

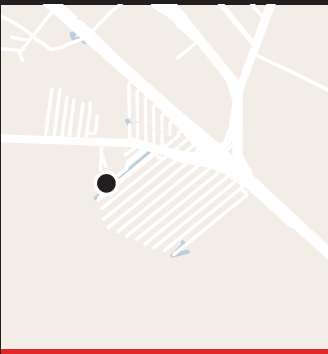
A NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT

Around 65 Lakeside

Canals, Gulf seafood and Galveston weekends from Bayou Vista



DISTANCES FROM THE LOT



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Bayou Vista pool and park
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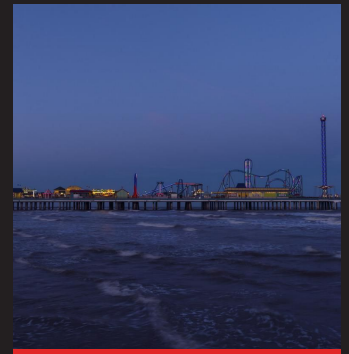
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Historic Pleasure Pier
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Groceries, food, parks, history, the island and a year of events inside. Straight-line miles.

Life on the canals

From the lot, the canals run out toward Galveston Bay, the island sits just across the causeway, and bait, boats and supper are all close by.

Out here, “where living on the water is a way of life” is how the city welcomes you, and that’s pretty literal: the canals run behind most of the houses, so a boat can live right out back. Galveston is everyday life, not a day trip, and errands run up the freeway to La Marque and Texas City or up Highway 6 to Hitchcock.

Bayou Vista is its own small city, though the mail goes to Hitchcock. This booklet walks you around the neighborhood the way I would on a tour of the lot. Distances are straight lines from the lot, so the drive runs a little longer. Hours change, so check before you go!



Listing photo

NEAR THE LOT

Louis' Bait Camp & Restaurant	0.4 mi
Smokin' Z's BBQ	0.4 mi
Bayou Bistro and Bar	0.5 mi
Bayou Vista City Park, Pavilion and Pool	0.8 mi
Mac McGaffey Highland Bayou Park	2.1 mi
Martin Luther King, Jr. Park	2.5 mi

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START HERE

Three ways into Bayou Vista

One weekend to get a feel for Bayou Vista? These three cover supper up the road, the bayou and the island.

1 EVERYDAY STOP

Louis' Bait Camp & Restaurant

3510 Highway 6 · 0.4 miles

On Highway 6, just up the road from the lot, Louis' Bait Camp is a restaurant and bar. It has dine-in, takeout and outdoor seating. Come in off the boat for lunch or take supper home.



Page & specials



Directions

2 ON THE WATER

Mac McGaffey Highland Bayou Park

1991 Getty Road · 2.1 miles

Mac McGaffey Highland Bayou Park in La Marque has fishing spots, a kayak launch, hiking and nature areas, sports courts, playgrounds and picnic pavilions. Pack a lunch and make a morning of it on the bayou.



Park details



Directions

3 ISLAND WEEKEND

Texas Seaport Museum and Tall Ship ELISSA

Pier 22 · 9.3 miles

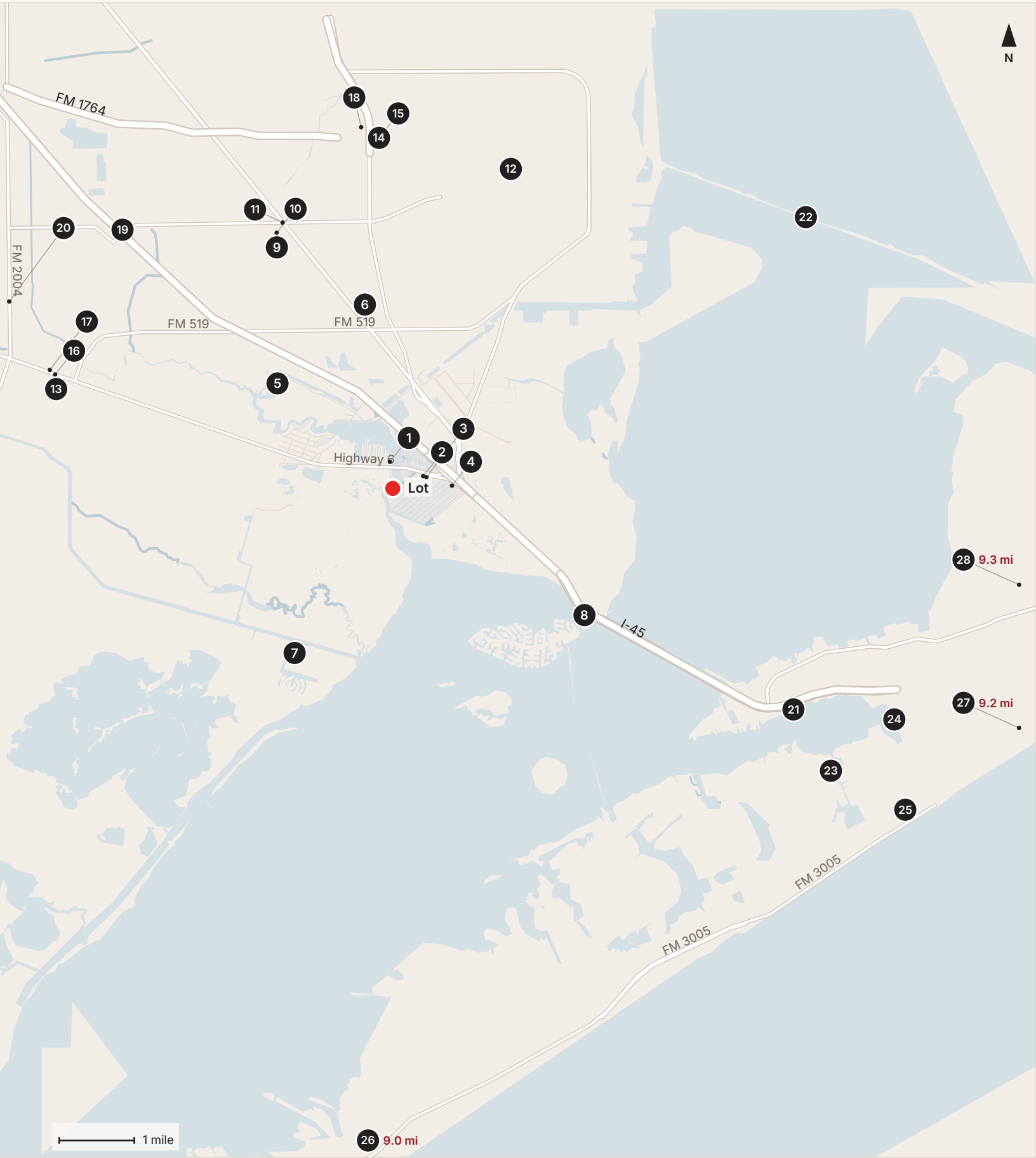
On the Galveston waterfront, the Texas Seaport Museum is home to ELISSA, one of only three ships of her kind in the world that still actively sail. See her tied up at the pier, then make a day of the harbor.



Hours and tickets



Directions



AROUND YOU

What's close to the lot

Here is what's around the lot, sorted by straight-line distance, with the page that tells the full story.

1	Louis' Bait Camp	0.4 mi	15	H-E-B Texas City	4.7 mi
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2	Smokin' Z's BBQ	0.4 mi	16	Taztee Treatz	4.7 mi
	EAT AND DRINK · PAGE 13			EAT AND DRINK · PAGE 14	
3	Bayou Bistro	0.5 mi	17	Hitchcock Post Office	4.8 mi
	EAT AND DRINK · PAGE 13			ERRANDS · PAGE 12	
4	City park and pool	0.8 mi	18	Lowe's Texas City	4.8 mi
	PARKS AND THE WATER · PAGE 20			ERRANDS · PAGE 10	
5	McGaffey Highland Bayou Park	2.1 mi	19	Kelley's Country Cookin'	5.0 mi
	PARKS AND THE WATER · PAGE 22			EAT AND DRINK · PAGE 14	
6	MLK Jr. Park	2.5 mi	20	Jack Brooks Park	5.7 mi
	PARKS AND THE WATER · PAGE 24			PARKS AND THE WATER · PAGE 26	
7	Harborwalk Bait Shop	2.6 mi	21	Number 13	6.1 mi
	PARKS AND THE WATER · PAGE 21			EAT AND DRINK · PAGE 17	
8	Tiki Island Tavern	3.1 mi	22	Texas City Dike	6.6 mi
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9	La Marque marker	3.6 mi	23	Moody Gardens	6.9 mi
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10	La Marque Bird Sanctuary	3.7 mi	24	Lee and Joe Jamail Bay Park	7.3 mi
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11	Walgreens	3.8 mi	25	Walmart Galveston	8.1 mi
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12	Nessler Park and pool	4.5 mi	26	Galveston Island State Park	9.0 mi
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13	Hitchcock library	4.7 mi	27	Gaido's	9.2 mi
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14	Kroger Texas City	4.7 mi	28	Seaport Museum and ELISSA	9.3 mi
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Streets from U.S. Census Bureau TIGER data; water from the USGS National Hydrography Dataset and TIGER. Places beyond the frame sit at its edge with their distance.

GROCERIES

The weekly run in Texas City

H-E-B, Kroger and ALDI sit on the same stretch of road in Texas City, with Foodarama across town for a quick stop.

H-E-B (Texas City)

WHERE 3502 Palmer Hwy | **FROM THE LOT** 4.7 miles ²⁸
HOURS open daily 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The weekly run starts at this store, a full H-E-B with a drive-thru pharmacy, H-E-B Fuel, a car wash, curbside pickup and delivery. The pharmacy is open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.



Store hours



Directions

Kroger (Texas City)

WHERE 3541 Palmer Hwy | **FROM THE LOT** 4.7 miles ²⁷
HOURS open daily 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

On the same stretch as the H-E-B, this Kroger has a bakery, deli, seafood department, cheese counter, floral and a pharmacy. Get fish from the counter and flowers for the table in one trip.



Store hours



Directions

ALDI (Texas City)

WHERE 3442 Palmer Hwy | **FROM THE LOT** 4.8 miles ⁵⁴
HOURS open daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

A no-frills grocery just down the road from the other two. It has curbside pickup and grocery delivery, and the carts take a quarter, so keep one in the cup holder.



Store hours



Directions

Foodarama (Texas City)

WHERE 915 6th Street N | **FROM THE LOT** 5.2 miles ⁵⁵
HOURS open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

A neighborhood grocery in Texas City, handy when you only need milk, bread and a few things for dinner and want to skip the big parking lots.



Store page



Directions

GROCERIES

Island stores and Sam's Club

Three island grocery stores for the days you're already in Galveston, plus Sam's Club in La Marque for the bulk run.

Kroger (Seawall Boulevard)

WHERE 5730 Seawall Boulevard | **FROM THE LOT** 8.5 miles ⁵⁶
HOURS open daily 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The Kroger on Seawall Boulevard has a drive-thru pharmacy, a fuel center, a Starbucks, sushi and a tortilleria. The beach is right across the boulevard, so a grocery run can turn into a walk on the sand.



Store hours



Directions

Randalls (Galveston)

WHERE 2931 Central City Boulevard | **FROM THE LOT** 8.0 miles ⁵⁷
HOURS open daily 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

A full-service grocery on the island that has a pharmacy, bakery with custom cakes, service deli, Starbucks and a fuel station. Order the birthday cake a few days ahead.



Store hours



Directions

Walmart Supercenter (Galveston)

WHERE 6702 Seawall Boulevard | **FROM THE LOT** 8.1 miles ⁵⁰
HOURS open daily 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Groceries and the everyday household list in one stop, a little farther west down Seawall Boulevard from the Kroger.



Store hours



Directions

Sam's Club (La Marque)

WHERE 6614 Gulf Freeway | **FROM THE LOT** 7.7 miles ⁵⁸
HOURS open daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., with Plus members shopping from 8 a.m.

The membership warehouse for the bulk run, from cases of water to a freezer full of meat before storm season. The club has a pharmacy, a fuel station, auto and tire service and an optical center.



Club hours



Directions

GROCERIES

Gulf seafood, a butcher and a Sunday market

Fish off the Galveston docks, a bait and seafood stop in Texas City, a family butcher and a Sunday farmers market.

Katie's Seafood Market

WHERE 1902 Wharf Road | **FROM THE LOT** 9.5 miles ^{59,60}
HOURS open daily 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Katie's case runs to red snapper, grouper, golden tilefish, flounder, oysters, shrimp and blue crabs, mostly from regional fishermen. The market was opened on Pier 19 in 1998 by Buddy, his wife Katie and his brother Kenny.



Market info



Directions

Boyd's One Stop

WHERE 227 Dike Road | **FROM THE LOT** 5.6 miles ^{61,62}
HOURS open around the clock, seven days a week

Known as the Live Shrimp Capital of Texas, Boyd's has fresh seafood, live bait, tackle, and fishing and hunting licenses in one stop. Fill the bait bucket on the way out to fish.



Location & hours



Directions

Doreck's Meat Market

WHERE 4101 FM 646 N | **FROM THE LOT** 9.5 miles ^{63,64}
HOURS open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays

In Santa Fe, Doreck's is a family-run meat shop. Expect beef and pork cuts, steaks, lunch meats and their own sausages and hamburgers. Bring a cooler for the drive home.



Market info



Directions

Groundswell Market

WHERE 3304 Market Street | **WHEN** every Sunday from 9 a.m. to noon, with a few posted skip dates | **FROM THE LOT** 8.7 miles ⁶⁵

Groundswell Market, the island's Sunday farmers market (it used to be Galveston's Own Farmers Market), brings locally grown produce and farm products alongside prepared foods and handmade goods. The market also runs programs for SNAP and WIC shoppers and seniors 60 and over. Come early for the pick of the produce.



Market info



Directions

GROCERIES

Indian groceries, spices and British treats

Indian groceries in Webster save the long haul into Houston, plus a Galveston spice shop and a British market.

Vishala Grocery (Webster)

WORTH THE DRIVE

WHERE 17926 Hwy 3 | **FROM THE LOT** 17.8 miles ^{66,67}
HOURS open seven days a week, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Start the spice and pantry run here. Vishala Grocery stores carry over 15,000 products from more than 1,000 brands, from daily staples to exotic spices, beverages and dry fruits.



Store hours



Directions

Asian Grocers (Webster)

WORTH THE DRIVE

WHERE 15140 State Highway 3 | **FROM THE LOT** 20.4 miles ⁶⁸

Asian Grocers in Webster is a South Asian grocery with Indian, Pakistani, Nepali and Sri Lankan groceries and produce. Pair it with Vishala and make one trip of it.



Store page



Directions

Maceo Spice & Import Co.

WHERE 2706 Market Street | **FROM THE LOT** 9.0 miles ^{69,70}
HOURS 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday

Maceo is a Galveston spice and import shop in business since 1944, with shelves fully stocked with specialty foods from all over the world, under photos of old Galveston.



Our story and hours



Directions

Goodwoods British Market

WORTH THE DRIVE

WHERE 810 South Friendswood Drive #110 | **FROM THE LOT** 20.3 miles ^{71,72}
HOURS open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday

Make the trip for British foods such as bangers, rashers, pork pies, crisps, digestives, scone mix, clotted cream, kippers, black pudding and crumpets.



Store hours

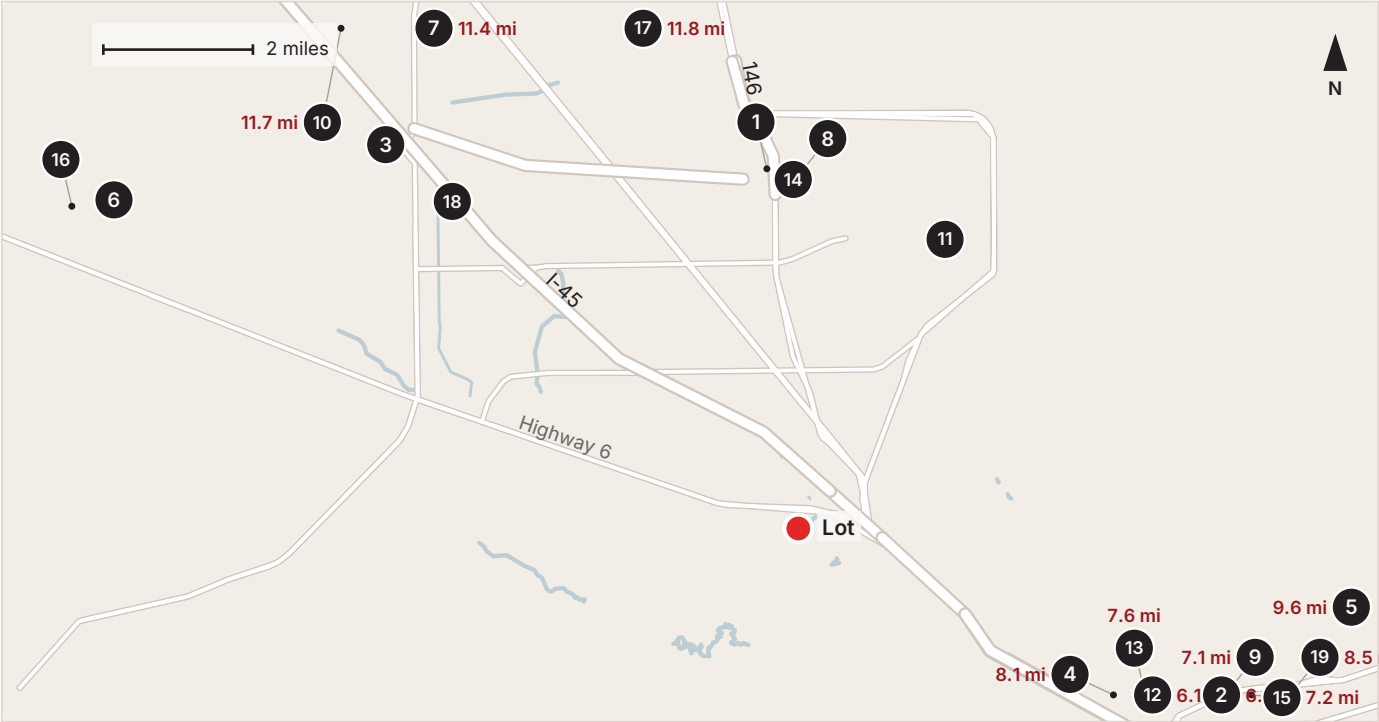


Directions

ERRANDS

Hardware and home projects

Big-box stores, hardware counters, paint, lumber yards, marine supplies and garden centers, on the island and across the mainland.



Numbers match the list. Stores beyond the frame sit at its edge with their distance. Roads: U.S. Census Bureau TIGER data.

HOME CENTERS

- 1** **Lowe's (Texas City)** ³³
3620 Emmett F. Lowry Expy · 4.8 miles
HOURS Monday through Saturday 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
The big-box run in Texas City for lumber, building supplies, appliances, flooring and a garden center, with tool and storage rentals.
- 2** **The Home Depot (Galveston)** ⁷³
702 65th Street · 6.7 miles
HOURS Monday through Saturday 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
The island's Home Depot, with a garden center, a rental center with box trucks, a kitchen showroom, key cutting and propane exchange.

- 3** **Walmart Supercenter (La Marque)** ⁷⁴
6410 Interstate 45 · 7.5 miles
HOURS daily 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.
For the quick fix on the grocery run, this store has a hardware department and a garden center, alongside groceries.
- 4** **Walmart Supercenter (Galveston)** ⁷⁵
6702 Seawall Boulevard · 8.1 miles
HOURS daily 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.
The Seawall store is set up the same way, with a hardware department and a garden center, alongside groceries.

HARDWARE STORES

- 5** **Chalmers Ace Hardware** ⁷⁶
2002 Broadway Street · 9.6 miles
HOURS Monday through Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
The Broadway hardware counter for key cutting, glass cutting, screen repair and pipe threading.
- 6** **Galco Hardware & Supply** ⁷⁷
12920 FM 1764 · 10.1 miles
HOURS weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
A Santa Fe store with everyday hardware plus STIHL outdoor power equipment, sales and service.

- 7** **Keyworth's Hardware** ⁷⁸
2208 FM 517 Road East · 11.4 miles
HOURS weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Take the mower here, since Keyworth's has hardware with small-engine repair for STIHL and Echo, solar screens and a propane station.

PAINT

- HOURS AT ALL THREE** weekdays 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 8** **Sherwin-Williams (Texas City)** ⁷⁹
3324 Palmer Hwy · 4.7 miles
The Texas City counter for interior and exterior paint, stain, brushes, rollers, caulk and spray equipment.
- 9** **Sherwin-Williams (Galveston)** ⁸⁰
1014 61st Street · 7.1 miles
Working on the island? This store stocks interior and exterior paint, stain, brushes, rollers, caulk and spray equipment.
- 10** **Sherwin-Williams (Dickinson)** ⁸¹
3482 Gulf Freeway · 11.7 miles
Stop in Dickinson for interior and exterior paint, stain, brushes, rollers, caulk and spray equipment on the way up the freeway.

LUMBER AND BUILDING

- 11** **Bohn's Building Materials** ⁸²
1315 Texas Avenue · 4.3 miles
HOURS weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to noon
In Texas City, Bohn's is a family-run lumber yard with windows, doors, siding and local delivery.
- 12** **McCoy's Building Supply** ⁸³
7500 Broadway · 6.1 miles
HOURS Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
McCoy's on Broadway is a full-service lumberyard under cover, from treated lumber and cedar to beams and LVLs, plus doors.

- 13** **Ideal Lumber Co.** ⁸⁴
6520 Stewart Road · 7.6 miles
Ideal Lumber sells lumber and hardware for home improvement and lawn and garden. Call (409) 744-7181 for hours.

TOOLS, FARM AND MARINE

- 14** **Harbor Freight Tools** ⁸⁵
3403 Palmer Hwy · 4.7 miles
HOURS Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Harbor Freight in Texas City carries hand and power tools for projects around the house or on a jobsite.
- 15** **West Marine (Galveston)** ⁸⁶
5926 Broadway Street · 7.2 miles
HOURS Sunday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Before a day on the water, stop here for boat parts, safety gear, electronics, anchoring hardware, fishing tackle, kayaks and paddleboards.
- 16** **Tractor Supply (Santa Fe)** ⁸⁷
13410 FM 1764 Road · 10.6 miles
HOURS Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Out in Santa Fe, Tractor Supply has fencing, trailers, feed, lawn and garden supplies, with propane refills and trailer rental.
- 17** **Tractor Supply (Bacliff)** ⁸⁸
4819 Highway 146 · 11.8 miles
HOURS Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
The bay-side Tractor Supply stocks farm supplies, fencing, gates and livestock feed, with propane tank refills.

GARDEN CENTERS

- 18** **Palm Professionals Tropical Nursery** ⁸⁹
5313 Gulf Freeway · 6.4 miles
Palm Professionals sells palm trees, with installation. Call (409) 941-7256 for hours.
- 19** **Tom's Thumb Nursery** ⁹⁰
2014 45th Street · 8.5 miles
HOURS daily 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
The island nursery for plants, flowers and seasonal garden goods, with garden services.

ERRANDS

Pharmacies and the post office

Two chain pharmacies in La Marque, plus a hometown pharmacy and the post office in Hitchcock.

Walgreens (La Marque)

WHERE 1801 Texas Avenue | **FROM THE LOT** 3.8 miles ²¹

This Walgreens sits at the southwest corner of Highway 3 and FM 1765, so prescriptions and the everyday stuff are an easy pickup on the way through La Marque.



Store & pharmacy hours



Directions

CVS Pharmacy (La Marque)

WHERE 204 Newman Road | **FROM THE LOT** 4.8 miles ⁹¹

A CVS Pharmacy in La Marque for prescriptions, cold medicine and the odds and ends you forgot at the grocery store.



Store & pharmacy hours



Directions

Hitchcock Hometown Pharmacy

WHERE 8725 Highway 6 | **FROM THE LOT** 5.3 miles ⁹²

HOURS open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays

Hitchcock's hometown pharmacy sits on Highway 6, and it's pharmacist-owned, with free local delivery and most prescriptions ready in 15 minutes or less.



Pharmacy info



Directions

Hitchcock Post Office

WHERE 8210 Highway 6 | **FROM THE LOT** 4.8 miles ³¹

HOURS open 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday

The Hitchcock Post Office is on Highway 6, and it has passport services, so there's no need to head into Galveston for one.



Hours & services



Directions

03 · EAT AND DRINK

Close to home

Three spots just up the road and a tavern on Tiki Island.

Louis' Bait Camp & Restaurant

WHERE 3510 Highway 6 | **FROM THE LOT** 0.4 miles ^{1,4}

HOURS call ahead at (409) 935-9050

Louis' Bait Camp does double duty on a fishing day. Its bait shop sits right next to the restaurant and has its own line at (409) 995-0959. Pick up bait on the way out and come back in for a cold drink after.



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Directions

Bayou Bistro and Bar

WHERE 3111 Neptune Drive | **FROM THE LOT** 0.5 miles ⁷

HOURS call ahead at (409) 933-0355

Bayou Bistro and Bar is a neighborhood restaurant and bar serving Italian and eclectic American food, close enough for a weeknight dinner without much planning. Most plates run \$15 to \$30.



About & hours



Directions

Smokin' Z's BBQ

WHERE 3115 Hwy 6 | **FROM THE LOT** 0.4 miles ^{5,6}

HOURS open Tuesday through Sunday

Smokin' Z's puts out Central Texas-style barbecue by the coast. Don't drive around looking for a dining room: it is inside the EZ Food Mart.



Page & specials



Directions

Tiki Island Tavern Bar & Grill

WHERE 101 Tiki Drive | **WHEN** happy hour runs Tuesday through Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. | **FROM THE LOT** 3.1 miles ¹⁶

HOURS call ahead at (409) 229-1011

Tiki Island Tavern is a bar and grill on Tiki Island, a short drive from the lot. It's a good pick when friends come down for the weekend and want a cold drink nearby.



Page & hours



Directions

EAT AND DRINK

Mainland favorites

Three mainland stops: breakfast served all day, Tex-Mex and a sweet shop in Hitchcock.

03

1 Kelley's Country Cookin'

WHERE 4604 Gulf Freeway | **FROM THE LOT** 5.0 miles ^{35,36}

Kelley's Country Cookin' is part of a family-owned country cooking restaurant group started in 1983 by a retired Houston police officer. Sleep in if you want, because it has a menu that serves breakfast all day.



La Marque
page



Directions

2 Barcenas Mexican Restaurant

WHERE 11013 Delany Road | **FROM THE LOT** 6.0 miles ^{93,94}

HOURS open Monday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Barcenas has been family-owned since 1998, cooking homemade Mexican and traditional Tex-Mex dishes fresh daily. There's indoor and outdoor dining plus a party room, so it works for a birthday dinner, too.



Menu



Directions

3 Taztee Treatz Sweet Shop & Deli

WHERE 8111 Hwy 6 | **FROM THE LOT** 4.7 miles ²⁹

HOURS closed Mondays, open from 11 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from noon on Sunday

Taztee Treatz is a sweet shop and deli serving fresh sweets and sandwiches, up Highway 6 in Hitchcock. Planning a party? It also books its food truck and catering for events.

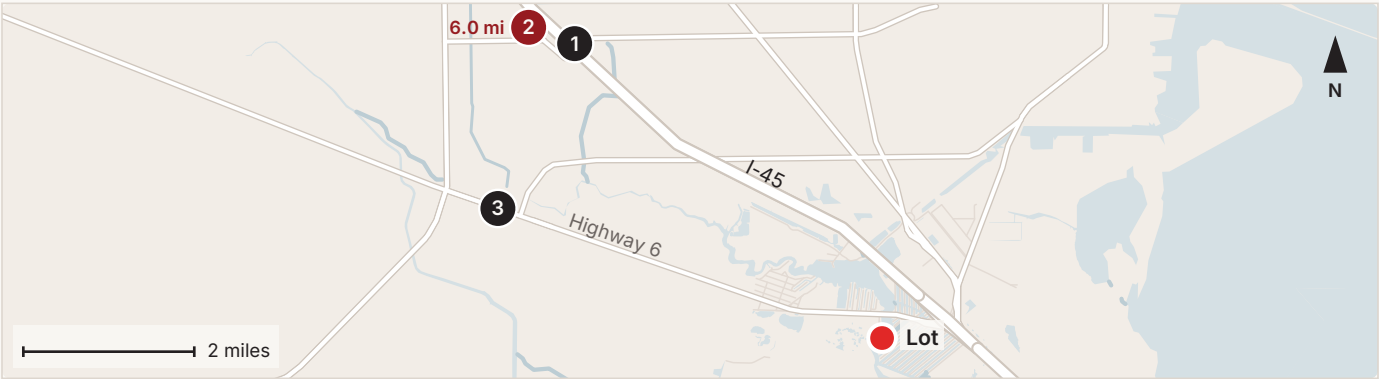


Menu & hours



Directions

WHERE THESE ARE FROM THE LOT



EAT AND DRINK

Coffee and breakfast

Coffee and pastries, from a Texas City coffee bar to three favorites near downtown Galveston.

Coffee Connection

WHERE 9300 Emmett F Lowry Expy | **FROM THE LOT** 6.7 miles ⁹⁵

HOURS open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Coffee Connection is a nonprofit coffee shop that gives its profits to local groups helping people in need, so your morning cup does a little good. Stop in on a weekday when you're up in Texas City.



Menu & hours



Directions

MOD Coffeehouse

WHERE 2126 Postoffice Street | **FROM THE LOT** 9.4 miles ^{96,97}

HOURS open daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

MOD Coffeehouse pours handcrafted drinks and treats in a Victorian building at Postoffice and 22nd Street in the downtown Arts District. The coffeehouse was founded in 2001 by the Brown family, who restored the historic Pix Building.



History of MOD



Directions

Red Light Coffee Roasters

WHERE 2728 Market Street | **WHEN** monthly coffee classes and events open to anyone | **FROM THE LOT** 9.0 miles ^{98,99}

HOURS open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day

Red Light is a specialty cafe and roastery in Galveston's historic red-light district, sourcing, roasting and brewing since 2019. Its beans are hyper-seasonal single-origin coffees sourced by working closely with producers and importers.



Hours and
location



Directions

The Sunflower Bakery & Cafe

WHERE 512 14th Street | **FROM THE LOT** 9.9 miles ¹⁰⁰

HOURS open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day but Tuesday

Sunflower Bakery serves all-day breakfast and brunch, scratch-made lunch from 11 a.m., and fresh bakery favorites. It grew from a small bakery at 16th and Church, opened in 1999.



Menus



Directions

EAT AND DRINK

Classic Galveston seafood

Four seafood stops on the island, along the Seawall, on Harborside and in town.

Gaido's

WHERE 3802 Seawall Boulevard | **FROM THE LOT** 9.2 miles ^{52,101}
HOURS open daily from 11 a.m., until 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday

Gaido's is a Seawall seafood house that S.G. Gaido first opened in 1911, and it has been named a James Beard Foundation America's Classic, with a fish-shaped logo and marquee sign that are Seawall landmarks.



Menus



Directions

Fisherman's Wharf

WHERE 2200 Harborside Drive | **FROM THE LOT** 9.3 miles ^{102,103}
HOURS open daily from 11 a.m., until 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday

Fisherman's Wharf is a seafood legacy since the 1940s on a site that once housed a shrimp and fish factory, with harborside dining right next door to the Texas Seaport Museum and the 1877 tall ship ELISSA.



Menus



Directions

Shrimp 'N Stuff

WHERE 3901 Avenue O | **FROM THE LOT** 8.7 miles ^{104,105}
HOURS call ahead at (409) 263-4339

Shrimp 'N Stuff has been serving fresh seafood since 1976. Order the island basics here: fried shrimp, po-boys, gumbo and tacos, with indoor and patio seating.



Menus



Directions

The Spot

WHERE 3204 Seawall Boulevard | **FROM THE LOT** 9.4 miles ¹⁰⁶
HOURS open daily from 11 a.m., until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday

When the beach day runs long, grab a table at a beachfront spot for locally sourced seafood, hand-spun milkshakes and burgers, with five venues side by side on the Seawall.



Menu & hours



Directions

EAT AND DRINK

Date night on the island

Four places for a real night out, from Postoffice Street and the Seawall to a marina steakhouse.

Rudy & Paco

WHERE 2028 Postoffice Street | **FROM THE LOT** 9.5 miles ¹⁰⁷
HOURS serves lunch weekdays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner Monday through Saturday from 5 p.m., until 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday

Leave the shorts at home, because this is a dress-code restaurant with a Central and South American-influenced menu of steaks and seafood. Save it for an anniversary or dinner before a show downtown.



Menus



Directions

The Fancy

WHERE 1002 Seawall Boulevard | **FROM THE LOT** 10.4 miles ¹⁰⁸
HOURS serves dinner Wednesday through Sunday from 5 to 10 p.m., plus brunch Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Fancy is an American dining room inside Hotel Lucine, built on locally sourced ingredients, house-made pastas and the daily catch. Book it for a slow dinner on the east end of the Seawall.



Menu & hours



Directions

Number 13 Prime Steak & Seafood

WHERE 7809 Broadway | **FROM THE LOT** 6.1 miles ^{42,43}
HOURS open from 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and from 11 a.m. Friday through Sunday, closed Monday, with Sunday brunch until 3 p.m.

Book a table at a steakhouse set on Offatts Bayou in Pelican Rest Marina, named for the alias of the pirate brothers Jean and Pierre Lafitte.



Menu



Directions

Sugar & Rye

WHERE 2401 Church Street | **FROM THE LOT** 9.3 miles ¹⁰⁹
HOURS open daily, from 9 a.m. on weekends, 10 a.m. Wednesday through Friday and 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, until 9 or 10 p.m.

The menu at this downtown spot covers fresh Gulf seafood, premium steaks, Southern favorites and weekend brunch in a Palm Beach-inspired dining room. Good for a table that can't agree on dinner.



Menu



Directions

EAT AND DRINK

Sweets, daiquiris and a brewery

Taffy and malts on The Strand, cocktails downtown and a dog-friendly brewery mid-island.

La King's Confectionery

WHERE 2323 Strand Street | **FROM THE LOT** 9.2 miles ^{110,111}
HOURS open daily from 11 a.m. (10:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday), until 7:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and 8:30 p.m. Saturday

La King's runs a working 1920s soda fountain serving malts, shakes, sundaes and floats. Take a bag of candy home, too. There are more than fifty candies made from old-time recipes, including saltwater taffy pulled on antique equipment.



About La King's

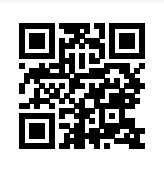


Directions

Daiquiri Time Out

WHERE 2701 Market Street | **FROM THE LOT** 9.0 miles ¹¹²
HOURS opens at 4 p.m. daily and stays open until midnight, until 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday

Despite the name, this is a cocktail bar first, pouring classic cocktails with creative seasonal menus built on homemade ingredients and boutique spirits. Stop in after dinner downtown.



Drinks & hours



Directions

Galveston Island Brewing

WHERE 8423 Stewart Road | **FROM THE LOT** 7.7 miles ^{113,114,115}
HOURS open 2 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, noon to 10 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday

Galveston Island Brewing was founded in June 2014 by Mark and Liesel Dell'Osso. Plan a slow afternoon there, with a dog-friendly tap room and patio with an outdoor playground.



Tap room



Directions

EAT AND DRINK

Santa Fe and Dickinson

Four mainland stops: catfish and a winery in Santa Fe, barbecue and a bayou dinner in Dickinson.

Fish Place

WHERE 12240 State Highway 6 | **FROM THE LOT** 9.1 miles ¹¹⁶
HOURS open Sunday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Fish Place cooks it both ways, with fried catfish and shrimp alongside grilled salmon and redbfish. It's a straight shot up Highway 6 from the lot.



Menu



Directions

Haak Vineyards & Winery

WHERE 6310 Avenue T | **FROM THE LOT** 9.8 miles ¹¹⁷
HOURS open Wednesday 4 to 9 p.m., Thursday and Sunday noon to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday noon to 10 p.m.

Haak is a working winery, with guided tours behind the scenes of its full-scale wine production facility and vines visitors can tour at the original vineyard. Book tastings that include its Texas-made Madeira.



Hours & tours



Directions

Dickinson Bar-B-Que

WORTH THE DRIVE

WHERE 2111 FM 517 Road E | **FROM THE LOT** 11.4 miles ^{118,119,120}
HOURS open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

At Dickinson Bar-B-Que, expect barbecue smoked in house every day, served with steaks and seafood in a casual room with a light Old West feel.



Menus



Directions

Marais

WORTH THE DRIVE

WHERE 2015 FM 517 Road E | **FROM THE LOT** 11.4 miles ^{121,122,123}
HOURS open Tuesday through Thursday 4 to 9 p.m., Friday 4 to 10 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., closed Monday

Marais is a restaurant in a French Quarter-inspired building on Benson's Bayou, serving prime steaks, fresh seafood and Cajun-inspired dishes. Book a weekend table and catch live music at The Plank every Friday and Saturday night.



Menus



Directions

Pool season

MEMORIAL DAY TO LABOR DAY

The Bayou Vista city pool and park

PARKS AND THE WATER

Bayou Vista City Park, Pavilion and Pool

Bayou Vista keeps its own pool and green space right in town. The grounds are a city family park with a shaded pavilion that is first come, first served unless someone has reserved it. You can also rent it for birthday parties, meetings and family reunions.

Pavilion rentals run by the half day or full day, with lower rates for Bayou Vista residents. The city also rents its community center for parties and other special occasions, to residents and non-residents, and rentals are booked through the City of Bayou Vista at (409) 935-8348. Come summer, the pool is where everybody ends up! Family and individual season passes are sold, with resident, community-neighbor and non-resident rates, and exact change or a pool pass is required at the gate. Original Bayou Vista, Omega Bay and Tiki Island residents get a community-neighbor rate on pool passes. For a morning workout, water aerobics classes meet Monday through Saturday mornings with a separate pass. The pool's phone is (409) 935-2714.

WHERE

Bonita Street, Bayou Vista

HOURS

in pool season it opens at noon Tuesday through Sunday and is closed Mondays

WHEN

the city pool opens from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend

FROM THE LOT

0.8 miles

Sources ^{8,9,10,12}



Park & pavilion



Directions

PARKS AND THE WATER

A boat ramp, bait and boat parts

A public boat ramp on the island side of the bay, a bait shop in Hitchcock and a marine store for parts.

Lee and Joe Jamail Bay Park

WHERE 1600 61st Street | FROM THE LOT 7.3 miles ⁴¹

Over on Galveston Island, the 61st Street Boat Ramp shares the park's address, so a day at the park can start with the boat in the water.



Park details



Directions

Harborwalk Bait Shop

WHERE 1445 Harborwalk Boulevard | FROM THE LOT 2.6 miles ¹⁵

HOURS open every day from 6 a.m., closing at 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 4 p.m. on Sunday

This bait shop out at Harborwalk in Hitchcock is a quick stop before a day on the water. Call ahead to ask what they have that day. The shop's phone is (346) 429-9992.



Hours



Directions

West Marine (Galveston)

WHERE 5926 Broadway Street | FROM THE LOT 7.2 miles ⁸⁶

HOURS Sunday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

When something on the boat breaks, West Marine on the island carries boat parts, safety gear, electronics, anchoring hardware, fishing tackle, kayaks and paddleboards.



Website



Directions

230 ACRES

Mac McGaffey Highland Bayou Park in La Marque

PARKS AND THE WATER

Mac McGaffey Highland Bayou Park

Mac McGaffey covers a lot of ground. It's a 230-acre city park on Highland Bayou in La Marque and the home of Bayou Fest. Inside you'll find fishing spots, a kayak launch, hiking and nature areas, sports courts, playgrounds and picnic pavilions.

Bring the fishing gear or the kayak. Ball players get pickleball, basketball and baseball and softball fields alongside the fishing areas. For a birthday or a family cookout, the Dick Arnett Pavilion has two barbecue pits, 17 picnic tables, a restroom, electricity, water and Wi-Fi. Look for the memorial benches and pavilions honoring local residents. Bring a folding chair and give yourself a whole afternoon by the bayou.

FROM THE LOT



WHERE
1991 Getty Road

HOURS
open dawn to dusk

COST
free admission

FROM THE LOT
2.1 miles

Sources ²



Park details



Directions



The Texas City Dike

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PARKS AND THE WATER

Texas City Dike

The Texas City Dike is a fishing pier stretching 5.3 miles into Galveston Bay. Find a spot along it, set up a chair and drop a line in. Trailering out? There are lighted boat ramps, three fish-cleaning stations and an accessible fishing pier.

Not everyone comes to fish. The park covers 136.59 acres, with about three-quarters of a mile of beach, so there is room to wade, fly a kite or just sit by the water. Pack the sand toys, too. Closer to shore, there's a big playground, hike and bike trails, bike rentals and an 18-hole disc golf course at the base. Out toward the end, the bay opens up on both sides of you. Bring shade, plenty of water and something to sit on, and try it at least once at sunrise.

WHERE
Dike Road, Texas City

HOURS
open 24 hours

COST
Texas City residents get in free with a current sticker; others may pay a weekend vehicle fee in the warmer months

FROM THE LOT
6.6 miles

Sources ^{45,46}



Dike info



Directions

PARKS AND THE WATER

La Marque parks and a birding spot

Four La Marque parks, from a neighborhood basketball court to fishing spots, ball fields and birding.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Park

WHERE 416 Apricot Street | **FROM THE LOT** 2.5 miles¹⁴
HOURS open dawn to dusk

Martin Luther King, Jr. Park is a 2.16-acre neighborhood park in a grassy, tree-lined setting, with a full basketball court, a playground and picnic areas.



Park details



Directions

Mahan Park

WHERE 2702 Woodlawn | **FROM THE LOT** 2.8 miles¹²⁴
HOURS open dawn to dusk

Mahan Park is a 35-acre park named for former mayor John C. Mahan, with fishing spots, a boat launch and open green space. It's a longtime home for youth sports and community events.



Park details



Directions

Jaycee Park

WHERE 2706 Magnolia | **FROM THE LOT** 3.4 miles¹²⁵

Jaycee Park is a small community park with a playground, swings, a basketball court and picnic areas. Look for a Kindness Rock Garden and a community garden. The park is named for the Jaycees, the volunteer service organization.



Park details



Directions

Bayou Park and La Marque Bird Sanctuary

WHERE 217 Bayou Road | **FROM THE LOT** 3.7 miles¹⁹
HOURS open dawn to dusk

Bayou Park has a playground, swings, a basketball court, barbecue pits and public art. Fire up a grill and stay for a pickup game on the court, and bring binoculars for the birds.



Park details



Directions

PARKS AND THE WATER

Texas City pools, ball fields and a dog park

Four Texas City stops: a lazy river, a gym for open play, a dog park and lighted ball fields.

Nessler Park and Family Aquatics Center

WHERE 1700 5th Avenue N | **FROM THE LOT** 4.5 miles^{22,23,24}
HOURS Lowry Fitness Center, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, closed Sunday

In summer, the draw at Nessler Park is a family aquatics center with a lazy river, flume slides, a cool-water spa and a children's play area. The park covers 55.3 acres, and the outdoor pool opens for the summer season, weekends only at the start and end.



Pool info



Directions

Carver Park and Carver Center

WHERE 6615 Park Avenue | **FROM THE LOT** 4.6 miles^{126,127}

Carver Park spreads over 23.24 acres with a fishing pond, a covered basketball court and an accessible playground. On site, Carver Center is a city recreation center with a gym for open-play basketball, computer rooms and rentable meeting rooms.



Rec center info



Directions

Amoco Park dog park

WHERE 1500 29th Street N | **FROM THE LOT** 4.9 miles¹²⁸

Amoco Park is a 5.48-acre park with a dog park plus a basketball court, slide and swings. Bring the dog, a leash and a basketball, and make an afternoon of it.



Park details



Directions

Carlos Garza Sports Complex

WHERE 3300 Magnolia Drive | **FROM THE LOT** 4.9 miles¹²⁹

The Carlos Garza Sports Complex has 48 acres of lighted fields for baseball, softball, football and soccer. Come out for a weekend game under the lights.



Park details

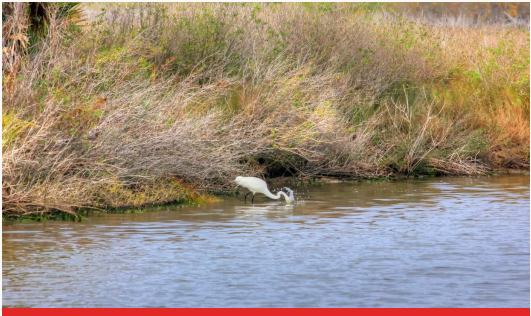


Directions

PARKS AND THE WATER

County parks and a birding spot

Two county parks, a lagoon park by the Texas City levee and a birding trail farther out.



An egret at Galveston Island State Park
Photo: Yinan Chen, public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

Jack Brooks Park

WHERE 5700 FM 2004 at State Highway 6 | **FROM THE LOT** 5.7 miles ^{37,38}

Jack Brooks Park is the big one, with 678 acres reached from both Highway 6 and FM 2004. It has a public archery range, plus the fairgrounds and covered rodeo arena that host the Galveston County Fair and Rodeo.



Park details



Directions

Carbide Park

WHERE 4102 Main Street (FM 519) | **FROM THE LOT** 4.1 miles ¹³⁰

Carbide Park is smaller, at 67 acres, and it has a Motion Wellness senior playground for balance and mobility, which the county calls the first of its kind in Texas.



Park details



Directions

Bay Street Park

WHERE 800 Bay Street N | **FROM THE LOT** 5.5 miles ^{131,132}

Bay Street Park sits on about 50 acres of land and 50 acres of freshwater lagoon between Bay Street and the hurricane levee, with outdoor fitness stations, a sand volleyball court and lighted soccer fields.



Park details



Directions

Skyline Bird Trail

WHERE Skyline Drive and Grand Cayman, Texas City | **FROM THE LOT** 8.1 miles ¹³³

Skyline Bird Trail covers 111 acres of birding area and walking trails, a little farther out on the Texas City side. Bring binoculars and go early in the day.



Trail details



Directions

Gulf and bay

TWO SHORELINES

Galveston Island State Park has a beach side and a bay side

PARKS AND THE WATER

Galveston Island State Park

Galveston Island State Park is the big backyard for this stretch of coast, and the park has both a beach side and a bay side. On the Gulf it's sand and surf. On West Bay it's marsh, calm water and birds.

You can swim, fish, picnic, bird watch, hike, mountain bike, paddle and camp. Bring a rod, because no fishing license is needed to fish from shore in a state park, and come early if you want the herons and egrets working the shallows along the marsh. From the lot it's a straight run across the causeway and west down the island, close enough for an evening swim.

Book early for summer weekends, because the park often fills up, and a reserved day pass guarantees you get in. Bring a towel for the Gulf and shoes you don't mind getting muddy in the marsh.

WHERE
14901 FM 3005

HOURS
open daily

COST
\$5 a day for adults, free for children 12 and under

FROM THE LOT
9.0 miles

Sources ⁵¹



Park page and passes



Directions

Highland Bayou, the railroad and the blimp base

Long before the canals, this stretch of the county was bayou country, then a railroad stop at Hitchcock, then home to an army camp and a giant blimp hangar.

The Karankawa held this region before the 1820s, and cattle raisers followed. Then Jonas Butler acquired a league of land on Highland Bayou in 1848 and built a house there, followed by French settlers. Hitchcock was first called Highland, for its spot on the high banks of Highland Bayou. The name changed when the tracks arrived. The Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway built through in the 1870s and named the stop for Galveston civic leader Lent Munson Hitchcock, and the farm country around the station started shipping its crops. Hitchcock grew as a fruit and vegetable shipping town until truck farming faded after 1920.

Then the soldiers came. Camp Wallace, an Army training camp named for World War I Colonel Elmer J. Wallace, rose on State Highway 6 between Hitchcock and Alta Loma at the start of World War II. The camp later passed to the Navy and helped return veterans to civilian life after the war. Out on the same stretch, the Navy commissioned a blimp base at Hitchcock on May 22, 1943, to watch the coast for enemy submarines. Its giant hangar was built to hold six blimps. For scale, the hangar ran 1,000 feet long, 300 feet wide and more than 200 feet high. The base brought new neighbors, too. Many who came to work at the station stayed or later returned to Hitchcock.

TIMELINE

- **1848**
A settler takes up a league of land on Highland Bayou and builds a house. ^{134,141}
- **1870s**
The Santa Fe line builds through, and the stop gets the Hitchcock name. ^{136,137,141}
- **1883**
An experimental garden and orchard goes in at Hitchcock. ¹³⁹
- **1941**
An army training camp fills with soldiers. ^{135,140}
- **1943**
The blimp base opens to patrol the coast. ^{138,142}

Canals, new cities and the storms

Four towns incorporate, homes on the Bayou Vista canals go on sale, and Hurricane Ike comes ashore.

The Highland name turns up again next door, where La Marque was first known as Highland Bayou and grew along the Galveston, Houston and Henderson rail line. It had a nickname for a while, too. During the Civil War, soldiers traveling between Galveston and Houston bought buttermilk here, earning the stop the name Buttermilk Station. Later, La Marque voted to incorporate in 1953 after Texas City tried to annex it. Hitchcock incorporated in 1960, and the wartime skyline didn't last much longer. After hurricane damage in 1961, the hangar was torn down.

Closer to home, Bayou Vista is a waterfront community built along a series of dredged canals that reach Galveston Bay and the Gulf, and homes in the new coastal development were being sold by the early 1960s. Across the water, neighboring Tiki Island incorporated as a village in 1982, and Tiki Island's canal streets carry Polynesian-themed names. Bayou Vista incorporated as a city on January 19, 1985. Hurricane Ike came ashore at Galveston on September 13, 2008, as a Category 2 hurricane, and the Weather Service estimated Ike's surge on the west side of Galveston Bay at 10 to 15 feet.

TIMELINE

- **1953**
La Marque votes to become a city. ¹⁷
- **1960**
Hitchcock incorporates. ^{134,141}
- **1961**
Hurricane damage dooms the giant blimp hangar. ^{138,142}
- **Early 1960s**
Homes on the Bayou Vista canals are on the market. ¹⁴⁷
- **1982**
Tiki Island incorporates as a village. ^{145,146}
- **1985**
Bayou Vista becomes a city. ¹⁴⁷
- **2008**
Hurricane Ike comes ashore at Galveston. ^{143,144}



The Galveston Causeway

Photo: Historic American Engineering Record, Library of Congress, public domain

HISTORY

The 1912 causeway

One crossing carried a highway, an interurban line and trains to Galveston Island, and it rode out the hurricane that followed.

Bayou Vista is close to the island but not on it. The city sits near West Galveston Bay, Jones Lake and Highland Bayou, about eight miles west-northwest of Galveston. Getting onto the island has always meant getting across the bay, and that's the job the old causeway took on. Work on the Galveston Causeway began in July 1909, and it was dedicated on May 25, 1912. The 1912 causeway carried a highway, an interurban electric line and railroad tracks across the bay, all on one crossing.

It didn't take long for a storm to test it. The concrete arches and steel drawbridge came through the 1915 hurricane with only slight damage. Decades later, the 1912 causeway was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. Next time you head into town for dinner on The Strand or a walk on the Seawall, you'll cross the same stretch of bay the old causeway spans.

TIMELINE

- 1909**
Work begins on a causeway across the bay. ^{148,149,150}
- 1912**
The causeway is dedicated and opens to traffic. ^{148,149,150}
- 1915**
A hurricane hits, and the arches and drawbridge come through. ^{148,150}
- 1976**
The causeway is listed on the national historic register. ¹⁵⁰

HISTORY

Where you can still see it

Four marker stops on the mainland, from La Marque out to Jack Brooks Park, where the local story is spelled out.

La Marque historical marker

WHERE 431 Bayou Road | **FROM THE LOT** 3.6 miles ^{17,18}

La Marque's marker covers the early days. Dairy farming was the main local business, and building the Galveston-Houston interurban line in 1911 brought more settlers. It explains the name, too: La Marque is French for "the mark."



Read the La Marque marker



Directions

Stringfellow Orchards marker

WHERE 7902 State Highway 6 | **FROM THE LOT** 4.5 miles ¹³⁹

This Highway 6 marker tells a gardener's story. Horticulturist Henry Martyn Stringfellow started an experimental garden and orchard here in 1883, and his work won silver medals at two world's fairs.



Read the Stringfellow marker



Directions

City of Hitchcock marker

WHERE Roadside park at State Highway 6 and FM 2004 | **FROM THE LOT** 5.5 miles ^{137,141}

The city's own marker sits in a roadside park on Highway 6. It covers the farm-town years, starting when George Henckel opened a produce commission house on the railway in the 1880s. Later, in the 1930s, local men found work in Texas City.



Read the Hitchcock marker

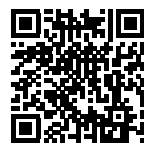


Directions

World War II markers at Jack Brooks Park

WHERE State Highway 6 at the Jack Brooks Park entrance | **FROM THE LOT** 6.3 miles ¹³⁸

Markers at the Jack Brooks Park entrance cover the blimp base. Hitchcock was picked for one of nine new Navy blimp bases because of its flat coastal plain, and the base had 47 buildings, from the hangar to warehouses and living quarters.



Read the Blimp Base marker



Directions

HISTORY

More history to visit

A train depot, a Galveston archive and a small Hitchcock museum that keep the old stories close.

Hitchcock Depot

WHERE 11225 State Highway 6 | **FROM THE LOT** 7.8 miles ^{136,141}

This depot sits on Highway 6, and it is the last of the area's Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe depots still standing. Local tradition says the railroad won its right-of-way through Emily Hitchcock's land by naming the depot for her late husband.



Read the depot marker



Directions

Galveston and Texas History Center

WHERE 2310 Sealy Avenue | **FROM THE LOT** 9.4 miles ^{148,149,151}

HOURS open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The place to dig deeper into island history. Its collections include photographs, maps, manuscripts, newspapers, rare books and oral histories. Its archive holds photographs of the causeway's 1909 to 1912 construction and its opening celebration.



Plan a visit



Directions

Hitchcock Heritage Society Museum

WHERE 8005 Barry Avenue | **FROM THE LOT** 4.7 miles ¹⁵²

HOURS open the second Wednesday and fourth Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hitchcock's own museum is the former home of Genevieve Miller, built in 1904, with Camp Wallace and blimp base artifacts and the stories of Hitchcock families. There's also a restored cottage on Neville full of Hitchcock school memorabilia.



Museum info



Directions

05 · ART AND CULTURE

A college stage and a city museum

A college theater with two stages and a museum of Texas City's past, both on the mainland.

1 COM Theatre

WHERE 1200 N. Amburn Road | **COST** students get in free | **FROM THE LOT** 5.7 miles ^{153,154}

COM Theatre is the college theater in Texas City, with two stages, the Mainstage and the Freestage. Each season brings a mix of classics, Broadway musicals and contemporary adaptations. A night out at a show doesn't have to mean a drive to Houston.



Season and tickets



Directions

2 Texas City Museum

WHERE 409 6th Street N | **COST** \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for students, free for children 6 and under | **FROM THE LOT** 4.9 miles ¹⁵⁵

HOURS open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Inside are films, photographs and artifacts of the 1947 Texas City Disaster, plus a children's discovery room. Train fans should know about the Galveston County Model Railroad Club exhibit, open Saturdays on the second floor.

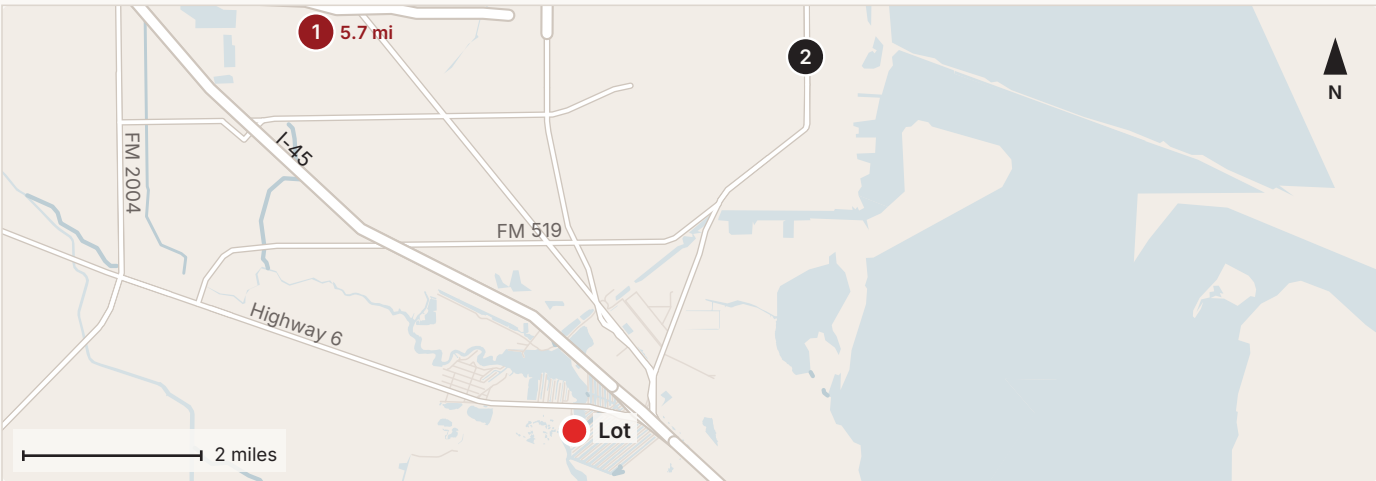


Hours and exhibits



Directions

WHERE THESE ARE FROM THE LOT





GALVESTON

Mansions, museums and a tall ship

The Strand in downtown Galveston

Photo: Carol M. Highsmith, Library of Congress, public domain

Two mansions on Broadway, a tall ship at the seaport, a Texas history collection and an opera house, all just across the causeway.

1 1892 Bishop's Palace

WHERE 1402 Broadway | **COST** \$15 for adults and \$12 for youth 6 to 18, with children 5 and under free | **FROM THE LOT** 10.0 miles ¹⁵⁶
HOURS self-guided tours daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the last ticket sold at 4 p.m.



Hours and tickets



Directions

The Bishop's Palace on Broadway is also known as the Gresham House. It was listed in the National Register at the national level of significance for its architecture.

The house is a contributing building in the East End Historic District, a National Historic Landmark, so plan on a walk through the neighborhood around it after your tour.

For a closer look, ask about the special tours. Basement to Attic Tours open rooms usually off limits, including Mrs. Gresham's studio.

2 1895 Moody Mansion

WHERE 2618 Broadway | **COST** \$15 for adults 18 and older | **FROM THE LOT** 9.2 miles ¹⁵⁷
HOURS self-guided tours daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the last ticket sold at 4 p.m.



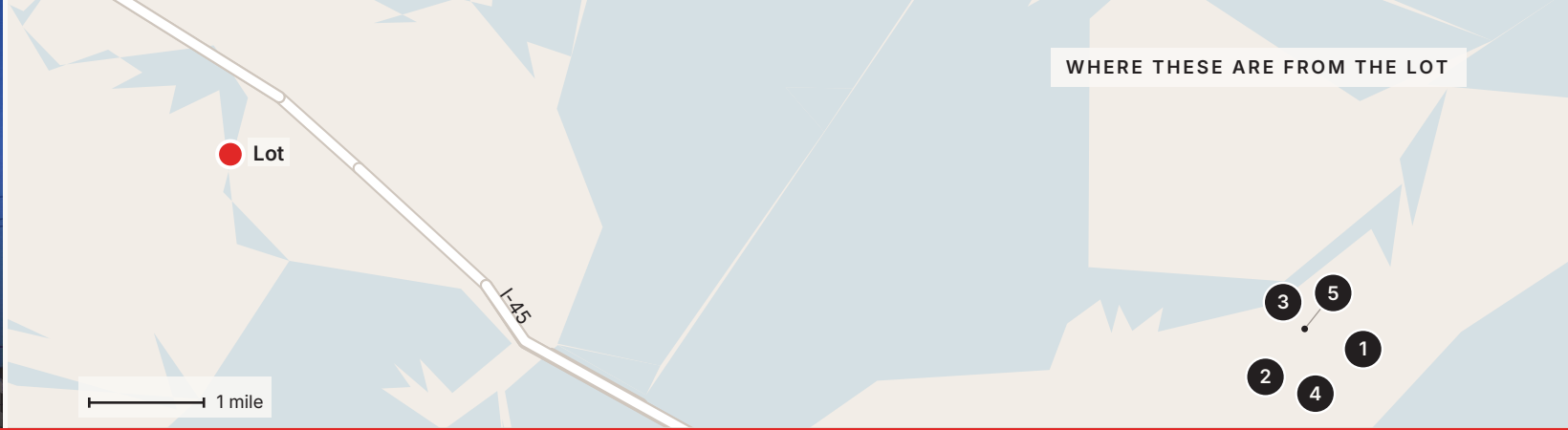
Hours and tickets



Directions

Also on Broadway, the Moody Mansion is a 28,000-square-foot, four-story house completed in 1895. It was designed by British architect William H. Tyndall and decorated by Pottier & Stymus of New York. W.L. Moody Jr. bought the house soon after the 1900 Storm, and Moody family members lived there until 1983.

Inside, tours cover 20 rooms and show the home life of a wealthy Texas family.



WHERE THESE ARE FROM THE LOT

Texas Seaport Museum and Tall Ship

3 ELISSA

WHERE Pier 22 | **COST** \$18 for adults and \$12 for youth 6 to 18, with children 5 and under free | **FROM THE LOT** 9.3 miles ³



Hours and tickets



Directions

HOURS open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., last admission at 4:30 p.m.

The Texas Seaport Museum sits right on the harbor, with a tall ship tied up beside it. ELISSA, an 1877 square-rigged iron barque, was brought from a scrapyard in Piraeus, Greece, for restoration that began in 1978.

Today she is one of only three ships of her kind in the world that still actively sail.

4 The Bryan Museum

WHERE 1315 21st Street | **COST** \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors 65 and up, teachers and military, \$12 for students, \$7 for children 6 to 12, and free under 6 | **FROM THE LOT** 9.7 miles ¹⁵⁸

HOURS open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed Monday and Tuesday



Hours and admission



Directions

The Bryan Museum is housed in the 1895 Galveston Orphans Home, and the building alone is worth the stop.

Inside is one of the world's largest collections of artifacts, documents and art on Texas and the American West.

5 The Grand 1894 Opera House

WHERE 2020 Postoffice Street | **COST** self-guided tours are \$5 a person, and guided tours are \$8 a person with a 10-person minimum and a reservation | **FROM THE LOT** 9.5 miles ^{159,160}



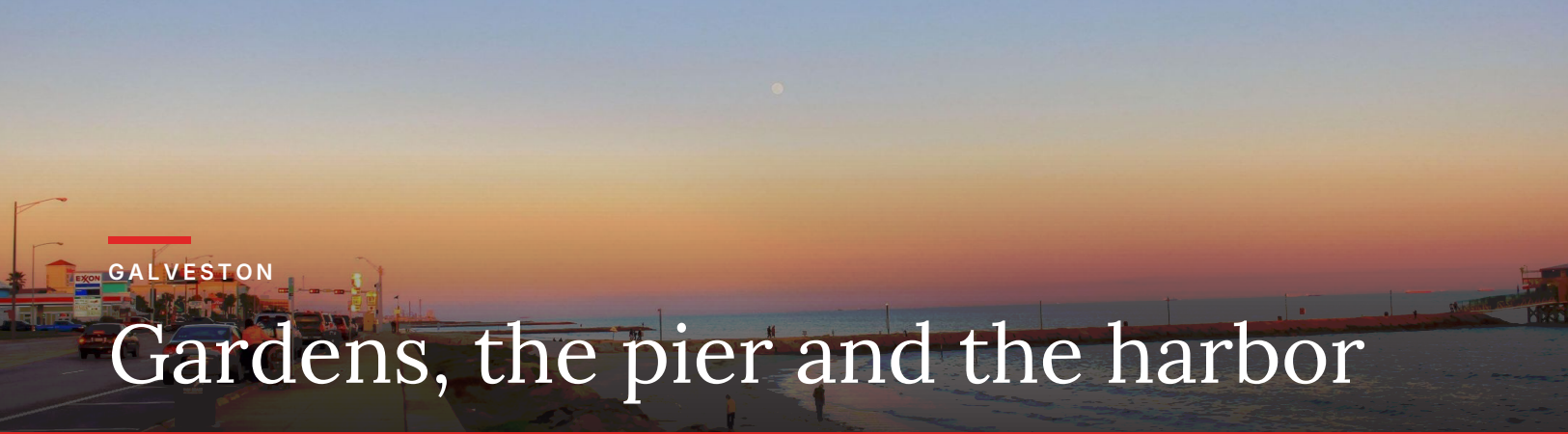
Building tours



Directions

HOURS tours run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

The Grand on Postoffice Street opened January 3, 1895, with the play The Daughters of Eve. It is a Romanesque Revival building designed by architect Frank Cox. Part of the building was destroyed in the 1900 Storm and quickly rebuilt.



GALVESTON

Gardens, the pier and the harbor

Seawall Boulevard

Photo: Yinan Chen, public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

Pyramids at the gardens, rides on the pier, a harbor boat ride, an oil rig museum and the free ferry.

1 Moody Gardens

WHERE 1 Hope Boulevard | **FROM THE LOT** 6.9 miles ^{47,48,49}



Hours by attraction



Directions

Plan a full day at Moody Gardens. The 1.5-million-gallon Aquarium Pyramid has penguins, seals, sharks and a Jellyfish Gallery, and aquarium exhibits cover the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, North Pacific, South Pacific and Caribbean.

Then walk over to the next pyramid. The Rainforest Pyramid is a 10-story living rainforest with free-roaming birds and a waterfall beside the path. Giant river otters, a critically endangered species, live in the Rainforest Pyramid.

The Discovery Museum and a golf course round out the campus.

2 Galveston Island Historic Pleasure Pier

WHERE 2501 Seawall Boulevard | **COST** walk-on passes without rides are sold separately from single ride tickets and all-day ride passes | **FROM THE LOT** 9.8 miles ^{161,162}
HOURS change by season and sometimes week to week, so check the pier calendar before you go



Rides and hours



Directions

The Pleasure Pier reaches out over the Gulf from Seawall Boulevard, and the rides are the real thing. The Iron Shark coaster climbs a 100-foot vertical lift, drops past vertical and hits 52 miles per hour.

The Texas Star Flyer swings riders more than 230 feet above sea level, and there's the 100-foot Galaxy Wheel for a slower ride with a view up and down the beach.

If you drive over, a paid lot sits across from the pier next to Fish Tales, with more parking along the Seawall.



3 Historic Harbor Tour and Dolphin Watch

WHERE Pier 22 | **COST** \$25 for adults and \$18 for youth 6 to 18, with children 5 and under free | **WHEN** runs Tuesday through Sunday with five departures between 10:15 a.m. and 4 p.m. | **FROM THE LOT** 9.3 miles ¹⁶³



Tour times and tickets



Directions

Leaving from the same pier as ELISSA, the Historic Harbor Tour and Dolphin Watch runs one-hour tours of Galveston Harbor.

The 50-foot Seagull II has a covered main deck and an open upper deck, so you can sit in the shade or ride up top in the breeze. The boat is Coast Guard certified and its operators are fully licensed.

4 Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig & Museum

WHERE 2002 Wharf Road | **FROM THE LOT** 9.4 miles ¹⁶⁴



Museum home page



Directions

For something different on the harbor, the Ocean Star is an actual retired jack-up drilling rig you can walk aboard. You'll find it docked at Pier 19 at 20th Street and Harborside, a short walk from the tall ship, so it's easy to pair the two on one waterfront afternoon.

5 Galveston-Port Bolivar Ferry

WHERE 1000 Ferry Road N | **FROM THE LOT** 10.4 miles ¹⁶⁵
HOURS runs around the clock



Ferry schedule and webcams



Directions

The ferry is toll-free, run by the Texas Department of Transportation, and it's a fun ride even with nowhere to be.

The trip across Galveston Bay is 2.7 miles, and the crossing itself takes about 20 minutes. Ride over, have lunch on Bolivar and ride back.



Kemah Boardwalk

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Up the bay and worth the drive: Space Center Houston, the Kemah Boardwalk, a bayou nature preserve and a flight museum.

1 Space Center Houston

WHERE 1601 East NASA Parkway | **COST** adult tickets (12 and up) run \$29.95 to \$39.95 online, kids 4 to 11 run \$24.95 to \$34.95, and kids 3 and younger get in free | **FROM THE LOT** 18.0 miles ^{166,167,168,169,170}
HOURS vary by date, with weekends usually 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Hours and tickets



Directions

Space Center Houston is the official visitor center of NASA Johnson Space Center, with more than 400 artifacts, exhibits and experiences in a 250,000-square-foot complex.

Start at Independence Plaza, an eight-story landmark. Then walk through the Starship Gallery, with the Apollo 17 command module and a moon rock you can touch.

Save time for tram tours that last 60 to 90 minutes, with the Historic Mission Control tour at an extra cost. Just know that strollers aren't allowed on the tram (there's stroller parking by the queue), and parking is \$10 plus a service fee.

2 Kemah Boardwalk

WHERE 8 Kemah Boardwalk | **COST** an all-day ride pass covering 13 rides costs \$23.99 for riders under 48 inches and \$29.99 for 48 inches and up | **FROM THE LOT** 15.8 miles ^{171,172,173,174}
HOURS rides run on a seasonal schedule that changes month to month



Rides and passes

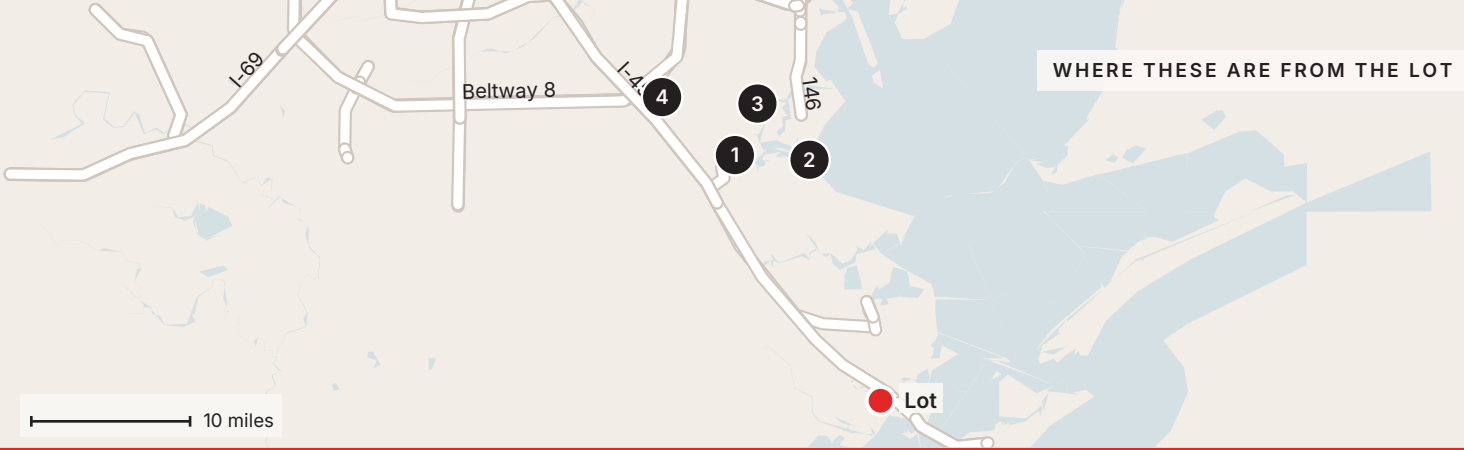


Directions

Up the bay in Kemah, the Boardwalk has waterfront restaurants, rides, shops, festivals and seaside shows on Galveston Bay.

Ride the Boardwalk Bullet coaster, 96 feet tall with a 92-foot first drop and speeds over 51 miles per hour, or take it slower on a 65-foot Ferris wheel and a double-decker carousel.

To get out on the water, try the Boardwalk Beast, a 25-minute speedboat ride about 4 miles out into Galveston Bay at up to 40 miles per hour. Boardwalk Beast tickets are \$27, or \$22 with a ride wristband. Then stop by Stingray Reef, where you can touch and feed live stingrays.



3 Armand Bayou Nature Center

WHERE 8500 Bay Area Boulevard | **COST** \$7 for ages 13 to 59, \$5 for ages 4 to 12 and 60 and up, and free for 3 and under | **FROM THE LOT** 20.3 miles ^{175,176,177}
HOURS Wednesday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m., last entry at 4 p.m.; closed Monday and Tuesday



Hours and admission



Directions

Armand Bayou Nature Center covers more than 4,300 acres of wetland forest, prairie and marsh, home to over 370 species of birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians.

On foot, you get 5 miles of walking trails, including the Discovery Loop boardwalk and a bison viewing platform.

Programs include pontoon boat cruises, guided kayak tours and owl prowls. Leave the dog at home, because no pets are allowed.

4 Lone Star Flight Museum

WHERE 11551 Aerospace Avenue | **COST** \$18 for adults, \$15 for youth 12 to 17 and seniors, \$12 for kids 5 to 11, and free for 4 and under | **FROM THE LOT** 23.6 miles ^{178,179,180,181}
HOURS Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.



Hours and tickets



Directions

At the Lone Star Flight Museum, the planes stay indoors in the Heritage and Waltrip hangars, 60,000 air-conditioned square feet holding the aircraft collection.

Don't skip the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame, honoring 100 people and groups from Bessie Coleman to the Tuskegee Airmen.

For something hands-on, head to a Space Gallery with a NASA shuttle crew compartment trainer and a shuttle motion base simulator. There's free on-site parking, too.



HOUSTON AND THE COAST · WORTH THE DRIVE

Wildlife refuges and Houston museums

A roseate spoonbill

Photo: Steve Hillebrand, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, public domain

Two wildlife refuges and a bird rookery along the coast, plus two of the big museums in Houston.

1 Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge

WHERE 2022 County Road 227 | **WHEN** the Discovery Center at Big Slough opens Friday through Sunday from November through April, as volunteers allow | **FROM THE LOT** 28.9 miles ^{182,183}

HOURS daily, sunrise to sunset

Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge covers 44,413 acres of coastal marsh and prairie, and it's free.

Take the car out on the Big Slough auto tour, 7.5 miles on a gravel road that's also open to bikes, or walk the 1.5-mile Big Slough Trail, a boardwalk loop from the visitor center through wetlands, woods and prairie.

The refuge counts more than 320 bird species and 95 species of reptiles and amphibians.

2 Jocelyn Nungaray National Wildlife Refuge

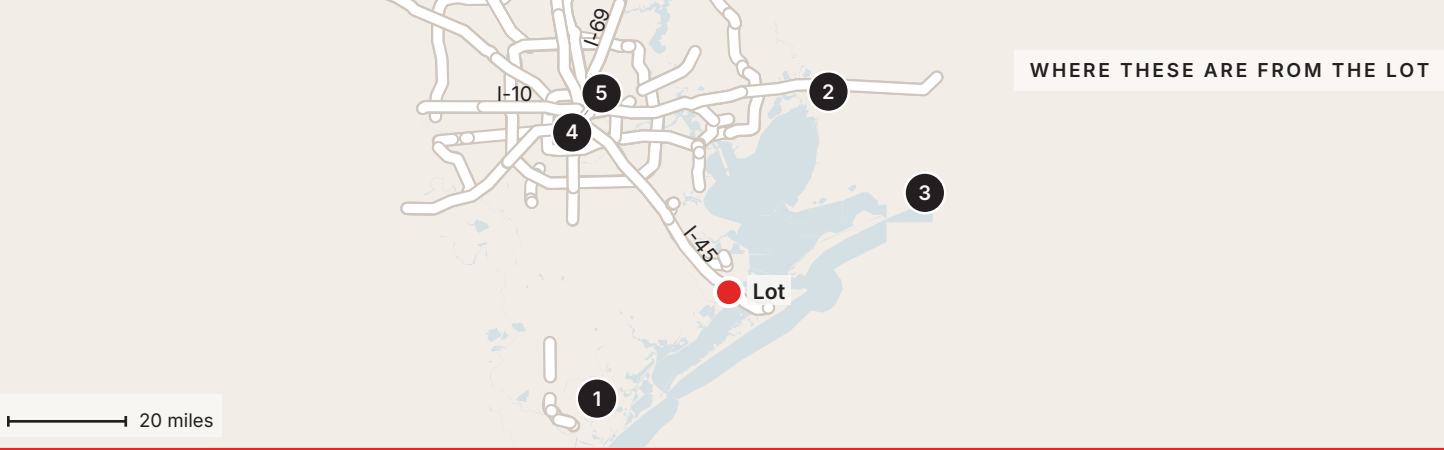
WHERE 4017 FM 563 | **FROM THE LOT** 38.2 miles ¹⁸⁴

HOURS daily, sunrise to sunset

Jocelyn Nungaray National Wildlife Refuge is the refuge long known as Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge, renamed in 2025. Entry is free.

Drive the 2.64-mile Shoveler Pond auto loop, a good bet for alligators, with a short boardwalk. Bring binoculars for the large, varied flocks of waterfowl in fall and winter.

The refuge also runs a Visitor Center on FM 563 with wetland displays, Junior Ranger badges and the Airboat Theater. Anglers come for wade fishing along the shoreline and freshwater fishing on the bayous.



3 Smith Oaks Bird Sanctuary

WHERE 2205 Old Mexico Road | **COST** \$10 for a day pass or \$35 for a patch good for a year of visits | **FROM THE LOT** 37.4 miles ^{185,186}



Sanctuary page



Directions

HOURS open year-round from dawn to dusk through the Winnie Street entrance; the Old Mexico Road gate opens daily March 1 to May 15 and on weekends from mid-September to mid-October

Out past Bolivar, Smith Oaks Bird Sanctuary covers 177 acres of fields, woods, wetlands and ponds.

The draw is a rookery in Claybottom Pond where herons, egrets, cormorants and spoonbills nest and raise their chicks.

4 Houston Museum of Natural Science

WHERE 5555 Hermann Park Drive | **COST** \$25 for adults and \$16 for kids 3 to 11 and seniors 62 and up | **FROM THE LOT** 38.1 miles ^{187,188,189,190}

HOURS Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday through Sunday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Hours and admission



Directions

Plan on a long visit to the Houston Museum of Natural Science. It has four floors to explore, and the average visit runs more than two hours.

See the Morian Hall of Paleontology, home of the T. rex Wyrex, then walk into the Cockrell Butterfly Center, a three-story glass conservatory with a 50-foot waterfall and 1,500 butterflies.

5 Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

WHERE 1001 Bissonnet Street | **COST** \$24 for adults, \$20 for seniors and teens 13 to 18, and free for kids 12 and under | **FROM THE LOT** 38.3 miles ^{191,192,193}

HOURS Wednesday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday and Friday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.; closed Monday and Tuesday



Hours and admission



Directions

The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston spreads across a 14-acre campus with three buildings for art.

Outside, the PNC Roof Garden, with skyline views, and the Noguchi-designed Cullen Sculpture Garden are free and open to the public.

A Galveston year: fall and winter

Life here runs on the Galveston calendar. Fall and winter bring shrimp, an art fair, holiday lights and parades.

Fall

EVERY SEPTEMBER

Galveston Island Shrimp Festival ¹⁹⁴
Galveston celebrates the Gulf catch with a shrimp gumbo cook-off in the Historic Strand District.

A WEEKEND IN OCTOBER

ARToberFEST ¹⁹⁵
Downtown hosts a juried fine arts festival on Postoffice Street presented by The Grand 1894 Opera House.

Winter

LATE NOVEMBER TO JANUARY

Holiday in the Gardens ¹⁹⁶
Moody Gardens puts on a mile-long holiday lights trail set to festive music, plus ICE LAND's hand-carved ice sculptures.

FIRST WEEKEND IN DECEMBER

Dickens on The Strand ¹⁹⁷
Dickens on The Strand packs the downtown streets with parades and nonstop entertainment on four stages.

BEFORE FAT TUESDAY

Mardi Gras! Galveston ¹⁹⁸
The island throws two weekends of parades, live entertainment and balcony parties.



Event calendar
galvestonislandshrimpfestival.com



Event calendar
galvestonhistory.org/events/...



Event calendar
mardigrasgalveston.com/...

Spring and summer

Warm months bring the county fair, Juneteenth, the Fourth on the Seawall and free concerts downtown, and ArtWalk runs all year.

Spring

EVERY APRIL

Galveston County Fair & Rodeo ¹⁹⁹
Close to home, the fair has been held at Jack Brooks Park in Hitchcock since 1984.

APRIL THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Strand Summer Series ²⁰⁰
Pack a chair for free concerts and movies downtown.

Summer

AROUND JUNE 19

Juneteenth in Galveston ²⁰¹
Galveston is the birthplace of Juneteenth, and the island marks the day every year.

EVERY FOURTH OF JULY

Fourth of July on the Seawall ²⁰²
Claim a spot early for a parade on the Seawall, then fireworks over the Gulf.

All year

EVERY SECOND SATURDAY

ArtWalk Galveston ²⁰³
ArtWalk is free and open to everyone, inside downtown galleries and studios.



Event calendar
galvestoncountyfair.com/events



Event calendar
visitgalveston.com/events/...



Event calendar
galvestonartscenter.org/...

Two easy days: Saturday on the island

Saturday on the island means a slow breakfast, a Broadway mansion, a tall ship and seafood on the Seawall.

Saturday

- BREAKFAST

1

The Sunflower Bakery & Cafe¹⁰⁰

512 14th Street · 9.9 miles

Breakfast at Sunflower Bakery, plus something from the bakery case for later.
- MORNING

2

1892 Bishop's Palace¹⁵⁶

1402 Broadway · 10.0 miles

Over on Broadway, take the self-guided tour of the Bishop's Palace.
- AFTERNOON

3

Texas Seaport Museum and Tall Ship ELISSA³

Pier 22 · 9.3 miles

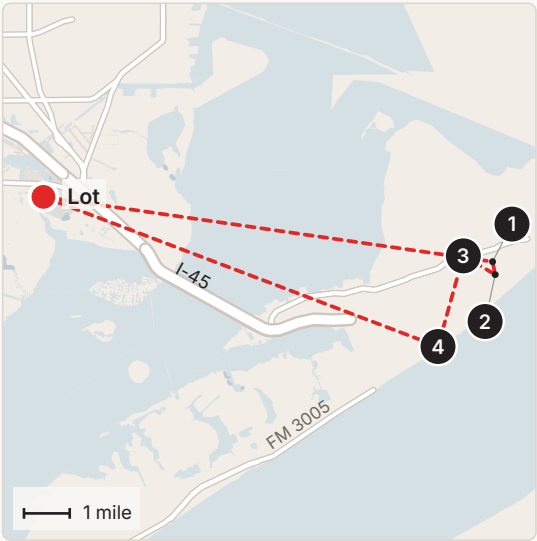
Climb aboard ELISSA, then walk the waterfront before dinner.
- DINNER

4

Gaido's^{52,101}

3802 Seawall Boulevard · 9.2 miles

Dinner at Gaido's, with the Gulf right across the Seawall.



Numbers follow the day in order. The dashed line shows the order of stops, not a driving route.

DIRECTIONS TO EACH STOP



1 · Sunflower
Google Maps



2 · Bishop's Palace
Google Maps



3 · ELISSA
Google Maps



4 · Gaido's
Google Maps

Sunday close to home

Sunday stays on the mainland, with a country breakfast, a walk along Highland Bayou, the Texas City Dike and supper near the lot.

Sunday

- BREAKFAST

1

Kelley's Country Cookin'^{35,36}

4604 Gulf Freeway · 5.0 miles

Start with a country breakfast at Kelley's in La Marque.
- MORNING

2

Mac McGaffey Highland Bayou Park²

1991 Getty Road · 2.1 miles

Walk it off at McGaffey Park, on the banks of Highland Bayou.
- AFTERNOON

3

Texas City Dike^{45,46}

Dike Road, Texas City · 6.6 miles

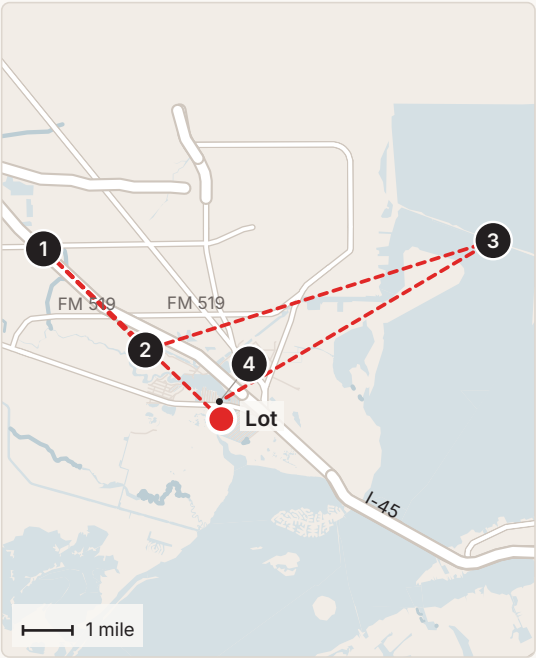
Drive out the Texas City Dike, a fishing pier stretching 5.3 miles into Galveston Bay, and fish until supper.
- SUPPER

4

Louis' Bait Camp & Restaurant^{1,4}

3510 Highway 6 · 0.4 miles

Supper at Louis' Bait Camp, back near the lot. Call ahead on Sundays.



Numbers follow the day in order. The dashed line shows the order of stops, not a driving route.

DIRECTIONS TO EACH STOP



1 · Kelley's
Google Maps



2 · McGaffey Park
Google Maps



3 · Texas City Dike
Google Maps



4 · Louis'
Google Maps

The first weeks

The first calls after closing: taxes, power, water and the city.

Homestead exemption ^{204,205}

Once you build and move in, file for the homestead exemption. If you own and live in the home, you may qualify for the general residence homestead exemption, and every school district exempts up to \$140,000 of a homestead's assessed value.



File homestead exemption



State exemption rules

Electricity ^{206,207,208,209}

CenterPoint Energy delivers the electricity in Bayou Vista, and you pick the retail electric provider that bills you. Before you sign up, know that Power to Choose is the state's official site for comparing electric plans.



Compare electricity plans



CenterPoint new customers

Water and sewer ²¹⁰

Bayou Vista doesn't bill for this one, because water and sewer come from Galveston County MUD No. 12, reachable at (409) 935-6111. That's a municipal utility district. Call before you build to line up service.



MUD 12 contacts (city FAQ)



Water district record (TCEQ)

City of Bayou Vista ^{211,212,213,214}

Bayou Vista is its own small city, and the Bayou Vista Volunteer Fire Department serves the community. Save these in your phone: the city's main line is (409) 935-8348 and the police non-emergency line is (409) 935-0449.



City of Bayou Vista



County law agency directory

Storm season and flood insurance

Living on the water means a hurricane plan, a windstorm policy and a separate flood policy.

Hurricane season ^{212,213,215,216}

Know your zone before storm season starts. Galveston County sorts hurricane evacuation zones by ZIP code, and 77563 is listed in the Coastal Zone. Each season, check that your evacuation zone and route maps carry the current year's date.



Galveston County OEM



Sign up for STEAR

Windstorm insurance ^{217,218}

The Texas Windstorm Insurance Association offers windstorm and hail insurance to coastal property owners when private insurers won't. Keep in mind that windstorm policies don't cover storm surge or flood, so flood insurance is a separate policy.



Windstorm eligibility



Windstorm insurance (TDI)

Flood insurance ^{219,220}

Look up the flood zone before you buy: FEMA's Flood Map Service Center is the official source for flood maps, searchable by address. Keep in mind most homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage, so flood coverage is a separate policy, and there's no waiting period when you buy the policy as part of getting, increasing, extending or renewing a mortgage.



Look up your flood map



Flood insurance basics

SETTLING IN

License, plates and voting

Swap the license, register the car first, then sign up to vote.

Texas driver license ²²¹

Moving from another state? New residents can drive on a valid out-of-state license for up to 90 days after moving to Texas. Do the car first, then bring proof of Texas vehicle registration and insurance for each vehicle you own.



New-resident driver license



New to Texas checklist

Vehicle registration ^{222,223}

The clock starts on moving day. Register your vehicle within 30 days of moving to Texas. In order, get Texas insurance and a state inspection first, then title and register in person at the county tax office.



Register your vehicle



County tax office

Voter registration ^{224,225}

Register to vote through the county, and get it done early. Register by the 30th day before Election Day. Questions? The Galveston County Clerk is the county's voter registrar, at the Records and Elections Center in Texas City, (409) 766-2280.



Register to vote (county)



Vote Texas

SETTLING IN

Schools and a hospital

Schools, the nearby hospital, and the license you need before you wet a line.

Schools ^{226,227}

Texas City ISD is the public school district here. Confirm your campus before you enroll. New students enroll through the district's online registration, and the district office is at 1700 Ninth Avenue North in Texas City, (409) 916-0100.



Texas City ISD



Enroll at TCISD

HCA Houston Healthcare Mainland

WHERE 6801 Emmett F Lowry Expressway | **FROM THE LOT** 5.2 miles ²²⁸

For emergencies, HCA Houston Healthcare Mainland in Texas City has 24/7 emergency care for adult and pediatric patients. It's also a designated Level III Trauma Center and a designated Primary Stroke Center with a dedicated stroke unit.



Emergency care



Directions

Fishing license and boat registration ^{229,230}

On the water, fishing in Texas public waters takes a fishing license with a freshwater or saltwater endorsement. For the boat, every motorized boat must be registered, whatever its length, and registration applies on public water even when the boat is docked, moored or stored.



Fishing licenses (TPWD)



Boat registration

GETTING AROUND

Buses, a park and ride and a library

Buses to Texas City and the island, a park and ride for the commute, and the Hitchcock library.

Gulf Coast Transit and the Texas City Park & Ride

WHERE 1415 33rd Street N | **WHEN** buses on The Splash run Monday through Saturday between this terminal and the Galveston Island Transit terminal on The Strand, leaving Texas City on the hour | **FROM THE LOT** 4.8 miles ^{231,232}

Catch the bus to Galveston from this Texas City terminal. For the work commute, the park and ride to UTMB Galveston runs weekdays and costs \$2 each way from Texas City, and drivers do not carry change, so bring exact fare.



Routes & schedules



Directions

Island Transit

WHERE 2418 Strand Street | **FROM THE LOT** 9.1 miles ²³³

On the island, let someone else drive. Island Transit runs weekday and Saturday bus routes across the island, scheduled rubber-wheel trolleys on the Seawall Route and Downtown Loop, and the street-rail trolley on weekends.



Routes & trolleys



Directions

Genevieve Miller Hitchcock Public Library

WHERE 8005 Barry Avenue | **WHEN** story time on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. | **FROM THE LOT** 4.7 miles ²⁶
HOURS open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

Hitchcock's public library keeps an Archives Department alongside e-books, TexShare databases and a homeschool resource center. Ask about a card on your first visit.



Library hours



Directions

GETTING AROUND

Two more libraries

Two more libraries, one in La Marque and one on Galveston Island.

1 La Marque Public Library

WHERE 1011 Bayou Road | **FROM THE LOT** 3.3 miles ²³⁴
HOURS open Tuesday through Saturday (9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday), closed Sunday and Monday

This library has served La Marque since 1946. Inside you'll find a collection of more than 30,000 items and an ever-changing calendar of events. See what's on before you go.



Library page



Directions

2 Rosenberg Library

WHERE 2310 Sealy Avenue | **FROM THE LOT** 9.4 miles ²³⁵
HOURS open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Friday and Saturday

Galveston's public library sits just off Broadway, near downtown. Stop in on the way to The Strand and make a whole afternoon of it.



Hours & location



Directions

WHERE THESE ARE FROM THE LOT



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