



City of Crowley



AFFORDABILITY

Affordable housing is available in Crowley, with some of the best housing values in the nation. The median value of homes in Crowley is \$114,000. The median rental price for a home in Crowley is \$333.00 a month.

The sales tax for the city of Crowley is 9.5 percent. Of this 9.5 percent sales tax, the state of Louisiana collects four percent, the Acadia Parish School Board collects one and a half percent, the Acadia Parish Police Jury collects one percent, the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Department collects a half percent and the city of Crowley collects the remaining two and a half percent of the sales tax.

Only local and parish governments levy property tax in Louisiana. There is no state tax on property. Assessors are required by law to assess industrial property at 15 percent of fair market value, land at 10 percent of fair market value. The city of Crowley's property tax millage is 30.25 mills and the parish property tax millage is 69.97 mills.

As an added inducement, the Louisiana Homestead Exemption allows resident homeowners to exclude the first \$75,000 of their home's value from taxes. Homeowners over 65 years of age with annual incomes less than \$50,000 (adjusted annually to the Consumer Price Index) can have their assessments "frozen," which means as long as the homeowners live in their homes and make no substantial improvements, their assessed home value will not increase even though the valuations of property around them escalate.

SETTING AND ACCESSIBILITY

The city of Crowley is in a rural setting. The population of Crowley is over 14,000 and the population of Acadia Parish is approximately 58,000. Crowley is located 20 miles west of Lafayette and 55 miles east of Lake Charles. Major cities such as New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Houston are less than 200 miles from Crowley.

The city of Crowley is in close proximity to Interstates 10 and 49, Louisiana State Highway 90 and Louisiana State Highway 35. There are three major airports within 80 miles of Crowley. Lafayette Regional Airport is in Lafayette,

located about 25 miles from Crowley; Lake Charles Airport is located in Lake Charles, approximately 50 miles away; and the farthest and largest of the three is located in Baton Rouge which is approximately 80 miles from Crowley. The city of Crowley also has a taxicab company currently in operation. The nearest bus and train stations are in Lafayette.

Yearning for knowledge? Crowley is not far from higher education facilities. In a short commute, you can attend some of Louisiana's most prestigious universities, including the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Louisiana State University or one of its satellite campuses and McNeese State University. Crowley is also home to the Louisiana Technical College – Acadian Campus. Louisiana offers any student that is 55 years or older, and who is a resident of Louisiana, free tuition for any one three-credit course.

The city of Crowley is also one of the largest Register of Historic Places, with turn-of-the-century Victorian homes surrounded by majestic oak trees.

FITNESS AND HEALTHCARE

Currently the city has three fitness facilities: Healthworks Gym, Bayou Bend Country Club and Golf Course and Curves for Women. The city is also home to Mobley Field walking and jogging track, utilized daily by many Crowley citizens. The Crowley Recreation Complex also has a walking trail winding through the center.

Louisiana residents are fortunate to have a wealth of healthcare options available to them from specialty clinics to recognized medical schools to full-service hospitals.

Crowley also has emergency medical services, extended care and assisted living facilities available locally. The American Legion Hospital, located at 1305 Crowley-Rayne Highway, has been serving the medical needs of Crowley and Acadia Parish since 1929. A private, nonprofit, acute care facility, the hospital is licensed by the state of Louisiana and operates a 140-bed facility. Crowley offers easy access to a number of specialty hospitals, including the Veterans Clinic located nearby in Jennings.



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Information



CITY OF CROWLEY

Crowley, the parish seat of Acadia Parish, was founded January 4, 1887 by C.C. Duson and his brother W.W. Duson. The city was named for Patrick C. Crowley, an Irish road master for the railroad. Currently the city has a population of almost 14,000 people. Crowley is a great community filled with friendly neighbors and an all-around excellent quality of life. See for yourself why it is truly a most unique city.

What about the climate? The climate of Crowley and Louisiana is largely fantastic for three seasons of the year – autumn, winter and spring. Autumn is perhaps our most beautiful season. October afternoons have temperatures in the high 70s and morning lows near 60. It is also our driest month of the year. Winters are mild, despite the occasional arctic chill. January afternoon temperatures range from 56 to 62 degrees and snow is rare. Spring temperatures are similar to autumn, but come with more rainfall. The average date of the last frost in southern Louisiana occurs in mid-February, so the growing season is relatively long compared to other portions of the country. Summer, of course, brings heat and humidity. Louisiana summers can be slightly uncomfortable for some, with afternoon high temperatures in the low to mid 90s.

If you are tired of those bone chilling cold days and plowing snow from your driveway is getting old - leave the cold behind! Crowley may be just the place for you. Our weather is almost always right for enjoying the beautiful outdoors – and there's plenty to do here in Crowley.

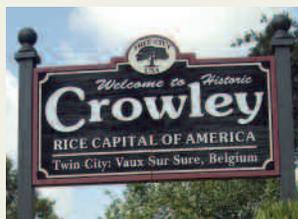
ACADIA PARISH

During the French regime, Acadia Parish was a part of the district known as Poste des Opelousas (later known as St. Landry Parish) from which several southwest parishes were formed. Under United States jurisdiction, Opelousas became the seat of all legal transactions. As more and more small communities sprang up in the area, long distances of travel became a hardship. St. Landry Representative J.C. Lyons, of Plaquemine Brulee, in 1886 introduced a bill into the Louisiana legislature calling for the creation and organization of the parish. The suggested name for the parish for subsequently changed to Acadia. On October 6, 1886, the election was held to decide if St. Landry Parish would be divided. The vote was 2,516 for and 1,521 against and Acadia Parish was created by the vote of the people. There was a bitter fight as to which town would be parish seat. In an election in March 1887, the city of Crowley was chosen with 698 votes, while Rayne received 560 and Prairie Hayes 519.

Acadia parish now has a population of over 58,000 people and includes the cities of Crowley, Church Point, Rayne, Estherwood, Mermentau, Iota and Morse.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

Located in the southern United States bordering the Gulf of Mexico, Louisiana was admitted as the 18th state in 1812. Part of the vast region claimed by La Salle for France in 1682, it was first successfully settled in 1718 with the foundation of New Orleans. Baton Rouge is the capital and, as of 2005, the largest city. The current population of the state is 4,490,000 people. The state is made up of 64 parishes which consist of many cities, towns and villages.



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Civic and Social Organizations



Acadia Association of Educators
Acadia Association of Family Community & Education
Acadia Council on Aging
Acadia Parish Bar Association
Acadia Parish County Agent
Acadia Parish Medical Association
Acadia Parish Right to Life
Acadia Parish Tourist Commission
Acadia Players
Acadia Rice Arena
Acadiana Sportsman's League
Alpha Delta Kappa
American Association of Retired Person
American Business Women's Association
American Legion Auxiliary Unit # 15
American Legion Auxiliary Unit # 506
American Legion Post # 15
American Legion Post # 506
Attakapas Study Club
Bayou Girl Scout Council
Beta Sigma Phi-Eta Kappa
C. F. Ladd Lodge # 48
Civic and Social Club of 1978
Crowley Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
Crowley Art Association
Crowley Professional Women
Crowley CARES
Crowley Chamber of Commerce
Crowley Christian Care
Crowley Extension Homemakers
Crowley Garden Club
Crowley Kiwanis Club
Crowley Lions Club
Crowley Lodge # 243 F & AM
Crowley Main Street

Crowley Rotary Club
Crowley Women's Club
Daughters of the American Revolution
Delta Kappa Gamma
Ducks Unlimited - Cajun Chapter
Evangeline Area Boy Scouts
Excelsior Chapter, Order of Eastern Star 84
Homeland Civic & Social Organization
International Rice Festival Association
Knights of Columbus #5499
Knights of Columbus Council 1318
Knights of Saint Peter Clavier
Krewe of Town Revelers
Leonard Lodge # 151
Les Dames Acadienne
LSU Agcenter
Ms. Helen's Soup Kitchen
Modernettes
Muscular Dystrophy Association
National Association of University Women
Pink Ladies
Plant & Pray
Progressive Ladies
Rice City Chapter, Order of Eastern Star
Rice City Civic Center
Rice City Senior Citizens
Ross Alumni Association
Solicit Club
Three Ten Club
United Way of Acadiana Acadia Parish Chairperson
VFW Ladies Auxiliary PAR 6720
VFW Post 6720
Woodmen of the World
Young Feminist Civic & Social Club



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Real Estate & Housing



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For more information on available homes in the area, see below for a listing of local real estate agents who can assist you with your housing needs.

REAL ESTATE BROKERS

American Tradition Realty | 608 W. 5th Street, Crowley | 783-0140

Core Realty | 1317 N. Parkerson Avenue, Crowley | 783-4518

Fogleman & Fruge Realty | 1203 N. Parkerson Avenue, Crowley | 783-1233

Priority One Realty | 1306 N. Parkerson Avenue, Crowley | 783-0789

REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

Core Group | 126 N. Eastern Avenue, Crowley | 783-4515

REAL ESTATE-COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL

Freeland Real Estate Services | 616 N. Parkerson Avenue, Crowley | 783-3702



Community Directory



City Hall | 425 N. Parkerson Avenue, Crowley | 788-0824 | www.crowley-la.com

Crowley Police Department | 426 N. Avenue F, Crowley | 783-1234 | Emergency 911

Crowley Fire Department | 104 W. Hutchinson Avenue, Crowley | 788-4106 | To Report a Fire - 911
Training Facility 788-4773

American Legion Hospital | 1305 Crowley-Rayne Highway, Crowley | 783-3222

Acadian Ambulance | Ambulance Dispatch 511 | Emergency 911 or 1-800-259-1111

Billing and Insurance 800-259-2222

Chamber of Commerce | 11 N. Parkerson Avenue, Crowley | 788-0177 | www.crowleychamber-la.org

Crowley Post Signal | 602 N. Parkerson Avenue, Crowley | 783-3450 | www.crowleypostsignal.com

Acadia Cab | 11 N. Parkerson Avenue, Crowley | 783-7888

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UTILITIES

Electricity: **CLECO** | 800-622-6537 | www.cleco.com
 Gas: **Centerpoint Energy** | 800-477-0177 | www.centerpointenergy.com
 Water: **LAWCO** | 422 S. Avenue H, Crowley | 788-1312 | Emergency Assistance Before
 9:00 a.m. and after 4:00 p.m. - 788-1315
 Cable & Telephone: **Bellsouth** | Sales, Billing and Service- 888-757-6500 | www.bellsouth.com
COX | 2010 N. Parkerson Avenue, Crowley | 783-5931 | www.cox.net

FINANCIAL

American Bank | 357 Oddfellows Road, Crowley | 788-2465 | www.americanbank.portalvault.com
Bank of Commerce | 326 N. Avenue G, 1415 N. Parkerson, Crowley | 788-2201
 24 hour info line - 783-2205 | www.bankofcommerceandtrust.com
Evangeline Bank & Trust | 425 N. Avenue G, Crowley | 783-3686 | www.therealbank.com
First National Bank | 128 N. Parkerson Avenue, Crowley | 783-4014 | 1941 N. Parkerson Avenue
 788-8981 | 24 Hour Tellerphone - 783-4484 | www.fnb-la.com
Home Bank | 204 N. Parkerson Avenue, Crowley | 788-4121 | www.home24bank.com
Iberia Bank | 576 N. Parkerson Avenue, Crowley | 783-0261 | www.iberiabank.com

ACADIA PARISH

Assessor's Office | 788-8871 | www.acadiaassessor.org
Library | 1125 N. Parkerson Avenue, Crowley | 788-1880 | www.acadia.lib.la.us
Civil Defense Directors Office | 783-4357
 District Judges: **Kristian Earles** | 534 S.E. Court Circle, Crowley | 788-8811
Glennon Everette | Courthouse | 788-8814
John D. Trahan | 500 N.E. Courtcircle, Crowley | 788-8817
Clerk of Court | 788-8881 | www.acadiaparishclerk.com
County Agent Office | 157 Cherokee Road, Crowley | 788-8821 | www.lsuagcenter.com
Police Jury | 500 N.E. Court Circle, Crowley | 788-8800 | www.acadiaparishpolicejury.org
Crowley Recycling Center | 1552 W. 2nd Street, Crowley | 788-1073
Sanitary Landfill | 611 Petal Road, Egan | 783-4834
Animal Control | 1534 W. 2nd Street, Crowley | 788-1073
District Attorney's Office | Courthouse | 788-8831 | www.ldaa.org
Acadia Parish School Board | 2402 N. Parkerson Avenue, Crowley | 783-3664 | www.acadia.k12.la.us
Sheriff's Department | 500 N.E. Court Circle, Crowley | 788-8700 | www.apso.org
Acadia Parish Tourist Commission | 401 Tower Road, Crowley | 783-2108 | www.acadiatourism.org
Registrar of Voters | Courthouse | 788-8841 | www.acadiaparishclerk.com/reg_of_voters
Acadia Parish Medicaid Office | 1113 E. Northern Avenue, Crowley | 788-7610
Acadia Parish Health Unit | 530 W. Mill Street, Crowley | 788-7507

STATE OF LOUISIANA/FEDERAL LISTINGS

Retirement Web Site | www.crt.louisiana.gov/retire
Louisiana Web Site | www.state.la.us
Crowley Job Center | 11 N. Parkerson Avenue, Crowley | 788-7550 | www.laworks.net
La. Technical College | Acadian Campus | 1933 W. Hutchinson Avenue, Crowley | 788-7521
www.ltc.edu/acadian
Motor Vehicle Office | 1710 W. 2nd Street, Crowley | 788-7505
Veterans Affairs Department | 601 N. Parkerson Avenue, Crowley | 788-7539 | www.va.gov
Post Office | 123 E. 3rd Street, Crowley | 1-800-275-8777
Social Security Administration | 1-800-772-1213 | www.ssa.gov
 Office - 825 Kaliste Saloom Road, Lafayette, LA | 261-0606

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CHURCHES

First Christian Church | 824 W. 14th Street, Crowley | 783-0822

The Welcome House | 24292 Crowley Eunice Highway, Crowley | 783-7066

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

Northside Assembly of God | 809 E. Northern Avenue, Crowley | 783-3620

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church | 228 E. 4th Street, Crowley | 783-0442

Israelite Baptist Church | 428 N. Avenue C | 783-3102

Jerusalem Baptist Church | 927 W. 7th Street, Crowley | 783-4706

Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church | 523 W. 3rd Street, Crowley | 783-9069

Mt. Zion Baptist Church | 820 W. Hutchinson Avenue, Crowley | 783-7128

St. Joseph Baptist Church | 1219 W. Hutchinson Avenue, Crowley | 783-3104

Grace Bible Baptist Church | 1023 N. Western Avenue, Crowley | 783-4553

Parkerson Avenue Baptist Church | 1116 N. Parkerson Avenue, Crowley | 783-1848

BIBLE MISSIONARY

Bible Missionary Church | 112 Guillory Drive, Crowley | 783-5984

CATHOLIC

Immaculate Heart of Mary | 901 E. Elm Street, Crowley | 783-3498

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church | 8021 Lyons Point Highway, Crowley | 783-2457

St. Michael Catholic Church | 224 W. 5th Street, Crowley | 783-7394

St. Theresa Catholic Church | 417 W. 3rd Street, Crowley | 783-1880

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ in Crowley | 1303 N. Eastern Avenue, Crowley | 783-5789

Church of Christ Roberts Cove | 2333 Bayou Plaquemine Road, Crowley | 783-3533

Forest Park Church of Christ | 19326 Crowley Eunice Highway, Crowley | 783-0506

CHURCH OF JESUS

Church of Jesus Christ | 5118 White Oak Highway, Crowley | 788-0424

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Ebenezer Church of the Nazarene | 1020 Ebenezer Road, Crowley | 783-7586

First Church of the Nazarene | 1203 W. Northern Avenue, Crowley | 783-4715

Ellis Church of the Nazarene | 4186 Ellis Road, Crowley | 783-1855

EPISCOPAL

Trinity Episcopal Church | 1303 Hoffpauir Avenue, Crowley | 783-3615

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

Agape Way Upper Room Prayer Lines | 110 W. 3rd Street, Crowley | 783-2000

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall | 1028 E. 6th Street, Crowley | 788-1499

LUTHERAN

First Lutheran Church | 121 W. 8th Street, Crowley | 783-8713

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METHODIST

Bethel CME Church | 320 W. Hutchinson Avenue, Crowley | 783-9009

Ebenezer United Methodist Church | 2205 Ebenezer Road, Crowley | 783-6439

First United Methodist Church | 321 E. 3rd Street, Crowley | 783-6754

Wesley United Methodist Church | 625 E. Elm Street, Crowley | 783-0654

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

The Haven Church | 2665 Clement Road, Crowley | 785-8823

PENTECOSTAL

Agape Pentecostal Church | 813 W. 10th Street, Crowley | 783-1600

Apostolic First Pentecostal Church | 9333 Egan Highway, Crowley | 783-4577

Bible Way Church | 1701 N. Avenue I, Crowley | 788-3868

First United Pentecostal Church | Egan Highway, Crowley | 783-7035

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church | 321 E. 4th Street, Crowley | 783-2249



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Cultural Attractions

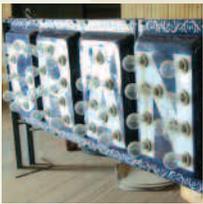


CITY HALL

Built in 1920 at a cost of \$40,000, it housed the Crowley Motor Company, the city's Ford dealership. Designed by an architect for the Ford Motor Company it was one of 1,000 similar Ford dealerships constructed in the United States. Only a few of the buildings remain. In September 2000, the city of Crowley purchased the building from the Miller family for \$180,000. Restoration began in August of 2003 and was completed in early 2006. The building is also home to the Rice Interpretive Center, the History of Crowley Museum and the J.D. Miller Recording Studio Museum.

RICE INTERPRETIVE CENTER

A large number of rice mills line Crowley's Mill Street and mill more rice annually than any other city in America, helped earn the city the title of "Rice Capital of America." Focusing on the rice industry, the Rice Interpretive Center includes a video on the history, growing and production of rice, old machinery and exhibits, many of which are interactive.



J.D. MILLER RECORDING STUDIO MUSEUM

The restored studio depicts the original look and includes recording equipment, exhibits, photos and a video that chronicles the history of J.D. Miller, his music, the artists who recorded his music and the artists whose music J.D. produced at the studio – "a place where legends performed." J.D. began his career as a musician. In 1946, he decided to stop playing music and opened his own studio to produce records using local talent. His labels featured Cajun, Zydeco, Blues, Country and "Swamp Pop" artists. Miller 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 made her a star. The studio is the oldest recording studio in continuous existence in the State of Louisiana. Today J.D.'s son, Mark Miller, owns and runs the studio, now named Master-Trak Sound Recorders.



CROWLEY HISTORIC RESIDENTIAL AND DOWNTOWN DISTRICT

There are more than 200 homes, churches and commercial buildings on the National Register of Historic Places in Crowley. The citizens of Crowley work hard at preserving their city's history and heritage. The Crowley Historic District is a shining example of their work. Reflecting a midwestern influence, many of the Victorian residences feature Queen Anne-style architecture and Eastgate galleries, architecture unique to the Crowley area and not found in such quantities anywhere else in the state. Also impressive is the downtown area where many of the merchants have restored, or are restoring, their buildings with original color themes and trimmings. For a driving tour, look for the brochure included in this folder.

RICE THEATRE

The Southern Amusement Company began construction of the art deco theatre in 1940. Once completed, the theatre hosted its opening night on January 31, 1941, with the movie "This Thing Called Love." After closing in 1966 and remaining vacant for 20 years, the city of Crowley bought the theatre and started renovations with the assistance of a citizens committee. On May 7, 1988, a grand re-opening hosted by the restoration committee showed the film "Crowley - 100 years." The Rice Theatre has been hosting events ever since. The city of Crowley can meet any special tour request, book entertainment by area Cajun or Zydeco bands, Cajun comics, historians and other entertainers.

RICE TRAIL

This 15-mile drive will give you a "birds-eye" view of the agriculture industry and other historic sites that surround Crowley, the Rice Capital of America. The driving tour begins at the restored Crowley City Hall. The drive then heads through the historic district and takes you through working rice and crawfish fields. As you leave Crowley, the trail takes you to the LSU AgCenter Rice Research Station. The trail ends back in downtown Crowley, where you can take in many more sights. From rice mills to the LSU AgCenter Rice Research Station to Crystal Rice Heritage

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Farm to crawfish farms, you will get a glimpse of this fascinating industry. Please refer to the Rice Trail Brochure for more information.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE OF THE SOUTH

In 1898, Dave Lyons, a deputy sheriff and a livery stable owner, purchased the property on Parkerson Avenue for \$500 and in 1900, began building the 22,000 square foot opera house at the cost of \$18,000. Lyons opened the Grand Opera House of the South on November 23, 1901. For 39 years, traveling road companies performed in Crowley. When Dave Lyons died in 1940, the Grand Opera House closed its doors and remained untouched for 60 years. In 1999, L.J. Gielen and his family purchased the building and began restoration. The opera house is currently undergoing \$3 million in renovations. Tours and performances will begin in the summer of 2008.



HISTORIC MILLER STADIUM

Built in 1948, Miller Stadium served as the home of the Crowley Millers who played in South Louisiana's Semi-Pro Teche League, the professional Gulf Coast League, and Evangeline Leagues from 1948 to 1957. In 1957, Hurricane Audrey severely damaged many baseball parks and, as a result, the league finished the season with only four teams. In 1958, the league folded and the ballpark was purchased by the city of Crowley. In 1998, renovations for Miller Stadium began. The stadium has been updated with new light poles, an enlarged press box, media deck and phones in the dugouts for communications and game coverage.



Since 1998, the stadium has served as a host site for two Mid-South State 16 and under tournaments, two Mid-South Regional Tournaments, Colt League District, State, Regional and Zone Tournaments. Miller Stadium also hosted the Louisiana High School Athletics Association's State AAA Tournaments in 2003 and 2004.

In August 2003, the state designated Miller Stadium as a historic site. The park now serves the needs of the youth of Acadia Parish in the recreational baseball, local high school teams, American Legion and semi-pro teams.

GERMAN HERITAGE MUSEUM

The community of Roberts Cove, just northeast of Crowley, is a community rich in German culture. The German Heritage Museum was built to preserve and cherish this history and culture. An open invitation is graciously extended to all who visit the museum to see genealogy in picture form, unique displays and artifacts. Many of these

treasures and heirlooms, still used in homes today, were brought from Germany when the original settlers came to this area. Your visit to the German Heritage Museum will definitely be a memorable one.

KELLY'S LANDING, LLC AGRICULTURE MUSEUM AND FARM TOURS

Take a nostalgic walk through the past as you view the farming tools of our fathers and grandfathers. The equipment of yesterday was simple and often handmade. You will marvel at the ingenuity of the former generations and at how many of the basic concepts they recognized are still used today.

CRYSTAL RICE HERITAGE FARM

A rice farm since 1890 and tourist attraction since 1965, Crystal Rice Heritage Farm has expanded its facilities to enhance this unique experience on the Cajun Prairie of South Louisiana. Attractions included are:

Francine's Blue Rose Museum: A treasure trove of worldly collectables ranging from fine china to furniture and Acadian/Creole history. Made of Louisiana Cypress and Bousillage, this two-story home has 10 different sections.

Salmon's Classic Car Garage: Big toys for big boys. Salmon loved to collect, work on and drive cars. A unique part of Salmon's collection is a number of Mercedes in the garage, including two 300SL Roadsters. When you come visit us, let the cars and your imagination take you back to the years of big cars!

Agri-Tour: A rice farm since 1890, crawfish was added to the crop rotation in 1995. Rice and crawfish now mingle in harmony to produce a unique crop rotation like no other in the world. Truly a match made in heaven. The agri-tour walks you through a full season of how these two crops fit together, as well as current market conditions and any other questions you may ask. The farm's fourth generation farmer, Jeb Wright, delivers the tour.

Louisiana School of Cooking & Cajun Store: Noted Louisiana Chef Patrick Mould opened the Louisiana School of Cooking & Cajun Store at the Crystal Rice Plantation. The Louisiana School of Cooking offers a wide variety of cooking classes. The main goal of the school is to educate the masses about this area's great Cajun & Creole cooking. Chef Patrick Mould is an award-winning chef, cookbook author, television personality and a leading authority on Cajun and Creole cuisine. He will share some of his culinary secrets.



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Recreation

FESTIVALS

The city of Crowley is home to many festivals, such as the International Rice Festival, Carnival d'Acadie Mardi Gras Celebration and the July Fete Independence Day Celebration. The International Rice Festival is held every October in Crowley and is one of Louisiana's largest and oldest agricultural festivals. Since its first festival on October 5th, 1937, over 7 million people have attended the annual event. At almost anytime of the year you can find numerous festivals in the surrounding area.

Carnival d'Acadie is Crowley's Mardi Gras Festival. A tradition of South Louisiana, Mardi Gras means "Fat Tuesday" – a day of celebration before Lent begins. From Cajun music and food to the Grand Carnival Parade and Carnival Costume Contest, this is a festival for the entire family.



July Fete is the Fourth of July Celebration that takes place on or around July 4th each year. Visitors can enjoy great food, live music and dancing, with the night ending with a spectacular light show as fireworks light the sky.

PARKS

One thing unique to the city of Crowley is the number of parks conveniently located within the 10-square mile city. The city has eight public parks which all feature sidewalks surrounding the park and newly restored tennis courts. The city also features Mobley Field Walking Track, the Recreation Complex and Historic Miller Stadium. The Recreation Complex, where the city's recreation activities are held, is home to eight baseball fields and one football field. A unique walking trail also intertwines throughout the entire recreation complex offering beautiful views and scenery.



DINING & SHOPPING

Food – there's nothing quite like it in Crowley. Enjoy incredible seafood dishes, spicy Cajun cuisine, great steaks, Mexican, Chinese and good home cooking in Crowley. Shopping is also a unique experience in Crowley. Visitors can walk the downtown historic district, stopping in and out of the unique gift shops and museums in the downtown area.

GOLFING

Crowley is more than great food, fishing and fun – it's great golf. Crowley is home to Bayou Bend Golf Course, an 18-hole, semi-private course and full practice facility that is open everyday. Also in close proximity is the Cajun Pine Golf Club, located in Branch, Louisiana. In a short commute you can experience the game on championship courses throughout the area, including courses on the Audubon Golf Trail. On this trail you will find 12 courses that make up the new Audubon Golf Trail. They are exceptional courses designed by Arnold Palmer, Hal Sutton and the most magnificent designer of all, Mother Nature.

SPORTSMAN'S PARADISE

When the state's nickname happens to be "Sportsman's Paradise," there's a lot to live up to. Crowley has always lived up to the state's reputation. Hunting season in Crowley lasts eight months out of the year and is easily accessible with our backwoods and bayous full of fowl and four-legged critters. And with one of the largest game preserves in the U.S. our state is also a natural habitat for many rare and endangered species, making Louisiana a "Bird Watcher's Paradise" as well. Crowley has nearly 20 parks conveniently located throughout the area, each carefully chosen for outstanding hiking, fishing, biking, birding and nature trails. Most feature bodies of water, campsites and picnic areas. Several have air-conditioned cabins or group camps available for rent.

GAMING

Gaming is not all about casinos in this area – with four horse racing tracks in the state, the ponies get their fair share of attention down here too. Whether you are a gaming enthusiast or would just like a night out, gaming is located just a stone's throw away from Crowley.

The city of Crowley is a peaceful community full of history. It is a welcoming place where people know your name. Crowley is a unique thriving city in the heart of Cajun Country that has a turn-of-the-century atmosphere with modern day amenities. It has great places for shopping, hunting, fishing, boating opportunities, birding, biking and golfing.

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