New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival

What is Jazz Fest?

The New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, a/k/a Jazz Fest, is a 10-day cultural feast in which thousands of musicians, cooks and craftspeople welcome 400,000 visitors each year. The Louisiana Heritage Fair showcases unforgettable music on multiple stages, delicious Louisiana cuisine in two large food areas, and crafts artisans from the region and around the world demonstrating and selling their work. The Louisiana Heritage Fair is held at the Fair Grounds Race Course over the course of 2 weekends. They are April 28, 29, 30 & May 4, 5, 6 & 7, 2017. The Heritage Fair takes place at the Fair Grounds Race Course, centrally located at 1751 Gentilly Boulevard, 10 minutes from the French Quarter.

Is Jazz the only music that is featured at the Jazz Festival?

The Festival celebrates the indigenous music and culture of New Orleans and Louisiana, so the music encompasses every style associated with the city and the state: blues, R&B, gospel, Cajun, zydeco, folk, Latin, rock, rap, country, bluegrass and everything in between. And of course there is lots of jazz, both contemporary and traditional.

Alligator Festival in Luling

This year’s Alligator Festival is scheduled from Thursday, September 22nd to Sunday, September 25th.

Complete with live entertainment, arts and crafts, and amusement rides, the Alligator Festival provides a fun time for the entire family. As always, this New Orleans area festival will serve up some tasty treats, and some attendees should have the opportunity to greatly expand their culinary experiences. Proving that there is more than one way to serve up an alligator, the festival has plenty of offerings:

- Alligator Burgers
- Alligator Sausage Po-Boys
- Fried Alligator
- Alligator or Shrimp Wrap Pie
- Alligator Sauce Piquante
- Alligator Fritters/Hushpuppies

Festival attendees should expect to pay a $1 admission fee for the festival. Like other festivals, amusement rides and food will also be on sale ($12 for amusement ride wristbands).

The Alligator Festival is a fundraiser for the Rotary Club of St. Charles Parish. Proceeds of the festival go toward funding college scholarships for local youth.

The festival is located at the foot of the Hale Boggs Bridge at 13825 River Road, Luling, LA 70070.