

10 Things to Do Within 15 Minutes of Your Future Waveland Property

Explore beaches, food, festivals, and outdoor adventures on Mississippi's laid-back Gulf Coast.

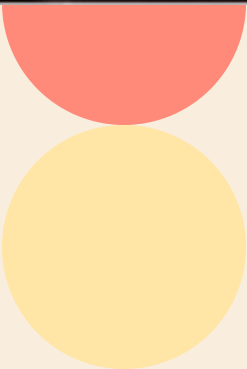


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Waveland Beach

This stretch of soft sand and open sky is one of the only Gulf Coast beaches without any high-rise hotels or condos. The city of Waveland bans commercial development along the beach, so you'll always have an unspoiled view of the water.

Why locals love it:

- Free, quiet, and family-friendly
- Beautiful sunrises and sunsets
- Great for long walks, shell hunting, or a beach picnic

Fun Fact

Waveland is known as "The Hospitality City" and it shows on this peaceful, well-kept beach.

Buccaneer State Park



A 400-acre coastal adventure zone located right on the Gulf, this park is packed with outdoor fun.

What to do here

- Buccaneer Bay Waterpark – 4.5-acre wave pool, slides, and splash zones
- Pirate's Alley Nature Trail – 1.8-mile walking loop with marshland views
- Camping – 206 premium campsites with hookups and 70 Gulf-view sites
- Disc Golf & Picnics – Shaded areas, playgrounds, and grills for a full day out

Fun Fact

It's one of Mississippi's most visited state parks — a summer favorite for families and locals alike.

Bay St. Louis Old Town



A vibrant downtown full of small-town charm, artistic energy, and coastal flavors.

Highlights

- Art galleries, antique shops, and bookstores
- Restaurants and rooftop bars
- Monthly street festivals (like “Second Saturday”)
- Boutique shopping in locally-owned businesses

Popular spots: The Blind Tiger, Bay Books, Antique Maison

Fun Fact

Budget Travel named Bay St. Louis one of “America’s Coolest Small Beach Towns.”

Jimmy Rutherford Fishing Pier

Located at the edge of Bay St. Louis, this long pier is a go-to for fishing, crabbing, or catching the sunset.

You can catch

- Redfish
- Speckled trout
- Flounder
- Blue crabs

Nearby shops for gear: Bait-N-Thangs, Waveland Tackle

Pro Tip

Come at sunrise or sunset for the best bites and best views.





Silver Slipper Casino & Resort

A beachfront casino and hotel offering more than just games.

What to do here

- Slot machines and table games
- Live entertainment and shows
- Spa treatments and massages
- Dining at the buffet or oyster bar

Rotten Bayou Blueway Launch



An ideal starting point for kayaking, paddleboarding, and peaceful water exploration.

Part of: Hancock County's Blueway Trail System

Wildlife sightings include: Egrets, herons, osprey, and bald eagles

Don't have a kayak? Rentals available nearby at Rotten Bayou Outfitters or McLeod Park

McLeod Park

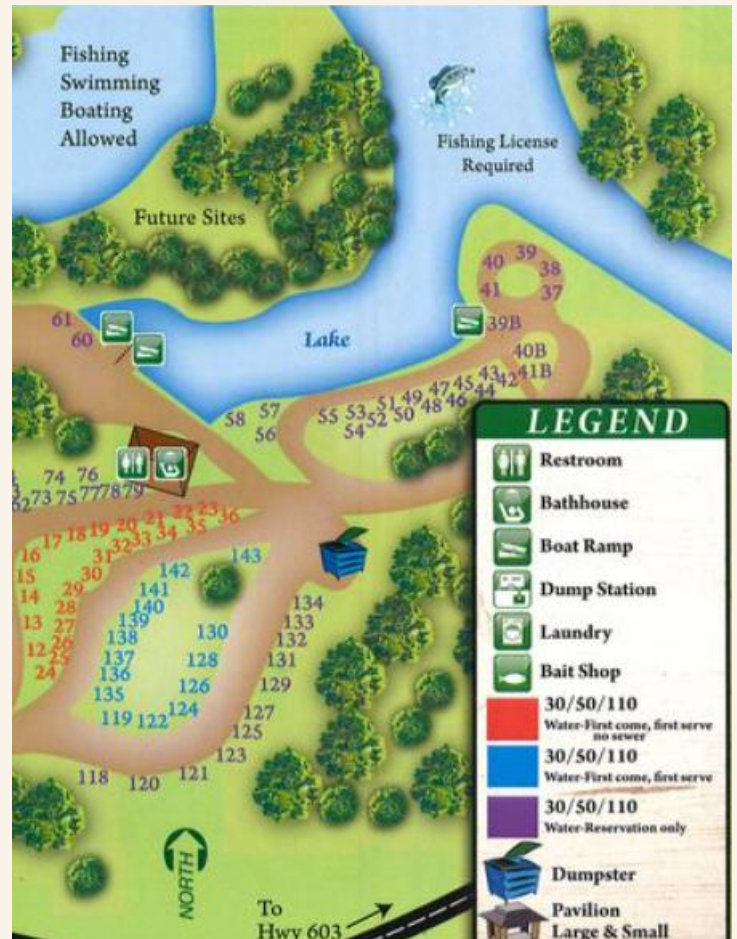
A riverside recreation area that's worth the short drive for camping and water fun.

Activities include:

- Tubing and paddling the Jourdan River
- RV and tent camping
- Playground and splash pad
- Access to the Blueway Trail

Fun Fact

This is one of the region's most highly-rated family campgrounds.





Local Eateries & Cafés

Waveland and Bay St. Louis are known for their food scene — combining Gulf Coast seafood with Southern comfort.

Must-try spots:

- Rickey's Off the Tracks – Cajun favorites
- Cuz's Old Town Oyster Bar & Grill – Famous for oysters and po'boys
- The Mockingbird Café – Cozy coffee, art, and brunch
- The Sycamore House – Upscale fine dining in a historic home
- The Blind Tiger – Open-air bar and grill on the water

Fun Fact

Locals say you could spend a week here and never eat the same dish twice.

Ground Zero Hurricane Museum



Located in Waveland's historic school building, this museum tells the story of resilience after Hurricane Katrina.

Why visit:

- Personal stories and photos
- Timeline of recovery
- Tribute to community spirit

Nearby: Waveland Veterans Memorial and Coleman Avenue shops

Annual Events & Festivals

You'll always find something going on — from music to seafood to Mardi Gras-style celebrations.

Top events include:

- Waveland Crawfish Cook-Off (April) – Food, music, and community fun on Coleman Ave
- Second Saturday in Bay St. Louis (Monthly) – Art, music, and vendor pop-ups
- Cruisin' the Coast (October) – Classic car shows, parades, and rockabilly vibes
- Our Lady of the Gulf Crab Festival (July) – Thousands gather for seafood, rides, and fireworks
- Wednesdays at the Depot (April–November) – Free live music and vendors in Waveland's Depot District

You're not just buying land, you're stepping into a lifestyle full of options, flavor, and fresh air. Whether you want to paddle through bayous, dine on shrimp po'boys, or build your dream home by the beach, this location makes it possible

