

DIRECTIONS TO GRAND ISLE

To Grand Isle from Lafayette -- Take U.S. 90 south to Morgan City -- cross the Morgan City Bridge and continue east on a 4-lane elevated highway. Continue east on the 4-lane until you get to LA -1, the Grand Isle/Raceland exit at the town of Mathews. Travel south on either LA-1 or Highway 308 to Grand Isle

To Grand Isle from New Orleans -- You can take U.S. 90 from New Orleans heading toward Houma/Thibodeaux, but traffic can be heavy. Coming from the east, I prefer to bypass New Orleans on I-10 and exit on I-310. This interstate crosses the Mississippi River (huge bridge) and intersects U.S. 90. Go west on U.S. 90 toward Houma/Thibodeau. Get off of U.S. 90 at the Mathews/Raceland exit and proceed south on either LA -1 or Highway 308 (see Highways LA-1 and 308 below).

To Grand Isle from Baton Rouge -- Take I-10 south toward New Orleans. Exit on I-310 and cross the Mississippi River. This interstate intersects U.S. 90. Go west on U.S. 90 toward Houma/Thibodeau. Get off of U.S. 90 at the Mathews/Raceland exit and proceed south. You have a choice to travel south on Highway 1 on the west side of Bayou LaFourche (see Highway 1 below) or on the east side of the bayou you can travel on Highway 308 (see highway 308 below).

On Highway LA-1 – Travel down LA-1 through Mathews. You will then travel through Larose, Cut Off, and Galliano. At Galliano you can continue down the two-lane LA-1 or switch over to four lane Highway 3235. Note that the speed limit on Highway 3235 is 65 mph and the speed limit on LA-1 changes from 50 to 45, 35 and even 25 mph, depending on what town you are in. If you stay on LA-1, the slower but quaint route, it continues to Grand Isle. If you switch to Highway 3235, the speed limit is reduced to 50 mph as you enter Golden Meadow. Be aware of speed traps -- this part of the highway through Golden Meadow is a nationally known speed trap. Highway 3235 merges with LA-1 just at the southern end of the town of Golden Meadow. Continue on LA-1 through the town of Leeville and then Fourchon where LA-1 turns to the east. Stay on LA-1 until you reach Grand Isle

On Highway 308 -- Go south on Highway 308. This road runs on the east side of Bayou Lafourche and winds slowly south. About 20-25 miles south you will come to a Burger King and a mall on the left. Turn right at the traffic light and cross the bayou --proceed straight across LA 1 at that traffic light. Continue on past the Walmart and turn left on Highway 3235, a four-lane highway. This will take you south but will bypass the busy bayou street (LA 1) of Golden Meadow. You will be on the western edge of Golden Meadow, so be certain to obey the speed limit signs. The speed on Highway 3235 is 65 mph but it reduces to 50 mph at Golden Meadow. Be aware of speed traps -- this part of the highway through Golden Meadow is a nationally known speed trap. After Golden Meadow you will merge back onto LA 1 -- continue south along the bayou to through the town of Leeville and then Fourchon where Highway 1 turns to the left (east). Follow Highway 1 to Grand Isle.

In Grand Isle -- Please note that before you enter the town of Grand Isle there is a reduction in speed to 25 mph (blinking yellow lights). Be careful, they will stop and ticket for above the speed limit. Cross the bridge over Caminada Pass and continue east on highway 1 -- this highway runs about 1-200 yards from the Gulf of Mexico along the entire length of the island. The speed limit changes to 45 mph and then changes back again to 25 mph (more blinking yellow lights, all hard to see). When the speed limit changes to 25 mph you are close to the main “down-town” section of Grand Isle.