

Insta-Gator Ranch & Hatchery

An Exciting, Hands-on Opportunity to learn about:
American Alligator Conservation Wetlands Preservation
The Unique Louisiana Alligator Industry

Visiting the Site

Location: 23440 Lowe Davis Road,
Covington, LA 70435

Directions: Located 1 hour north of New Orleans; 1 hour east of Baton Rouge From I-12, take Hwy 190 west (Lake Pontchartrain Causeway Extension) 3.3 miles to Covington. Before Bridge, veer right onto Business Hwy 190. Go to Hwy 21, turn right. Go 5.1 miles to Hwy 1084, turn right. Go 1.4 miles to Hwy 1083, turn right Go 1 mile to Lowe Davis Road, turn right. Turn left into first driveway.

Parking: Free, Bus Parking

Ranch Tours: 9:30 AM through 3:00 PM
Reservations Required

Tour Prices (add 8.75% sales tax):

Adults: \$14.00; Children: \$9.00 (12 & under)

Seniors: \$12.00 (over 62)

Educational Rate: \$7.00 per student

Accessibility for People with

Disabilities: Limited-Please alert staff upon reservation

Gift Shop: Large selection of alligator related items, from fine leather products and hand crafted jewelry to educational books and t-shirts. Many items selected for children.

All Tours are Guided

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(985)892-3669 or (888)448-1560 (toll free)



RANCH & HATCHERY

Covington, La.

IF you're looking for a one of a kind destination along with an awesome alligator adventure, you need look no further than.....

On the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain, amidst a quiet country setting near the quaint town of Covington, you'll find Insta-Gator Ranch and Hatchery, a working alligator ranch home to over 2,000 alligators.

Started in 1989, this facility has been expanded to serve as an exciting and educational attraction, where school children and other visitors can learn about Louisiana's alligator ranching program from hatchling to handbag.

The only licensed alligator ranch open to the public with guided tours, Insta-Gator participates in the world renowned alligator ranching program of protections directed by the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries and the United States Fish & Wildlife Service. This program was developed to conserve and protect the ancient alligator species and preserve the Louisiana wetlands.

At the Ranch you will:

- See the ultralight airplane and airboat used to harvest the eggs
- Learn how the eggs are located and cautiously harvested
- See action footage of the harvest in the Louisiana wilds
- See the incubator where thousands of eggs are hatched
- Learn how extreme care and precision during incubation plays such a vital role in the results achieved in the industry
- Find out why the survival rate at ranches is much greater than in the wild
- Feel the armor like hide of a live four foot gator, in a safe environment
- See tanning equipment and learn about the process
- See hundreds of alligators, of varying ages and sizes, in crystal clear water
- See your tour guide catch a gator & tape its mouth, then learn about the alligators anatomy (3rd eyelid (nictitating membrane), the flaps over the nostrils and ears, and the scoots (osteoderms) on their back).
- Watch them eat food that you provide them. Live feedings upon request: see the predator/prey relationship
- Tours can be designed to meet your special needs
- **For educators**, a Virtual Tour Movie and educational packets & quizzes (age appropriate for K – 12) @ www.Insta-GatorRanch.com.
- **Don't Forget, our alligators travel**, along with their expert handlers to your classroom or special event

Enjoy yourself for 1 ½ hours or spend the day with us!