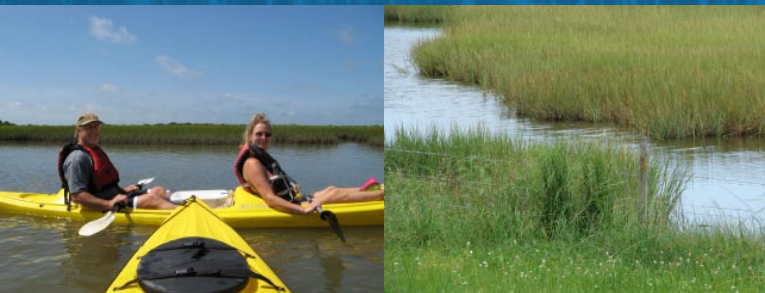


Galveston Island is a barrier island uniquely poised between the Gulf of Mexico and Galveston Bay. Known for its beaches and access to the Gulf, Galveston Island's bay side is overlooked by many island visitors. Galveston's West Bay sustained Jean LaFitte's men, Karankawa Indians, and now many Texans with fish, shrimp, crabs, and oysters. Galveston Island provides premier access to the Bay, allowing people to explore this estuary's waters, where the rivers and bayous of southeast Texas meet the sea. From the central location of Galveston Island, visitors can explore marshes, seagrass beds, oyster reefs, rookery islands, and cypress sloughs. Discover a myriad of bird and fish species that change with the seasons, the tides, and the time of day.

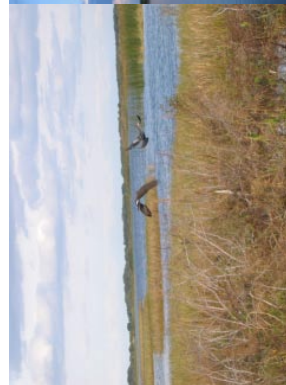
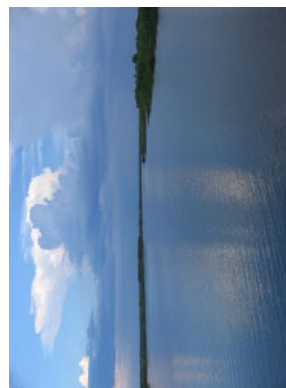
Galveston Island is the end of the "water road" for the Galveston Bay Watershed. This watershed, which begins in Dallas - Ft. Worth with the Trinity River, covers 33,000 square miles. Over half of the people who live in Texas, more than 12 million, live within the Galveston Bay watershed. Don't miss the Island's treasure with ready access to 9 paddling destinations, all within a 10 to 90 minute drive from Galveston Island (the best place to stay in the region). This end of the "water road" hosts 600+ species of birds, countless species of marine organisms, one of the world's largest shipping lanes, and many places to be explored.

Artist Boat's interpretive staff of certified kayak instructors will lead you to great places via kayak, identify and show native species, teach water coloring techniques, assist you with developing paddling skills, and interpret natural processes. Galveston Island is rich in historical architecture and natural history. Join us to explore its natural wonders.



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ARMAND BAYOU COASTAL PRESERVE

The largest urban park in the United States hosts mysterious pathways that delight moonlight and daylight paddlers. Enjoy the tranquility, as no motorized vessels are allowed.

CLEAR CREEK

This area hosts one of the last and longest remaining sections of unchannelized bayou close to Houston. Discover how urban planners and wildlife meet each other to preserve wooded shorelines, tidally influenced marshes, and also decrease the effects of flooding.

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A place for the adventurous as well as the romantic. This bay hosts the largest area of natural seagrass beds in Galveston Bay.

DRUM BAY

A shallow secondary bay allows paddlers to drift slowly and witness long-legged waders raising chicks and roosting on small islands.

CYPRESS SWAMPS

An area of the lower Trinity River offers mystery and mazes in a 20,000 acre of brackish and freshwater marshes, as well as bald cypress trees. Among tall trees once harvested to build homes on Galveston Island, one might witness sleeping owls, resting bobcats, and sunning alligators.

SMITH POINT

This area provides access to one of the Gulf coast's largest oyster fisheries. This paddle to the last remaining Van Tun Island offers up a rookery island and a challenging paddle into the open bay. Often paddlers see alligators and occasionally a pod of bottlenose dolphins.

SCENIC GALVESTON

A restoration site that has become a benchmark for habitat restoration. This place greets all island visitors before they cross the causeway to Galveston Island.

EAST BEACH LAGOON

An easy paddle in natural wetlands adjacent to the entry of the second largest port in the United States. Herons will greet you as you view large vessels in the Houston Ship Channel.

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Offers paddlers access to one of Galveston's premier ecological and historical jewels. Experience pelicans and herons flying overhead as you explore natural and restored marshes.

