Wonderful Covington
Walkable
Only forty miles north of New Orleans
The City of Covington was originally founded in 1813, as the Town of Wharton by John Wharton Collins, a New Orleans merchant. The tract of land on which the town was built, one of the final Spanish land grants, was issued to Jacques Drieux in 1803. Collins purchased the tract from Drieux for $2,300 and dedicated the Town of Wharton on July 4, 1813. At that time Collins laid out the town's unique design, a grid of squares containing central squares called “ox lots” which were accessed by alleys and used for public parking and trading of wares. Collins named the district the “Division of St. John.” Over Collins’ strong objections, the town was rededicated in 1816 as the City of Covington under charter by the state legislature to honor General Leonard Covington, a hero of the War of 1812. The division of St. John now forms Covington’s downtown and St. Tammany Parish’s center of government. The activities and turn-of-the-century ambience of this historic district are the heartbeat of the city. Here visitors can discover treasures from all over the world in upscale shops and elegant art galleries, dine on excellent local cuisine and enjoy many special entertainment events.

Walking Tour Sites:

Covington Cemetery, 1817, Columbia Street across from City Hall
The Old Railroad Depot, 1888, 503 N. New Hampshire
Covington Waterworks, c. 1930, 414 N. Thierd
Old Covington Firehouse, c.1930, 434 N. Thierd
C.J. Schoen Middle School, c.1914, 300 N. Jefferson
Covington Bank & Trust Building, c. 1885, 329 N. Columbia
H.J. Smith & Sons Hardware and Museum, c. 1876, 308 N. Columbia
Abadie Family House, C. 1925, 326 N. Lee Lane
Courthouse Square and Historic 250 Year Old Oaks, 510 Boston
The Southern Hotel Building, c. 1907, 428 E. Boston
The Bogue Falaya Men’s Club, 1905, 131 N. New Hampshire
The Christ Episcopal Chapel and Gardens, 1940, New Hampshire
Original Gates to Bogue Falaya Park, 1908, 1205 Park Blvd.
Pateck Building, 1896, 301 Columbia
Covington Bank & Trust II, 1900, 236 N. Columbia
Siler Building, 1900, 344 N. Columbia
Champagne Grocery, 1919, 427 N. Columbia
Old Freezer Plant, 1945, 522 N. New Hampshire
Columbia Street Landing, end of Columbia Street, at the Bogue Falaya River, the birthplace of Covington.
Covington Ice House, 1910, 322 N. Florida

Nestled under ancient oaks, where three rivers wind through the landscape, there is a mainstreet town of Victorian cottages and historic buildings that house some of Louisiana’s finest art galleries, studios, shops and restaurants.

Historic Sites
What are Ox Lots? How old are the Courthouse Oaks? Where’s the museum? Where is the Columbia Street Landing?
Downtown Covington & Ox Lot Parking

Events & Celebrations

Christmas in the Country
Last weekend in November and 1st weekend of December. Enjoy shopping amid holiday hospitality.

Columbia Street Block Party
Five blocks of music and family fun celebrating the last Friday of the month, March through October, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm.

Coordinated Art Openings
Galleries, studios, shops and restaurants welcome visitors to this downtown celebration of the arts. April and October.

Covington Farmers Market
 Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Wednesdays, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Open air market. City Hall grounds, featuring local produce, prepared foods, baked goods, flowers, music, and chef's demos.

Covington Three Rivers Art Festival
Juried fine art and crafts show, second weekend in November.

Holiday Home Tour
Tour private, historic Covington homes decorated in holiday splendor, December.

Mardi Gras
Two parades roll through downtown during carnival season. Parades and festivities in Bogue Falaya Park on Mardi Gras Day.

Old Fashioned Family Fourth
Live music and fireworks. Saturday nearest 4th of July, Bogue Falaya Park.

Shakespeare at the Landing
Live Shakespeare performances, Columbia Street Landing, October.

Sunset at The Landing Concerts
Concert performances at the Columbia Street Landing on the Bogue Falaya River, 3rd Friday of March, April, May, Sept., Oct. & Dec.

Symphony Swing in the Pines
Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra performs at Bogue Falaya Park in April, 6 pm.

For information call Toll Free 1-866-892-1873 www.covla.com

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49. Camellia House Bed & Breakfast
426 E. Rutland Street
985-893-2442
Gracious old home located in Covington’s Downtown Historic District. Suite with private entrance off front porch; bedroom, sitting room and private bath. Porches overlooking gardens, pool and hot tub.

40. Dependable Glass Works, Inc.
509 E. Gibson Street
985-892-0999
Factorystore, bevel mirrors, glass home furnishings, accessories, custom glass and hurricane glass.

www.dpglass.com

4. The Hampton Collection
231 N. Columbia Street
985-890-3400
Antiques, fine art, oriental rugs, chandeliers, decorative accessories.

www.thephamontcollection.com

52. Covington Farmers Market
509 N. Columbia Street
985-892-0483
Fresh collection of local, memorable dating from 1876. Free admission. Open during store hours.

53. H.J. Smith & Sons Hardware Museum
308 N. Columbia Street
985-892-0460
Unusual collection of local memorabilia dating from 1876. Free admission. Open during store hours.

54. Insta-Gator Ranch and Hatchery
23440 Lowe Davis Road
985-892-3669

55. Pontchartrain Vineyards
81250 Hwy. 1082 Bush, La
985-892-9742
French Provincial old world tasting room, vineyard & winery. Fine Louisiana table wines in the classic French tradition.

56. Star Theatre
332 N. New Hampshire Street
985-898-3526
Widest selection of antiques, home furnishings and art.

57. Trace Community Market
Gibson and Columbia Street
3rd and 4th Saturday 9-1
985-603-1542
Wide selection of antiques, home furnishings and art.
I. Boston House Antiques and Interiors
708 E. Boston Street 985-898-3526
Wide selection of antiques, home furnishings and art.

2. The Chimes Antiques
125 N. Theard Street 985-892-8836
Antiques & estate jewelry, porcelain and cut glass.

3. The French House
235 Lee Lane 985-893-4566
French antiques, custom antique cypress tables, gifts, and design services by Susan Brechtel.

4. The Hampton Collection
231 N. Columbia Street 985-898-3400
Antiques, home furnishings, gifts and decorative accessories. www.thehamptoncollection.com

5. Miss Stacie's
316 Lee Lane 985-892-2250
Antiques and collectibles. Featuring artist Susan Willie.

6. Art on Columbia
501 N. Columbia Street 985-892-0870
An eclectic mix of art and fine crafts.

7. Arts & Frames
812 Rutland Street 985-893-9095
Local art, custom framing and art supplies.

8. Brunner Gallery
215 N. Columbia Street 985-893-0444
Contemporary fine art by local, regional & national artists.

9. Downtown Drugs
401 N. Columbia Street 985-893-9770
Old time drugstore with prescriptions, copies and faxing, unique gifts, greeting cards, antiques, yard sale and more.

10. Fort Isabel Gallery Art Partnership
620 N. Columbia Street 985-892-2000
Day spa/retail store offering services and products related to wellness and relaxation.

11. Hasslock Studios
334 N. Vermont Street 985-893-6408
Custom tile, commercial and residential. Hand painted functional decorative pottery.

12. Legato Gallery
424 N. Columbia Street 985-893-9155
Fine art, antiques, jewelry, pottery, glass and fine craft by nationally recognized Louisiana artists.

13. Southern Cotton Company
827 Walker Alley and Lee Lane 985-898-0140
Naturalfiber clothing, unique jewelry, accessories, shoes and gifts.

14. The Jefferson House
619 S. Jefferson Avenue 985-892-6641
Gifts, bridal registry, invitations, furniture and accessories.

15. Addie Racks
434 N. Columbia Street 985-892-1841
A consignment boutique featuring an exquisite array of ladies' fashion and accessories. www.addieracks.com

16. Acme Oyster House
519 E. Boston St. 985-898-0667

17. Back Porch Grill
414 N. New Hampshire Street 985-892-0025
Casual舒适able atmosphere, lovely outdoor seating, lunch Mon-Fri, 11 am-3 pm.

18. City Club
1011 Village Walk 985-898-0529
Contemporary New Orleans cuisine in an upscale atmosphere. Lunch and dinner.

19. Coffee Rani
324 N. Lee Lane 985-895-0507
Unique coffeehouse and cafe serving eats-style salads, sandwiches, pastas and numerous vegetarian specialties. Assorted pastries, freshly roasted coffee and tea. Open seven days, breakfast, lunch and dinner.

20. Columbia Street Tap Room & Grill
434 N. Columbia Street 985-898-0599
100 Micro brew, import & specialty beers, and full grill. www.covingtontaproom.com
6. Now & Then
604 E. Rutland Street (corner of Lee Lane)
985-897-3437
Affordable antiques, linens, gifts and collectibles. We call memories.

7. Obsessions Antiques
421 N. Columbia Street
985-892-3667
French, English and American antiques and art. We ship nationwide. www.obsessionsantiques.com

8. The Past Restored International Antiques
2380 w. 21st Avenue
985-892-7475
Massive inventory of every type of antique, from the British Isles to Middle Europe.

9. Petite Praises
503 N. Columbia Street
985-892-1897
Specializing in antiques from Paris and the Normandy region of France. Mirrors and clocks as well as trink-a-lites.

10. Possibilities, Inc.
222 Lee Lane
985-892-8999
Antiques, gifts and garden accessories.

17. Metal Orchids and Wildlifes Art Gallery
222 N. Columbia Street
985-892-0010
A fine art gallery specializing in wildlife art and botanical illustrations.

18. St. Tammany Art Association Art House
317 N. Columbia Street
985-892-8650
Art exhibits and classes for adult and children. www.sttammanyart.org

19. Ven Normand Studio & Gallery
813 E. Rutland Street
985-892-0050
Portraiture and commercial photography studio and art gallery. www.vennorman.com

20. Dependable Glass Works, Inc.
509 E. Gibson Street at Columbia Street
985-892-0999
Factory sizes, new mirrors, glass home furnishing, accessories, security glass & hurricane glass. www.depglass.com

25. Planet Rock
322 N. Vermilion Street
985-892-9293
Versatile hangout with gift shop featuring clothing, jewelry, sailboards, and accessories, snacks and drinks.

26. Roy's Knife and Archery Shop
218 N. Columbia Street
985-892-1090
Featuring Roy Blum handmade knives, archery and bow hunting equipment, and guns. Home of Mad Dog Music Company and "Traditional Photography".

27. Thirst Dog Bakery
164 N. Columbia Street
985-892-4266
Fresh baked gourmet dog treats, pastries and upscale dog accessories.

28. Walker House LTD
221 Lee Lane
985-892-4026
Antiques, gifts and decorative accessories for the home and garden.

29. Yoga School
603 S. Tyler Street
985-893-8834
Instruction in hatha yoga. Our gift shop offers yoga equipment, creative gifts and designs by local artists.

30. Total Woman
724 E. Benton Street
985-890-5440
Specialty women's clothing, shoes and accessories.

31. Allison Yaney & Positive Reflections
214 Lee Lane
985-892-7992
Personal shopping, makeovers and beauty consultations.

32. Downtown Drugs
322 N. Florida Street
985-892-7220
Old time drugstore with prescriptions, copies and faxing, unique gifts, greeting cards, antiques, soda fountain and cafe.

33. Isabella's Pizzeria
331 N. Columbia Street
985-875-7095
Gourmet pizza, pasta, calzones, salads and sandwiches.

34. Firenze Custom Clothiers, Ltd.
605 E. Benton Street
985-897-0108
Custom designed clothing, free jewelry, and fashion accessories for men and women, tyrol leather handbags, belts and unique gifts.

35. Vidalia Grill
208 Lee Lane
985-875-0432
Certified Angus beef steak, burgers, salads and sandwiches.

36. O'Reilly and Louisiana Star
407 N. Columbia Street
985-892-4578
Restaurant with wineshop and liquor store.

37. Earthsavers Relaxation Spa & Store
528 N. Columbia Street
985-875-0009
Day spa/resort store offering services, and products related to wellness and relaxation.

38. Pogue's Corner Deli
534 N. New Hampshire Street
985-875-9390
Ozeli, coffeeshop with hot soups, salads, take-out food, specialty sandwiches.

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724 E. Benton Street
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Specialty women's clothing, shoes and accessories.

40. Pat's Seafood and Cajun Deli
1248 Collins Blvd., Hwy. 190 By-Pass
985-892-7287
Cajun and seafood specialties prepared daily for "take out". Southern music and gifts.

41. Pouch's Corner Deli
534 N. New Hampshire Street
985-875-6006
Deli, coffee shop with hot soups, salads, take-out food, specialty sandwiches.

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