

Metairie Cemetery—New Orleans

New Orleans has many distinctive cemeteries, with interesting above-ground crypts (due to ground water— subsoil issues.). St. Louis Cemetery No. 1 usually gets the most attention since it is only a few blocks from the French Quarter and easy for tourists to walk to. But, I highly recommend that for your next visit to New Orleans, drive the extra 10 minutes to the northwest and visit Metairie Cemetery .

Forbes magazine in 2003 named Metairie Cemetery one of America's top 10 'unique' cemeteries. I was fortunate to visit the "Lake Lawn" section, which is to the west of I-10, recently. It contains dozens of beautiful mausoleums, all very picturesque. Provided on the following pages a few representative examples. Also visit <http://www.nolacemeteries.com/metairie.html> for more information and photos.



Interstate 10 divides Metairie Cemetery into two sections. On a previous trip to New Orleans , I only was aware of the east section, which is historic by itself. But, on my most recent trip, I happened to drive by the western section of Metairie, and was immediately captivated by the exquisitely-designed mausoleums. However, it is difficult to find the entry, since one has to navigate below I-10 and through a maze of streets. But, all the effort was well worth it upon seeing this magnificent cemetery. I highly recommend it for your next visit to New Orleans!

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