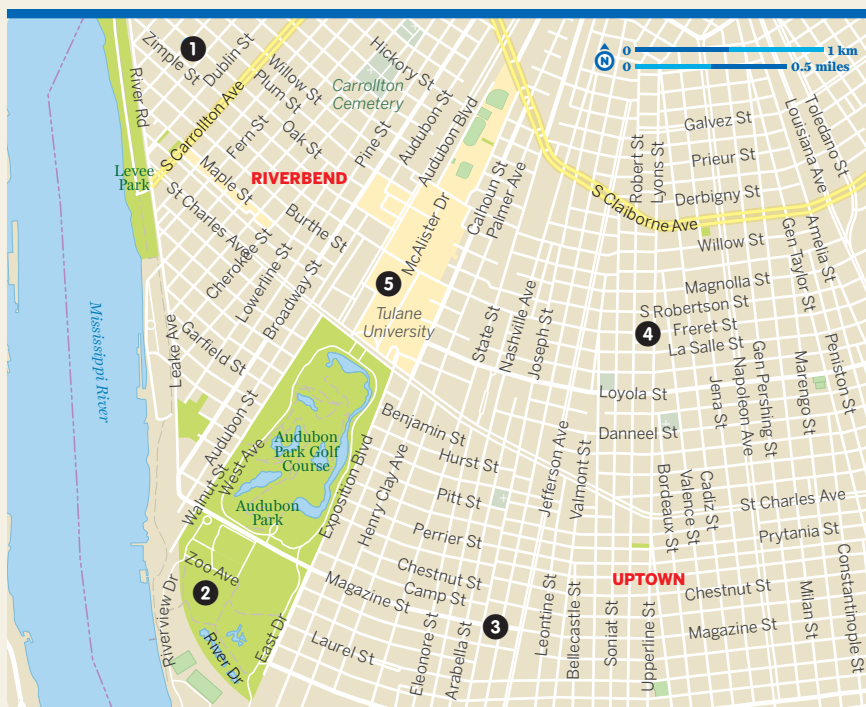



# Uptown & Riverbend

## Neighborhood Top Five

- 1 Savoring a blue-cheese smothered steak and a slice of alligator sausage cheese-cake at **Jacques-Imo's Café** (p131) before catching the Rebirth Brass Band next door at the **Maple Leaf Bar** (p137).
- 2 Ogling alligators, foxes and swamp monsters in the Louisiana Swamp at the **Audubon Zoo** (p128).
- 3 Shopping for one-of-a-kind pottery, house wares and art on bustling **Magazine Street** (p138).
- 4 Dining and imbibing at locally owned eateries on newly hot **Freret Street** (p132).
- 5 Learning about art, jazz and African American history on the scenic campus of **Tulane University** (p129).



For more detail of the area, see Map p250 

## Explore Uptown & Riverbend

If you've only got one day, check out the Audubon Zoo in the morning. Magazine St runs past the zoo, so after your visit with the elephants and giraffes, spend the rest of the day exploring the shops and art galleries that line this busy thoroughfare. Enjoy dinner on Freret St, located above St Charles, then catch a band or grab drinks at a local dive.

If you've got another day, ride the St Charles Ave streetcar to Tulane for a bit of wandering. Continue into Riverbend to check out the shops and restaurants off S Carrollton Ave, particularly along Maple St and Oak St. For dinner, take your own po'boy challenge, sampling different versions from some of the most famous po'boy shops in the city and finding your own favorite.

Maps of New Orleans rarely agree on the area's extents, but for the purposes of this book we'll say Uptown includes everything west of Louisiana Ave, between Magnolia and the river, including the Universities and Audubon Park. St Charles Ave, Magazine St and Tchoupitoulas St are the main routes that more or less follow the contours of the river. The Riverbend is the area above the campuses and Audubon Park. Where St Charles Ave meets S Carrollton Ave is the nexus of the area.

## Local Life

- ➔ **Exercising** Lush Audubon Park, with its 100-year-old live oaks and paved jogging trail, is beloved by runners and walkers.
- ➔ **Shopping** Magazine St lures the masses with indie shops, galleries and, yes, Whole Foods (p135), while boutiques and thrift stores alike draw students to Riverbend.
- ➔ **Dive Bars** Spending a blurry evening at grungy but loveable dives, from Ms Mae's (p136) to Snake & Jakes (p136), is part of what it means to be a New Orleanian.

## Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Bus** Bus 11 runs along Magazine St from Canal St to Audubon Park.
- ➔ **Streetcar** The St Charles Ave streetcar travels through the CBD, the Garden District and Uptown.
- ➔ **Car** Metered parking is available on Magazine St and St Charles Ave. Free parking can be found on side streets.

## Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Magazine St stretches all the way from downtown to Audubon Park, covering 4 miles in the Garden District and Uptown. To get a handle on its shops, galleries and restaurants before your trip, order the block-by-block guide printed by the **Magazine St Merchants Association** (☎342-4435; www.magazinestreet.com). You can also pick it up at many member stores.

### Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Gautreau's (p130)
- ➔ Dante's Kitchen (p130)
- ➔ Patois (p130)
- ➔ Boucherie (p131)
- ➔ Dat Dog (p131)
- ➔ Mat & Naddies (p131)

For reviews, see p130 ➔

### Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Cure (p135)
- ➔ Columns Hotel (p135)
- ➔ Bouligny Tavern (p136)
- ➔ St Joe's Bar (p135)
- ➔ Snake & Jake's (p136)

For reviews, see p135 ➔

### Best Places to Shop

- ➔ Potsalot (p138)
- ➔ Hazelnut (p138)
- ➔ Cole Pratt Gallery (p138)
- ➔ Crescent City Comics (p138)
- ➔ Dirty Coast (p138)
- ➔ Maple Street Book Shop (p138)

For reviews, see p137 ➔