from The Gallery, it's sure to be a truly 'one of a kind,' piece. No fee.
Want to know 'how' to make Cajun music? Well, during your visit to Mouton's Accordion & Music you'll hear and see the 'how!' Greg Mouton, owner, accordion builder, and musician, learned the craft from his Uncle Shine Mouton. Greg has carried on the tradition for over 20 years making "Mouton Accordion" the longest running label in Cajun Accordion. Mouton Accordion are built by special order for individual customers, so each accordion is truly the soulmate of its player. Mouton's is a full music store carrying instruments, accessories and cd's (for taking some of that good Cajun music home with you). Ms. Theresa, Greg's wife, will make the tour of the workshop, Greg's demonstration, and of course, a cup of coffee and a good time, all happen with live local Cajun music, a smile and some good ole Cajun Hospitality!

Kelly's Landing, LLC
Agricultural Museum & Farm Tour
1109 Robert Cove Road
337.788.0546 or 337.263.5520
TOURS BY APPOINTMENT - FEE

Time to relax, laugh and even learn a few things about rice farming, crawfishing and toy collecting...yes toy collecting! Kelly will cook up a gumbo or a jambalaya; he'll entertain you with his stories (and jokes) and then give you a lesson on rice and crawfish farming. All the while Ms. Lynn is making sure everyone's comfortable and havin' a good time! Oh, and about the toys...next to the dining room is the John Deere room which holds one of the area's largest collection of John Deere toys and memorabilia. Weather permitting, a tour of the fields and ponds can be arranged.

LSU Ag-Center Rice Research Station
1373 Caffery Road
337.788.7531
www.lsuagcenter.com

LSU Ag-Center's Rice Research Station celebrated a century of operation in 2009, making it the oldest facility of its kind in the Western Hemisphere. The Station was established in the spring of 1909 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture after farmers saw the need for improved rice varieties adapted for southwest Louisiana and for help growing rice in our Gulf Coast conditions. From then to now accomplishments in three important areas: research in breeding and producing new varieties of rice, the studies in production practices to increase yields and the development and improvements in technology have continued to keep the Rice Research Station at the forefront of the industry. The past, present and future of rice all here for you and the world to discover.

Stay Awhile... ~ ACCOMMODATIONS ~

MOTELS
Crowley Inn
211 North Cherokee Drive
Exit 80 onto service road
337.788.0970

Days Inn of Crowley
9571 Egan Hwy.
Exit 80 onto service road
337.783.2378

La Quinta Inn
9565 Egan Hwy.
Exit 80 onto Hwy 100
337.783.6500
www.LQ.com

Vacation/Corporate Rentals
Crowley Rice Cottage
568 North Avenue
337.783.0290 or 337.581.2775
www.crowleyricecottage.com

BED & BREAKFAST
La Maison de Marie
24303 Crowley-Eunice Hwy.
337.783.3561

RV PARK
Acadia Rice Arena RV Park
159 Cherokee Road
337.783.1442

A & M Campground
3108 Henry Road
South Hwy. 13
337.783.2138

Cajun Haven
424 Trumps Road
337.783.7330
1. Acadia Parish Courthouse, Court Circle - The third courthouse built on the original site (c. 1888) at the intersection of Parkerson and Hutchinson avenues.

2. 1st City Hall, 104 E. Court Circle - The German renaissance building was Crowley's city hall from 1900 to 1937 and built according to specifications calling for a town hall and market place. Plans for restoration are pending.


4. St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, 505 N. Avenue F - Built in 1912, this Italian Renaissance brick basilica building replaced the first wooden church.

5. 2nd City Hall, 428 N. Avenue F - This two-story art deco building was constructed in 1931. The first floor now houses the Crowley Police Department.

6. Present City Hall/Ford Building/Crowley Motor Company, 425 N. Parkerson Avenue - Built in 1930 at a cost of $40,000, this building housed the first Ford dealership in Crowley. Now home to Crowley City Hall, the Rice Interpretive Center, J.D. Miller Recording Studio, History of Crowley and the Ford Dealership Museum.

7. Rice Theatre, 323 N. Parkerson Avenue - The Southern Amusement Company built the art deco movie theatre in 1940. Before its scheduled opening date in August of that year, it was damaged by a flood caused by a hurricane and had to be renovated. It did not open until January 1941.

8. Frankel's Crystal Palace, 313 N. Parkerson Avenue - Constructed in 1902, this two-story brick building became known as the "Crystal Palace" because of its seven bays and elaborate brickwork.

9. Bank of Acadia, 301 N. Parkerson Avenue - This two-story brick and stucco building (c. 1902) housed the Bank of Acadia (first floor) and Crowley's first National Guard Armory (second floor).

10. Egan Hotel, 306 N. Parkerson Avenue - The Egan family, prominent in the settling and early years of Crowley, opened the hotel in 1914. Restoration in progress.

11. Duson Building/Art Gallery, 220 1/2 N. Parkerson Avenue - The third home of Duson Bros. Real Estate business (c. 1901). The two-story brick building contains four ground-level shops and a number of offices on the second floor. Restoration in progress.

12. First National Bank Bldg., 126 N. Parkerson Avenue - When constructed in 1920 this seven-story "skyscraper" was the tallest building between Houston and New Orleans. It is currently the tallest building in Crowley.

13. Wells Fargo-Railway Express, 10 N. Parkerson & First Street - Wells Fargo built and occupied this building in 1906, later selling it to the Railway Express Co.

14. Rice Mill Row, Mill Street - In 1893, a Crowley farmer started their own rice mill in a wooden shack. Before 1908 there were no less than ten mills in operation.

15. Frisco Depot, 114 E. 1st Street - Built in 1907, trains from the new Frisco line made regular stops at this depot. Purchased in 1979 by Louisiana Church Interiors and completely refurbished and restored.

16. Lawrence-Hoffpauer, 219 E. Second Street - Colonial revival residence built in 1906 by W.W. Duson as a wedding present for his daughter, Marmal. Percy Lawrence was one of the organizers of the First National Bank and helped to build the seven-story bank building. The Hoffpauer family now owns the home.

17. Clark-Miller, 305 E. Second Street - Raymond F. Clark, the first Clerk of Court of Acadia Parish, built the Victorian palace in 1888 - a most commodious and ornate dwelling having two Eastlake galleries and stained glass windows.

18. School: Dela Houssay, 704 E. Third Street - Constructed as Crowley's first public school in 1887, this is one of the oldest buildings in Crowley. In 1893, the schoolhouse was purchased by a private owner and remodeled as a residence.

19. Ellis-Dela Houssay, 705 E. Third Street - Built in 1901 the residence was purchased in 1929 by W.W. Duson, founder of Crowley.

20. Lawson-Graf, 623 E. Third Street - Built in 1894 by W.E. Lawson, the one-story Queen Anne still maintains its original leaded glass framing the door.

21. Holt-Whiting, 521 E. Third Street - After their first cottage burned, Allen Percy Holt and his wife, Bertha, built this two-story Queen Anne residence in 1905.

22. Levy Park between 3rd & 4th Streets and Avenue J - The land donated by Mr. Alphonse Levy of Opelousas was a grassy common area until the "Ladies Levy Park Association" formed in 1986. The ladies raised funds to construct a bandstand in the park that quickly became a great part of Crowley history.

23. First United Methodist Church, 321 E. Third Street - Greek revival church building, c. 1913, contains the original German-made stained glass windows.

24. Morris-Davino, 304 E. Third Street - Emma Hill Morris, widow of Dr. James Franklin Morris who practiced medicine in Crowley, built and furnished the house in 1902. Mrs. Morris passed away before the couple could move in.

25. Feitel-Kingley, 220 E. Third Street - Dan Feitel built this Tudor-style residence in 1902. Feitel was the president of Acadia-Vermilion Rice Irrigation Co.

26. Post Office/The Balloon of 1914, 124 E. Third Street - c. 1914, this residence used to be a residence.

27. Presbyterian Church, 321 E. Fourth Street - Greek revival church building, c. 1913, contains the original German-made stained glass windows.


29. Roller-Dela Houssay, 216 N. Eastern Avenue - John W. Roller built the house in 1895 for $2,500 and sold it when he moved his family to California.

30. Tolar-Barousse, 514 N. Avenue J - Built in 1892, the two-story house was the largest in town containing two Eastlake galleries and eight fireplaces. Later transformed into the current one-and-a-half-story Queen Anne residence.

Begin at Crowley City Hall/Ford Bldg., 425 North Parkerson Avenue.
Travel south 1 mile to the Rice Theatre.
From the Rice Theatre continue south 0.1 miles and turn left on Hwy. 90 E.
Drive east on Hwy. 90 for 0.4 miles and turn right on Hwy. 13 S. Look right at the top of the John N. John Overpass view Mill Street and the line of rice mills.
Continue south on Hwy. 13 for 1.5 miles and turn right (west) on Airport Road. Your drive will take you through fields of rice and soybean fields and crawfish ponds.
Continue west on Airport Road for 1.6 miles to the Crystal Rice Heritage Farm. Turn left into facility. (Tours are available for a fee. Call 783-6417 for info.)
Exit Crystal Rice Heritage Farm and turn right (east) on Airport Road for 0.8 miles and turn left (north) on Muskrat Road. Continue north on Muskrat Road for 1.6 miles and turn right (west) on Roller Road.
Go west on Roller Road for 1.2 miles and turn right on U.S. Hwy. 90 E.
Continue on Hwy. 90 E for 100 feet to the original Rice Experiment Station and home of John Mitchell Jenkins, the first superintendent, 1914-1946. Turn left into facility.
Exit original Rice Experiment Station and turn right on Hwy. 90 W for 100 feet and turn left (south) on Roller Road.
Continue south on Roller Road for 0.1 mile and turn left (east) on Mill Street.
Drive east on Mill Street for 0.9 miles to historic Miller Stadium. Continue east on Mill Street for 0.3 miles and turn left (north) on Parkerson Avenue.
Go north on Parkerson Avenue for 0.4 miles and turn right (east) on Hutchinson Avenue (our historic district).
Continue east on Hutchinson Avenue for 0.4 miles. Hutchinson Avenue becomes Hwy. 90.
Go east on Hwy. 90 for 2.4 miles and turn left (north) on Caffey Road.
Follow Caffey Road for 0.5 miles to the LSU AgCenter Rice Research Station.
To tour the rice experiment fields at LSU AgCenter Rice Research Station:
Continue traveling south onto the unpaved road. Use caution, there is a 10 mph speed limit. The unpaved road makes a loop. Complete the loop on the unpaved road and turn right (west) on unpaved road, which ends at Hwy. 1111, and turn left (south) on Hwy. 1111.
Continue on Hwy. 1111 S for 0.3 miles to the Acadia Parish Tourist Information Center. Turn right into the facility.
Exit the Acadia Parish Tourist Information Center and turn right on Hwy. 1111 S for 1.0 mile. Hwy. 1111 merges right onto Hwy. 90 W.
Continue on Hwy. 90 W for 1.7 miles and turn left (south) on Eastern Avenue (Hwy. 13).
Drive south on Eastern Avenue for 3 blocks and turn right (west) on Fifth Street.
Continue west on Fifth Street for 0.5 miles and return to Crowley City Hall (Crowley's historic district).
This ends the Rice Trail Driving Tour.
**Time to Celebrate!**

~ CARNIVALS & FESTIVALS ~

**INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL**

Headquarters
110 East 4th Street &
N. Parkerson Avenue
337.783.3067
www.ricefestival.com

It’s the granddaddy for sure... the International Rice Festival, the oldest and largest agricultural festival in Louisiana. Since the inauguration of the first Rice Festival in 1937, the importance of rice as a food and its importance in the world’s economic impact have been at the heart of the festival. The three day festival, always held the third weekend in October, takes place on Historic Downtown Parkerson Avenue. Being the oldest and largest also means being the best... the best food, live entertainment, dancing in the streets, fair rides, games, parades, Queens, pageantry, music, cooking and eating contests and more. Remember, Rice... everything else is gravy!

**CARNIVAL D’ACADIE**

11 N. Parkerson Avenue | 337.783.0824 | www.crowley-la.com

Catch Mardi Gras as the parade rolls down Crowley’s Historic Parkerson Avenue and celebrate “Fat Tuesday” Rice City style! Our Mardi Gras, known as Carnival d’Acadie, is a family friendly, two day carnival where you will experience Rice City revelry at its best. Street dances, live entertainment, delicious festival foods, a costume contest and the parade all make for a “time of your life” visit. And don’t forget to practice your “throw me something mister,” make it loud and clear!

**JULY FETÉ**

11 N. Parkerson Avenue
337.783.0824
www.crowley-la.com

Get down with Zydeco or two-step to your heart’s content to the music of the best bands around at our July 4th Independence Day celebration. Glittering pyrotechnics illuminate the heavens as you gaze upward and then dance the beautiful summer night away.

**FUTURE FESTIVAL DATES**

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Dates subject to change - before traveling long distances please visit www.crowley-la.com or call 866.665.4642
LET'S EAT!
~ LOCAL DINING ~

CAJUN CUISINE

FEZZO'S SEAFOOD, STEAKHOUSE & OYSTER BAR
2111 N. Cherokee Drive
I-10 Exit 80
337.783.5515

RICE PALACE CAJUN RESTAURANT & EXIT 80 TRAVEL PLAZA
2015 N. Cherokee Drive
I-10 Exit 80
337.783.3001

GOOD COOKING

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1823 N. Parkerson Avenue
337.788.6144

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1426 N. Parkerson Avenue
337.788.0507

CAJUN WAY FAMILY RESTAURANT/ BOUDIN KING
1805 N. Parkerson Avenue
337.788.2929

CHINA DRAGON BUFFET
1703 N. Parkerson Avenue
337.785.8882

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165 Oddfellows Road
337.250.4177

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2307 N. Parkerson Avenue
337.785.0339

FIREHOUSE CAFÉ
723 S. Parkerson Avenue
337.783.1616

FROSTO
228 N. Avenue G
337.783.0917

GOLDEN DELIGHT FRIED CHICKEN
518 S. Eastern Avenue
337.783.0170

JOOPЕ COURT YARD CAFÉ
414 N. Parkerson Avenue
337.250.4045

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SEASONAL

THE CRAWFISH NEST
728 W. 2nd Street
337.783.9900

FAULK'S CRAWDADS
1022 N. Parkerson
337.788.0709

OLD TYLE CAFÉ
305 W. Oak
337.783.8963

PJ'S GRILL
2106 N. Parkerson Avenue
337.788.4090

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CRAVIN' CRAWFISH & CATERING
165 Oddfellows Road
337.250.4177

FEZZO'S SEAFOOD, STEAKHOUSE & OYSTER BAR
I-10 Exit 80
337.783.5515

RICE PALACE CAJUN RESTAURANT & EXIT 80 TRAVEL PLAZA
I-10 Exit 80
337.783.3001

FIREHOUSE CAFÉ
723 S. Parkerson Avenue
337.783.1616

THE BALLROOM OF CROWLEY
124 E. Third Street
337.783.8990

LE GRAND HALL
505 N. Parkerson Avenue
337.785.0440

NEED A BREAK?

CINEMA/MOVIE
Crowley Cinema IV
2304 N. Parkerson Avenue
337.788.0808

THEATRE
Grand Opera House of the South
505 N. Parkerson Avenue
337.785.0440

Rice Theatre
323 N. Parkerson Avenue
337.783.0824

GOLF COURSE
Bayou Bend Country Club
427 W. Hoyt Avenue
337.783.3214

GYM
Anytime Fitness
209 E. Park Street
337.250.4675

Body Tones
824 E. Hutchinson
337.788.2873

Curves for Women
2108 N. Parkerson Avenue
337.785.9100

Health Works
157 Oddfellows Road
337.783.0451

CITY PARKS
337.783.0824/886.665.4642

C.W. Edwards
East Cedar Street

Crowley Recreation Center
717 West Mill

Duson Park
4th Street & Avenue C

Freeland Park
3rd Street & Avenue N

Hoffpaur Park
N. Avenue & Milton Avenue

Levy Park
3rd Street & Avenue I

M.K. King Community & Recreation Center
Meyer Park
7th Street & Avenue I

Miller Stadium
Mill Street & Avenue C

Mobley Field Walking Park
10th & Avenue E

South Crowley Park
Ash Street & Avenue H
**LAUNDROMAT**  
South Crowley Washateria - 524 S. Eastern Ave/S. Hwy 13  
Sudsy Laundromat - 725 N. Parkerson Avenue

**NEWSPAPER**  
Crowley Post Signal .................................................. 337.783.3450

**TOURIST INFORMATION**  
Acadia Parish Tourist Commission ............................. 337.783.2108  
Acadia Tours with Alice ........................................... 337.581.4827  
City of Crowley Tourism Coordinator ......................... 337.783.0824  
Point de L'Eglise  
Genealogical & Historical Society ............................. 337.783.8497

**TOWING/WRECKER**  
Bruce's I-10 Wrecker .............................................. 337.783.4491  
Cliff's Towing Service ............................................ 337.788.2230

**CROWLEY'S OWN**

**GIFT SHOPS**  
Gail's Gifts ............................................................ 337.788.1117  
La Church Interiors & Gifts ........................................ 337.783.1536

Ray's Gifts & Interiors .............................................. 337.783.8833  
The Gallery/Crowley Art Association ......................... 337.783.3747  
What A Girl Wants .................................................... 337.783.2700

**MUSIC**  
Modern Music .......................................................... 337.783.1601  
Moutons Music .......................................................... 337.783.2246

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Bier's Pharmacy ........................................................ 337.783.3023  
Brandt's Jewelry ....................................................... 337.783.3124  
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Crowley Flower Shop .................................................. 337.783.1512  
Crowley Post Signal ................................................... 337.783.2108  
Edith's Jewelry .......................................................... 337.783.5184  
Frosto Drive-In .......................................................... 337.783.0917  
Gremillion's Drug Store ............................................. 337.783.5755  
KSIG-AM Radio Station ............................................ 337.783.2520  
LaGrange's Food Mart ............................................... 337.783.6612  
Modern Music ........................................................... 337.783.1601  
Park Ave Cleaners / Crowley Cleaners ....................... 337.783.7814  
Rice City Liquor ....................................................... 337.783.9856  
Ruddocks Bakery ....................................................... 337.783.2962  
Office Center / Teachers Pet / Rollonso's ................... 337.783.3884

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**EMERGENCY**

**EMERGENCY** ..................................................... 911
Crowley Police Department ........................................ 337.783.1234 or emergency 911
Crowley Fire Department ........................................... 337.788.4106 or emergency 911
American Legion Hospital .......................................... 337.783.3222
Acadian Ambulance .................................................. 1.800.259.1111 or emergency 911

**CIVIC**  
Crowley City Hall ..................................................... 337.783.0824 or 866.665.4642  
Crowley Chamber of Commerce .................................... 337.788.0177

**SERVICES**  
**ANIMAL HOSPITAL**  
Acadia Animal Clinic ................................................ 337.783.7642
Crowley Veterinary Hospital ....................................... 337.788.0614

**AUTOMATIC CAR WASH**  
Mr. Bubbles Car Wash - 424 Oddfellows Road .................. 337.783.3847  
Gator Car/Soft Touch Car Wash - Mill Street & South Avenue G  
Sudsy Car Wash I - 725 N. Parkerson Avenue  
Sudsy Car Wash II - 118 Blue Lake Drive

**CAB**  
Acadia Cab ............................................................. 337.783.7888

**LOCAL HOMETOWN PHARMACIES**  
Bier's ................................................................. 337.783.3023  
Carmichael's ............................................................ 337.783.7200  
Gremillion's ............................................................ 337.783.5755  
Medicine Shoppe ....................................................... 337.783.9084
CHURCHES

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
Northside Assembly of God
809 E. Northern Avenue ........................................... 337.783.3620

BAPTIST
First Baptist Church
228 E. 4th Street ...................................................... 337.783.0442
Israelite Baptist Church
428 N. Avenue C ....................................................... 337.783.3102
Jerusalem Baptist Church
927 W. 7th Street ....................................................... 337.783.4706
Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church
523 W. 3rd Street ....................................................... 337.783.9069
Mt. Zion Baptist Church
820 W. Hutchinson Avenue ........................................... 337.783.7128
St. Joseph Baptist Church
1219 W. Hutchinson Avenue ....................................... 337.783.3104
Grace Bible Baptist Church
1023 N. Western Avenue ............................................. 337.783.4553
Parkerson Avenue Baptist Church
1116 W. Parkerson Avenue ........................................... 337.783.1848

BIBLE MISSIONARY
Bible Missionary Church
112 Guillary Drive ...................................................... 337.783.5984

CATHOLIC
Immaculate Heart of Mary
901 E. Elm Street ...................................................... 337.783.3498
St. Michael Catholic Church
224 W. 5th Street ....................................................... 337.783.7394
St. Theresa Catholic Church
417 W. 3rd Street ....................................................... 337.783.1880

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Church of Christ in Crowley
1303 N. Eastern Avenue ............................................. 337.783.5789
Forest Park Church of Christ
19326 Crowley Eunice Highway .................................... 337.783.0506

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
First Church of God in Christ
328 N. Avenue B ....................................................... 337.783.0760

CHURCH OF JESUS
Church of Jesus Christ
5118 White Oak Highway .......................................... 337.783.0424

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
First Church of the Nazarene
1203 W. Northern Avenue ......................................... 337.783.4715

EPISCOPAL
Trinity Episcopal Church
1303 Hoffpaur Avenue ............................................... 337.783.3615

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall
1028 E. 6th Street ..................................................... 337.788.1499

LUTHERAN
First Lutheran Church
121 W. 8th Street ....................................................... 337.783.8713

METHODIST
Bethel CME Church
320 W. Hutchinson Avenue ........................................... 337.783.9009
First United Methodist Church
321 E. 3rd Street ....................................................... 337.783.6754
Wesley United Methodist Church
625 E. Elm Street ....................................................... 337.783.0654

PENTECOSTAL
Agape Pentecostal Church
813 W. 10th Street ..................................................... 337.783.1600
Apostolic First Pentecostal Church
933 Egan Highway ..................................................... 337.783.4577
Bible Way Church
1701 N. Avenue ......................................................... 337.788.3868
First United Pentecostal Church
Egan Highway .......................................................... 337.783.7035

PRESBYTERIAN
First Presbyterian Church
321 E. 4th Street ........................................................ 337.783.2249

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CHURCH POINT - 20 miles
Le Vieux Presbytere ........................................ www.churchpoint-la.com
Couril de Mardi Gras ........................................ www.churchpointmardigras.com
Cajun Woodstock ........................................ www.cajunwoodstock.com
Buggy Festival ........................................ www.churchpointbuggyfest.com

DUSON - 14 miles
Wortman Pottery Studio/Showroom .............. www.wortmanpottery.com

ESTHERWOOD - 6 miles
Estherwood Pontoon Bridge ......................... 337.783.0596

EVANGELINE - 20 miles
Evangeline Oil & Gas Festival ......................... www.oilandgasfestival.com

IOTA - 16 miles
Iota Mercantile & Museum ......................... 337.779.2034
Tee Mamou Mardi Gras Festival ..................... www.ioticamardigras.com

MERMENTEAU - 13 miles
Chateau on the Mermenteau ......................... 337.783.3641

MORSE - 12 miles
Little Galleries & Studio ......................... www.simonelittle.com

RAYNE - 8 miles
St. Joseph Cemetery - City of Murals ............ www.rayne.org
Frog Festival ........................................ www.raynefrogfestival.org

RICHARD - 22 miles
Gravesite of Charlene Richard
"Il Cajun Saint" ........................................ www.holymotherchurch.org

ROBERTS COVE - 11 miles
Germanfest Museum ................................ www.robertscoveregermanfest.com

The State You’re In
WWW.LOUISIANA.GOV

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