

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 Monday through Saturday.

Tour Prices:

Adults: \$8.00; Children: \$6.00 (ages 3 - 10)

Seniors: \$7.00 (over 62)

Educational Rate: \$5.00 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 alligator heads and teeth, educational books and t-shirts. Many items selected for children.

All Tours are Guided

Reservations are Required

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



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 & 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 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 roll 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
- Watch the craftsman at work with the now soft, supple final product (under development)
- See hundreds of alligators, of varying ages and sizes, in crystal clear water
- **For educators**, we offer pre-tour educational packets and a post-tour quiz, each of which are age appropriate for K - 12.

Insta-Gator Ranch & Hatchery Education Foundation, non-profit status pending, is dedicated to not only preserving wetlands, but also to presenting the American alligator and the unique alligator industry to visitors of all ages, with emphasis on students. The American alligator is now thriving in our wetland areas, due in large part to the ranching program.