

**2008 SEPA Conference, Tuesday, July 22–Saturday, July 26**

Lafayette Natural History Museum & Planetarium

433 Jefferson Street

Lafayette, LA 70501

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**Getting Around** (see also the included map)

***Traveling to Lafayette***

Lafayette is easily reached by car from east or west via Interstate 10, from the north via Interstate 49, or from the southeast via I-10 or US 90. Lafayette Regional Airport is currently served by American Eagle (through Dallas/Ft. Worth), Continental Express (through Houston), Delta Connection (through Atlanta), and Northwest AirLink (through Memphis). Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport is about an hour away via I-10, and Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport is about 3 hours away via I-10 or US 90. SEPA members arriving at Lafayette Regional can contact the hotel to be picked up by a shuttle service, or may contact Museum Education Curator Dawn Edelen (337-291-5548) in advance to arrange a ride. Members arriving in Baton Rouge or New Orleans should contact Dawn Edelen in advance or plan to rent a vehicle.

***Directions to the Holiday Inn–Lafayette***

***From I-10/I-49 to the hotel:*** Leave I-10 at Exit 103A, US167 South (our Evangeline Thruway); I-49 becomes the Evangeline Thruway at the I-10 overpass. Less than a half mile south on the Thruway, get into the first left turn lane you see. This will cross the busy Thruway—be sure to stop at the stop sign. After crossing, turn right on the service road and look for the hotel a short distance down on the left.

***From the airport to the hotel:*** The hotel has a free shuttle to and from the airport. However, if you are using a rental vehicle, turn left out of the airport at the light at Surrey Street, then right at the light onto Evangeline Thruway. Follow the Thruway about 3.2 miles, passing Home Depot & Northgate Mall near the end. Turn right onto a service road (**Caution**—this will be a sharp 180° turn!). The hotel will be a short distance on the left.

***From New Orleans via US 90 to the hotel:*** Follow US 90 to Lafayette. Beginning at the light at Surrey Street near the corner of Lafayette Regional Airport, follow the above instructions from the airport to the hotel.

***Directions from the hotel to the parking garage near the museum***

Turn left from the hotel onto the frontage road, then go 0.1 miles to traffic lights at an intersection that will take you diagonally across the Thruway. Be careful merging with the Thruway! Go about 1.4 miles down the Thruway, then turn right at the light at Jefferson. Go 0.6 miles down Jefferson, going under the railroad. Turn left at the light at Vermilion, then left into the parking garage.

***Directions from the parking garage near the museum to the hotel***

Turn right out of the garage and right at the first light onto Jefferson. Go 0.6 miles and turn left onto the Evangeline Thruway (one way). Go about 1.5 miles, passing Home Depot & Northgate Mall, and turn right onto a service road (**Caution**—this will be a sharp 180° turn!). The hotel will be a short distance on the left.

**Important Information about Light Cams and Speed Vans**

Lafayette monitors about 25 intersections for red light violations using cameras. If you enter an intersection after the light turns red, you will receive a citation in the mail. If you drive in Lafayette only in those areas necessary for attending the conference, you will go through several of those intersections.

Lafayette also monitors speeding violations through the use of intersection cameras and speed vans. Identifiable as white vans with very dark windows, strobe lights, and detection equipment near the left rear fender, speed vans sit on the side of the road taking pictures of speeders. If photographed by either system, you will receive a citation in the mail. Speed van locations vary.