

# Points of Interest

**1. Port Aransas Museum/Community Center** The Port Aransas Museum, run by the Port Aransas Preservation and Historical Association, is dedicated to preserving and showcasing the town's history. The Community Center is home to a variety of local events.

**2. Roberts Point Park/Patsy Jones Amphitheater** Roberts Point Park is a 50-acre park perfect for waterfront family fun. Roberts Point forms a safe harbor for the municipal marina that boasts 250 boat slips. The Patsy Jones Amphitheater located inside the park is a lively outdoor music venue.

**3. Port Aransas Welcome Center** Stop by the Welcome Center, where knowledgeable locals will help you discover the original island life of Port Aransas & Mustang Island.

**4. City Hall, Library, & Civic Center** The Port Aransas City Hall, Ellis Memorial Library, and Civic Center serve as a hub of government and community activity in Port A.

**5. Port Aransas Nature Preserve at Charlie's Pasture** Charlie's Pasture is a vast, 1280-acre property with uplands, sand flats, marshes, wooded motts, and ponds that support a diversity of plants and animals.

Hundreds of species of shorebirds, waterfowl, and songbirds use the area to forage, nest, rest, and refuel while undertaking strenuous migrations.

**6. Aransas Pass (Lydia Ann) Lighthouse** The Lydia Ann Lighthouse guided ships through the pass from 1857 to 1954. Today, lighthouse grounds are private property, but you can catch a great view from a kayak or boat tour.

**7. San José Island** San José Island, also called St. Jo's, is a privately-owned island just a short boat ride away. Historically a ranch, today the island is managed principally for wildlife. Hop aboard the jetty boat and ride across the channel to the island's beach for a wealth of birding, shelling, fishing, and beachcombing.

**8. Amos Rehabilitation Keep/University of Texas Marine Science Institute** The University of Texas at Austin Marine Science Institute (UTMSI) is the oldest and most significant marine research facility on the Texas coast. On the campus is the Patton Center for Marine Science Education, which is a free educational walkthrough of eight different aquaria and interactive displays that are perfect for people of all ages who want to learn more about the local marine wildlife. The Amos Rehabilitation Keep, or ARK, rehabilitates marine turtles

and birds from the coastal zone of Mustang Island and St. Jo's Island.

**9. Horace Caldwell Pier** Extending over 1,200 feet into the Gulf, Horace Caldwell Pier is a prime spot for catching Redfish, Black Drum, Sea Trout, Sharks, King Mackerel, and more. Pier entry subject to a small fee. Bait, tackle, and equipment are available for sale in the Keepers at Horace Caldwell Pier shop.

**10. Farley Boat Works** Experience history brought to life at Farley Boat Works, where boatbuilders carry on the tradition of constructing wooden skiffs for tarpon fishing that was started by the Farley family in 1915.

**11. Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center** The birding center is a stop on the Great Texas Birding Trail that provides an up-close look at life in a wetland and panoramic views of the marsh. The center features a native pollinator garden, picnic tables, an observation tower, a 750-foot boardwalk, and a walking trail.

**12. Community Park, Pool, & More** Community park spaces include a public pool, skate park, and dog park. Full-sized basketball courts, baseball fields, and soccer fields make for ideal sport practice areas. Plus, there's a chipping green, disc golf, shuffleboard, picnic spaces, and

more.

**13. Joan & Scott Holt Paradise Pond** Paradise Pond is one of only a few wooded natural freshwater ponds on Mustang Island. Short boardwalks and seating areas provide excellent access to lush vegetation for hundreds of species of migrating songbirds in the spring and fall.

**14. Port Aransas Community Theatre (PACT)** Catch a live show at the local theatre! PACT is a nonprofit organization providing quality entertainment that highlights local talent of all ages.

**15. Port Aransas Art Center** The Art Center offers art classes for all ages, monthly art exhibits, and a wide range of activities. Visit the gallery to find art, photography, pottery, jewelry, and so much more!

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## Golf Cart Laws

- Do not drive golf carts on Hwy 361 south of Ave. G
- Do not drive golf carts into the dunes
- All state + local motor vehicles laws apply to golf carts in Port Aransas.
- Violators subject to \$500 fine.

## Key

- Golf Cart Crossing
- Beach Access Roads
- No Golf Carts Allowed
- Beach Mile Marker
- Port Aransas Surf Rescue Tower

