

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 Amos Rehabilitation Keep, or ARK, which 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!

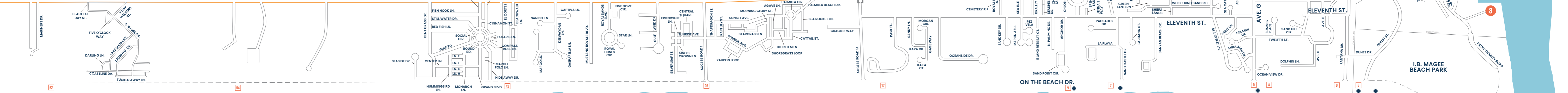
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Key

- No Golf Carts Allowed
- Beach Mile Marker
- Port Aransas Surf Rescue Tower

TO MUSTANG ISLAND STATE PARK & BIRDING SITE



Sustainability

IT'S THE PORT A WAY

Port Aransas is where you come to relax, but not everyone on the island is a visitor (even if living here feels like vacation). Here are some tips so you, too, can live a local.

▶ **The best beach day is a safe one!** There's always risk when it comes to higher tides, but watch, keeping an eye on your lifelines, and following the beach flag warning system.

▶ **Follow all beach rules,** like leash laws, parking permit ordinances, and bovine safety.

▶ **Whether you're driving a golf cart or a jeep,** the law still applies. Be conscious of your speed, and remember that drinking and driving is never cool, even on vacation.

▶ **Locals love their wildlife!** Sea turtles, shorebirds, and other animals are a part of the ecosystem, so please don't interact.

▶ **Dispose of all trash properly.** Whether on the beach or in a trash bin, please use the mesh bags available at stations along the beach for easy cleanup!

▶ **Space is limited on an island,** so be sure to check out the parking situation before bringing multiple cars.

▶ **Port A has some of the best restaurants on the coast** and the best level of delicious sea time. Relax and kick back—you're on island time.



Got these down?
You're practically a local!

Golf Carts

ROLL WITH THE RULES

In Port Aransas, driving around in a golf cart or "beach cart," is part of the island lifestyle. Hop on a cart for a ride along the beach or scoop up the whole crew for some coastal cuisine at a local restaurant.



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DOES WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

1 Golf carts are not to be used on public roads, streets, or highways. They are limited to sand, ball, cart seat, open container, and DWI.

2 The beach is a city street.

3 Golf carts may only be operated by persons with a valid operator's permit and/or driver's license.

4 Golf carts may not be operated on Highway 361 (South of Avenue C/Intersection).

5 Golf carts may not be operated on any public sidewalk, pedestrian walkway, playground, public beach, or other area used by the general public.

6 Golf carts may not be operated on any street or area not designated for motor vehicle traffic.

7 The driver and every occupant of a golf cart must wear a seat belt and must remain seated while the cart is in motion.

8 No person may ride in the top of the driver or any other occupant.



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PORT ARANSAS

— the island map



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Welcome

WELCOME TO THE ISLAND LIFE OF PORT ARANSAS AND MUSTANG ISLAND, WHERE 18 MILES OF SOFT TEXAS SAND AND 18 MILES OF WILD SEAS MEET.

Here, you'll find everything you need for the perfect beach vacation. From relaxing on the beach to exploring the island for relaxation, while the salt spray of water sports invigorates the thrill seeker. The lucky visitor may enjoy a day of fishing, or a relaxing afternoon on the beach as they frolic on the waves. World-class restaurants serve up fresh seafood and beachy cocktails, and live music is always a part of the island experience. Whether you're looking for a place to make memories—every year, you'll want to remake your other year.

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YOUR KEY TO THE ISLAND

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Beach Safety

RIP CURRENTS Know your options

Rip currents are powerful currents of water moving away from shore. If you get caught, swim back to shore. If you can't swim, float or tread water. If you need help, yell or wave for assistance.

IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT

- Relax, rip currents don't pull you under.
- Don't panic. The current will take you to shore.
- Swim out of the current, then to shore.
- If you can't escape, float or tread water.
- If you need help, yell or wave for assistance.

BEACH FLAG

- GREEN FLAG** - Safe to swim.
- YELLOW FLAG** - Caution. Swimmers should take care.
- RED FLAG** - High hazard. Swimmers should take extra care.
- RED/BLACK FLAG** - Extreme hazard. Swimmers should not enter the water.
- NO SWIMMING** - Swimmers should not enter the water.
- NO WADING** - Swimmers should not wade.
- NO SURFING** - Swimmers should not surf.
- NO BODY SURFING** - Swimmers should not body surf.
- NO TUBING** - Swimmers should not tube.
- NO KAYAKING** - Swimmers should not kayak.
- NO PLEASURE BOATING** - Boaters should not operate pleasure boats.
- NO WATER SKIING** - Water skiers should not ski.
- NO WINDSURFING** - Windsurfers should not surf.
- NO KITE SURFING** - Kitesurfers should not surf.
- NO PARASAILING** - Parasailers should not sail.
- NO BUNNY HOPPING** - Bunny hoppers should not hop.
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Remember to pay attention to the flag. If you see a flag that is not green, it is a warning of a possible rip current. If you are in a rip current, it is a warning of a possible rip current.

For more information about rip currents visit: weather.gov/safety/ripcurrent/faq.org