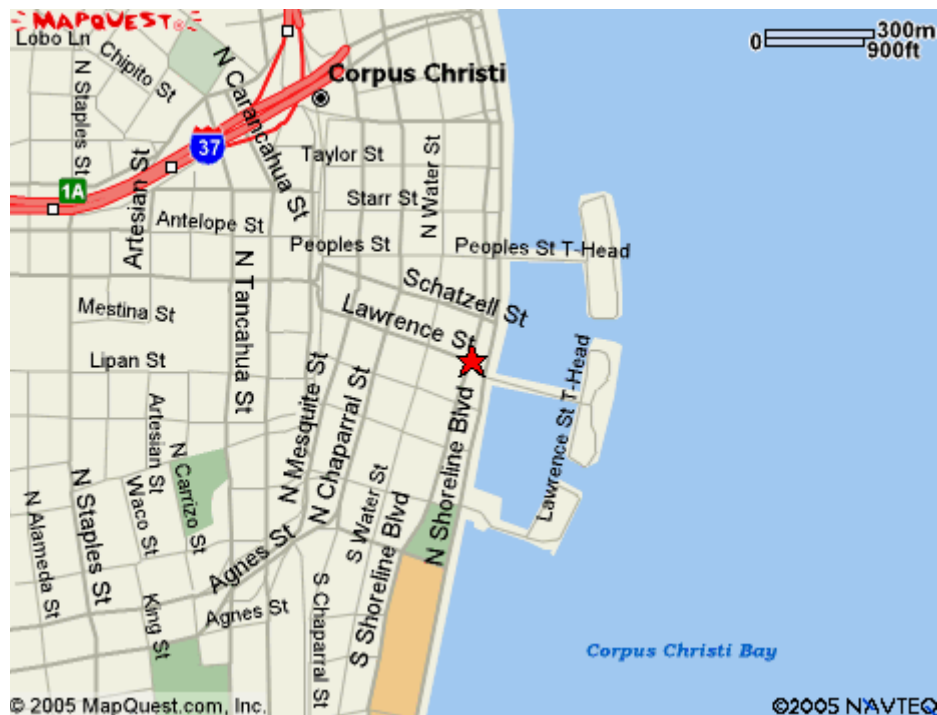


- **Cole Park**

- Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi, TX, (361) 826-3410
- FREE
- Skateboard park-FREE and open to the public
 - For action photography, the Corpus Christi Skate Park is a free skate park located in Cole Park on Corpus Christi Bay near downtown Corpus Christi. (361) 826-3460.

- **Corpus Christi Municipal Marina**

- Lawrence St. T-Head, Corpus Christi, TX (361) 826-3980
- FREE
- “The focal point of our city, located on the Corpus Christi Bay, protected from the Gulf of Mexico by sandy barrier islands off the Texas coast.” ...Or take photos of the famous **Salina** Statue or colorful Sail Boats along the Bay front boardwalk.
- www.corpuschristimarina.com



- **South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center**

- 8545 South Staples, Corpus Christi, TX, 78413, (361) 852-2100
- ADMISSION FEES - * Sat. pick-up \$1OFF Coupons & Brochures
 - Adults (13-59): \$6
 - Seniors (60), Active Military (ID): \$5
 - Ages 5-12: \$3
- Open Daily 7:30 – 5:30 & Saturday 8:00 – 5:30
- Uniquely designed flora exhibits, wildflowers, orchids, butterfly houses, woodland and shore birds. Self-tours, plant sales, beautiful nature & and fresh atmosphere...
- www.stxbot.org
- Location

From South Padre Island Drive (TX358), Take South Staples Exit and Turn South. Following Green Direction Signs on Staples (FM244), Cross Main Intersections of Holly, Saratoga, Yorktown and the Oso Creek Bridge. Entrance to the Gardens is immediately after the curve, on your right. Approximately 4.5 miles from S.P.I.D.



- **Texas State Aquarium and Dolphin Bay**
 - 2710 North Shoreline Blvd, Corpus Christi, TX, 78402
 - (361) 881-1340
 - ADMISSION FEES –
 - * Mention '**Gulf Coast Camera Convention**' and receive a discount for the following price:
 - Adult (13 and older): \$13.75
 - Seniors / Military: \$12.75
 - Children (3-12): \$8.75
 - Open Daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - Come. Sea. Discover the amazing world of dolphins, sharks, otters, sea turtles, stingrays and much, much, more!
Experience animal feedings, training sessions and live hands-on! Exhibits include Dolphin Bay, Hawn Wild Flight Theater, Tortuga Cay, Otter Creek, Eagle Pass, Living Shores, Islands of Steel, Flower Gardens, Floating Phantoms, Amazon and Stingray Flats!
 - www.texasstateaquarium.org
 - There is so much to see and do on Corpus Christi Beach! Visit www.discoverccbch.com for more!

- **U.S.S. Lexington: Museum on the Bay**
 - 2914 North Shoreline Blvd, Corpus Christi, TX,
 - (361) 888-4873
 - ADMISSION FEES –
 - * \$1 OFF entrance fee or print a coupon on-line.
 - Adults: \$12.95
 - Seniors (60) / Military: \$10.95
 - Children (4-12): \$7.95
 - Open Daily 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., all day parking \$3.50
 - Step aboard this WW II era Aircraft Carrier, experience the flight simulator and virtual battle stations. Stick around sunset and you will have an opportunity to shoot some magnificent photos of the ‘Blue Glowing Ghost Ship.’ Come see what it’s all about!
 - Location
 - Near the Texas State Aquarium, ship channel, Harbor Bridge area



- **Historical Cultural Landmark: Galvan House – Heritage Park**
 - 1581 North Chaparral, Corpus Christi, TX
 - (361) 826-3410
 - (361) 826-3417
 - (361) 826-3414
 - ADMISSION FEES
 - Outside Event, FREE, may experience some construction
 - Hours:
 - Tuesday – Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 - Friday: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 - Saturday: 11 a.m. – 2. p.m.
 - This house was built in 1908, by A.M. French, founder of First State Bank and a founding member of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC).

- **Port Aransas**
 - Sand Fest
 - April 9, 10 & 11, 2010
 - FREE
 - The Largest Sand Sculpting competition in the world! Located on the beach in Port Aransas, Texas
 - (361) 749-5916
 - For more information visit:
 - www.visistcorpuschristitx.org

- **Fennessey Ranch – Wilderness Expeditions**

- All Activities are by Reservation Only.
 - Please call at : (361) 529-6600
 - E-mail: fenranch@sbcglobal.net
 - www.fennesseyranch.com
- Special Guided Tour: April 8 & 9, 2010
 - Photography Blinds Usage: 7:00am – 12 noon
 - \$ 75.00 per person (26 person limit)
 - Credit cards accepted
 - Make checks payable to:
Fennessey Ranch
P.O. Box 99
Bayside, Texas, 78340
- This Ranch is a photographer's dream with varied habitats and many species of birds and animals! Fennessey Ranch is located on a major bird migration flyway and spring migration photo blinds are baited and waiting for your visit!
- Come explore over 4,000 acres of abundant wetlands, meadows, natural lakes, riparian woods, brush land and bottomlands bordered on three sides by nine miles of the Mission River. "We are dedicated to providing unique nature experiences."
- Directions:
 - If you are coming from the North the main gate is approximately 4 miles South of 774 on Hwy 2678 on the right hand side of the road
 - If you are coming from the South the main gate is approximately 4 miles North of the Mission River on Hwy 2678 on the left hand side of the road.
 - Please see website for detailed map and further directions

- **King Ranch Guided Historical/Agricultural Tours**
 - Kingsville, Texas
 - For More Information or reservations, contact:
 - King Ranch Visitor Center
 - Monday – Saturday: Open 9 am, Close 4 pm
 - Sunday: Open 12 pm, Close 5 pm
 - Highway 141 West
P.O. Box 1090
Kingsville, Texas, 78364-1090
(361) 592-8055
fax: (361) 595-1344
E-Mail: visit@king-ranch.com
 - 1.5 Hour Guided Tour: \$8.00 + tax per person
 - Current Tour Schedule:
 - Monday – Saturday:
 - 10:00 am
 - 12:00 noon
 - 2:00 p.m.
 - Please come approximately one hour early to purchase tickets. First come, first serve.
 - Today, King Ranch sprawls across 825,000 acres of South Texas Land, and area larger than the state of Rhode Island. As the home of 60,000 cattle and 300 Quarter Horses, King Ranch is one of the largest ranches in the world today. The birding tours are excellent and well guided!

- **King Ranch Guided Historical/Agricultural Tours**
 - **Directions:**
 - There are several ways to get from Corpus Christi to Kingsville. I recommend taking Interstate 37 and exiting onto U.S. Highway 77. Kingsville is about 30 miles south on U.S. 77. Stay on U.S. 77 Bypass rather than U.S. Business Highway 77. In Kingsville, take the Highway 141 exit or the Santa Gertrudis Avenue exit. In either case, you will go 3.5 miles to the entrance of the King Ranch. After you enter the gate, signs direct you to the visitor center.