



A Tom Fazio–Designed Championship Golf Course

Project Summary

Contraband Bayou® Golf Club, designed by world-renowned golf architect, Tom Fazio, complements the lowland marsh features of the natural Louisiana environment to enhance a unique 7,077 yard, par-71 championship golf course. A combination of aquatic and natural vegetation on the edges of eight spectacular lakes challenges golfers of all skill levels. This enjoyable course is the only public Fazio course in Louisiana; that means your tee time is just a phone call away. In 2017, [Golf Digest Magazine](#) ranked the course as one of the ‘*Best Golf Courses in Louisiana*’ (#9). Golfweek Magazine voted Contraband Bayou one of the *Best Places to Play in Louisiana in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015* and *Best Casino Courses of 2010 - 2015*; Golf Vacation Insider named the course to the 2016 list of *Best Golf & Casino Resorts*; the readers of Southern Gaming Magazine named it *Best Course 2013* in the mid-south region; in June 2011, the course earned the *Gold Tee Award* from Meeting & Conventions Magazine; and in 2013 Casino Player Magazine and Southern Gaming Magazine both named Contraband Bayou *Best Golf Course*.

During the summer of 2010 L’Auberge Lake Charles embarked on a major revamp of the greens at Contraband Bayou, replacing them with Champion Ultradwarf Bermuda grass, a much heartier turf and a better putting surface. The course layout was also restructured, moving Hole #1 directly in front of the clubhouse to improve flow of play. In early 2013, L’Auberge installed new concrete cart paths to the course.

An interactive touchscreen GPS in every cart improves your game. Our skilled team members offer an unmatched level of friendly guest service. Your experience is complete with beverage cart service that includes sandwiches, cool drinks and snacks. After play, stop by the clubhouse to shop a wide variety of quality men’s and women’s golf apparel or hit the driving range to hone your skills.

Course Highlights

- 🚩 Only public Fazio course in Louisiana
- 🚩 18-hole, par-71 championship course
- 🚩 Driving range and short game practice area
- 🚩 Four sets of tee boxes on each hole provide a challenge for all skill levels
- 🚩 Eight spectacular lakes facilitate drainage and act as an irrigation reservoir

Tee lengths

- 🚩 Championship 7,077 yards
- 🚩 Middle back 6,531 yards
- 🚩 Middle front 6,015 yards
- 🚩 Forward 5,091

Features

- 🚩 Longest hole – 611 yards Par 5
- 🚩 Shortest hole – 169 yards Par 3
- 🚩 Par 3 holes – 4

- 🔪 Par 4 holes – 11
- 🔪 Par 5 holes – 3

Construction Highlights

- 🔪 Construction start date: *September 2003* – Completion date: *September 2004*
- 🔪 400,000 cubic yards of dirt moved to build the course
- 🔪 Approximately 7 miles of sub-surface drainage
- 🔪 Greens renovation: *June 2010*
- 🔪 New concrete cart paths completed: *early 2013*

Vegetation & Ornamentals

🔪 Grasses

- Tees, fairways and roughs: 419 Bermuda
- Greens: Champion Bermuda

🔪 Native grasses

- Little Bluestem
- Big Bluestem
- Switch Grass
- Indian Grass

🔪 Aquatics

- White Water Lily
- Louisiana Iris
- Pickeral Weed
- Bull Rush

🔪 Trees (*Planted to date*)

- Loblolly Pine 275
- Live Oak 60
- Willow Oak 45
- Cypress 45
- River Birch 75
- Red Maple 6
- Silver Maple 5
- Crape Myrtle 60

Location

- 🔪 *Contraband Bayou® Golf Club* is part of *L'Auberge Casino Resort*, a luxury resort on 242 acres of land overlooking Contraband Bayou in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Learn more at www.mylauberge.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/laubergLC .

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