

# From Baton Rouge To Alton - Family Owned Gumbo 2 Geaux Now Open For Business

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ALTON - Gumbo 2 Geaux, located at 1808 Washington Ave. in Alton, had its grand opening Wednesday morning. The location will be primarily drive-thru and carry-out only, however outside dining areas are in the plans moving forward as well as a few tables inside the building.

The restaurant ironically opens its doors on National Gumbo Day.

Kyndra Green runs the business with her husband, Troy. They moved to Alton from Louisiana six years ago. The two of them do a lot of the authentic-cajun cooking as it's something Kyndra loves to do.

"I've always enjoyed cooking," Kyndra said. "I've been a server for 13 years."

Kyndra and Troy took a huge risk when they decided to leave everything behind in Louisiana and start anew in Alton.

"When I moved to Illinois in 2016, we had just lost everything to a flood in Louisiana. So, we moved up here to kind of restart our lives. When I started working around here I started cooking food for my coworkers and friends, gumbo mainly."

She mentioned that during the COVID-19 Pandemic when restaurants were forced to shut down, she began serving plate lunches out of her own home.

"That kind of got so big that the demand pushed us to have our own brick-and-mortar store and that's how we came to be," she said.

When they moved to Alton they originally lived in Twin Pines off of Fosterburg Road but have since moved to Wood River.

"The Alton area is just very comfortable. It's a very small-business-friendly community."

She said it reminds her of home, being relatively close to the Mississippi River, just some 700 miles north of back home in Baton Rouge, an hour and a half drive from New Orleans.

Gumbo 2 Geaux held a soft opening last Friday, October 7, with a limited menu and they sold out within hours. It's already been a huge success in the area.

The restaurant will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

The full menus can be found below.

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WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY

8 AM - 8 PM



1808 WASHINGTON AVENUE

ALTON, ILLINOIS

618-208-7048

## BREAKFAST

(8AM - NOON)

### - MEALS -

Make it a combo with drink and hashbrowns +\$5

#### **BREAKFAST GUMBO \$12**

Chicken and sausage gumbo with 1 egg (boiled or sunny) served over rice.

#### **BISCUITS & GRAVY \$8**

Fluffy southern style biscuits; smothered in country sausage gravy.

#### **FRENCH TOAST MELT \$10**

Thick sliced french toast sandwich with egg, American cheese, bacon, and maple cinnamon cream cheese.

#### **SHRIMP & GRITS \$15**

Authentic shrimp étouffée; served over creamy, buttery grits.

#### **BEIGNETS \$10**

French donuts, deep fried and dusted with powdered sugar.

#### **BREAKFAST BURRITOS**

Rolls tortilla filled with scrambled eggs, cheese, hash browns, and your choice of:

**SAUSAGE GRAVY \$9**

**CRAWFISH ÉTOUFFÉE \$17**

**SHRIMP ÉTOUFFÉE \$15**

### - A LA CARTE -

**BACON \$4**

**SAUSAGE \$3**

**HASHBROWNS \$3**

**TWO EGGS \$4**

**SIDE SAUSAGE GRAVY \$5**

**SIDE SHRIMP TOPPING \$8**

**SIDE CRAWFISH TOPPING \$9**

### - BEVERAGES -

**MORNING COFFEE \$2/\$4**

Fresh hot coffee; served with cream and sugar.

**ICED COFFEE \$3/\$5**

Cold coffee mixed with brown sugar cream sauce; served over ice.

**SODA \$3/\$5**

Coke, Diet Coke, Coke Zero, Sprite, Dr. Pepper, Lemonade, Root Beer, Hi-C.

**SWEET/UNSWEET TEA \$3/\$5**

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## DINNER

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### - MEALS -

Make it a combo with drink and 1 side +\$6

#### TRADITIONAL GUMBO \$10

Authentic chicken and sausage gumbo; served over rice.

#### PORK JAMBALAYA \$12

Fluffy rice, mixed & flavored with: smothered pork, smoked sausage and holy trinity.

#### PO-BOYS

Fluffy po-boy bun, filled with protein of your choice; dressed with lettuce, tomato, pickle and mayo.

FRIED SHRIMP \$13

CHEESEBURGER \$10

#### SEAFOOD GUMBO \$18

Chicken, sausage, shrimp, and crab gumbo; served over rice.

#### CRAWFISH ÉTOUFFÉ \$18

Stewed crawfish and holy trinity; served over rice.

#### DAILY SPECIAL MP

Chef's choice, served fresh daily.

### - SIDES -

RED BEANS AND RICE \$5

SWEET PEAS \$4

BAKED BEANS \$5

SMOTHERED CABBAGE \$5

CORNBREAD \$3

ROASTED CORN MAQUE CHOUX \$3

POTATO SALAD \$4

POTATO WEDGES \$4

### - BEVERAGES -

#### AFTERNOON COFFEE \$2/\$4

Fresh hot coffee; served with cream and sugar.

#### ICED COFFEE \$3/\$5

Cold coffee with cream and sugar; served over ice.

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