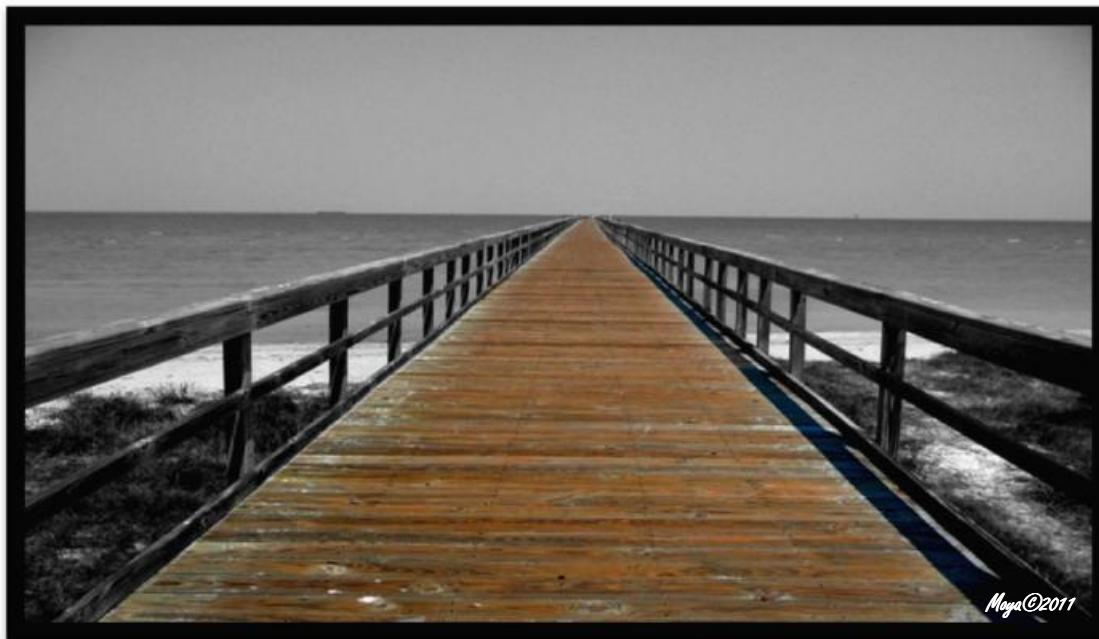


**Calhoun County Preliminary Inventory (Update) of Shoreline  
Access Infrastructure**

**TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM-Appendix A**



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## 1. Introduction

With the population growth and the privatization of the shorelines, a large portion of the Texas coast is receiving high pressures on its public shoreline access and the recreational activities that go with it. The growth in visitation and population in Calhoun County (County) is just one example of these coastal trends. Public access for recreation, public safety and other uses has been an increasing problem for the County in the last 20 years. As a response to these problems the County is developing this Calhoun County Shoreline Access Master Plan in order to have a long-term approach to the problems and potential solutions associated with the access to the shorelines in Calhoun County. This document is a preliminary inventory of the conditions of existing shoreline access points and it provides suggestions for site improvements.

A Comprehensive Recreation, Conservation and Access Master Plan was prepared in 2006 for the West Side Calhoun County Navigation District (Public Management Inc., 2006). The study served as a planning document to assist the navigation district in improving conditions for its citizens, but it also covered some of the shoreline infrastructure needed for the County to respond to the visitation, population and economic growth. The report developed an inventory of recreational facilities and locations associated with various shoreline areas, such as boat ramps, piers, pavilions, beach areas, camping, fishing, bicycling, hunting, wildlife viewing and bird watching.

Based on the conclusions of the Public Management report and the regional needs to resolve the shoreline access issues related to comprehensive solutions, Atkins has prepared the update of the shoreline access points as the first step to identify alternatives and solutions to public access.

This preliminary assessment and evaluation of currently mapped county coastal access locations includes an inventory of the available infrastructure at each location ,potential expansion or revitalization, and the potential for multi-use recreational activities such as beach areas, camping, fishing, bird watching, etc. At the request of the County, Atkins specifically addressed three main topics:

**1. Boat Ramps.** Identification of the general conditions of the available boat ramps and potential areas for future development of new single- or multi-use boat ramps.

**2. Fishing Piers.** Identification of the general conditions of the available fishing piers and potential areas for future development of new single- or multi-use fishing piers.

**3. Paddling Trails or Areas.** Identification of the general conditions of the available paddling trails and kayaking access points and potential areas for future development of new single- or multi-use paddling trails and kayaking access.

The county is surrounded by four bays (Figure 1): Lavaca and Matagorda Bays on the east side, Espiritu Santo Bay on the south side, and San Antonio Bay on the west side. The county is also in contact with the Gulf of Mexico through Matagorda Island, which is south of the Espiritu Santo Bay. The county has a total land area of about 1,032 sq mi (2,673 km<sup>2</sup>). The total area of county waters is about 520 sq mi (1,347 km<sup>2</sup>). The shorelines in these bays have excellent conditions for public shoreline infrastructure.

## **2. Methodology**

Atkins analyzed the available inventory of existing bay and estuary access points and their available infrastructure as presented in the Texas Beach and Bay Access Guide (Guide) developed by the Texas General Land Office (TGLO) which is available at:

[http://www.glo.state.tx.us/OC/Beach\\_Access/pdf/04-GoldenCrescent.pdf](http://www.glo.state.tx.us/OC/Beach_Access/pdf/04-GoldenCrescent.pdf).

The guide was designed to help coastal visitors locate a variety of public access sites, National Wildlife Refuges, and Wildlife Management Areas along the Texas coast ( see Figure 2). As mentioned in the guide, public access sites may provide either direct or indirect access to the coast or bay. A brief description of primary recreational activities was provided. The guide included location maps showing available marinas, county/state/federal parks, boat ramps, and areas of recreational interest.







Figure 1. Bays in contact with Calhoun County.



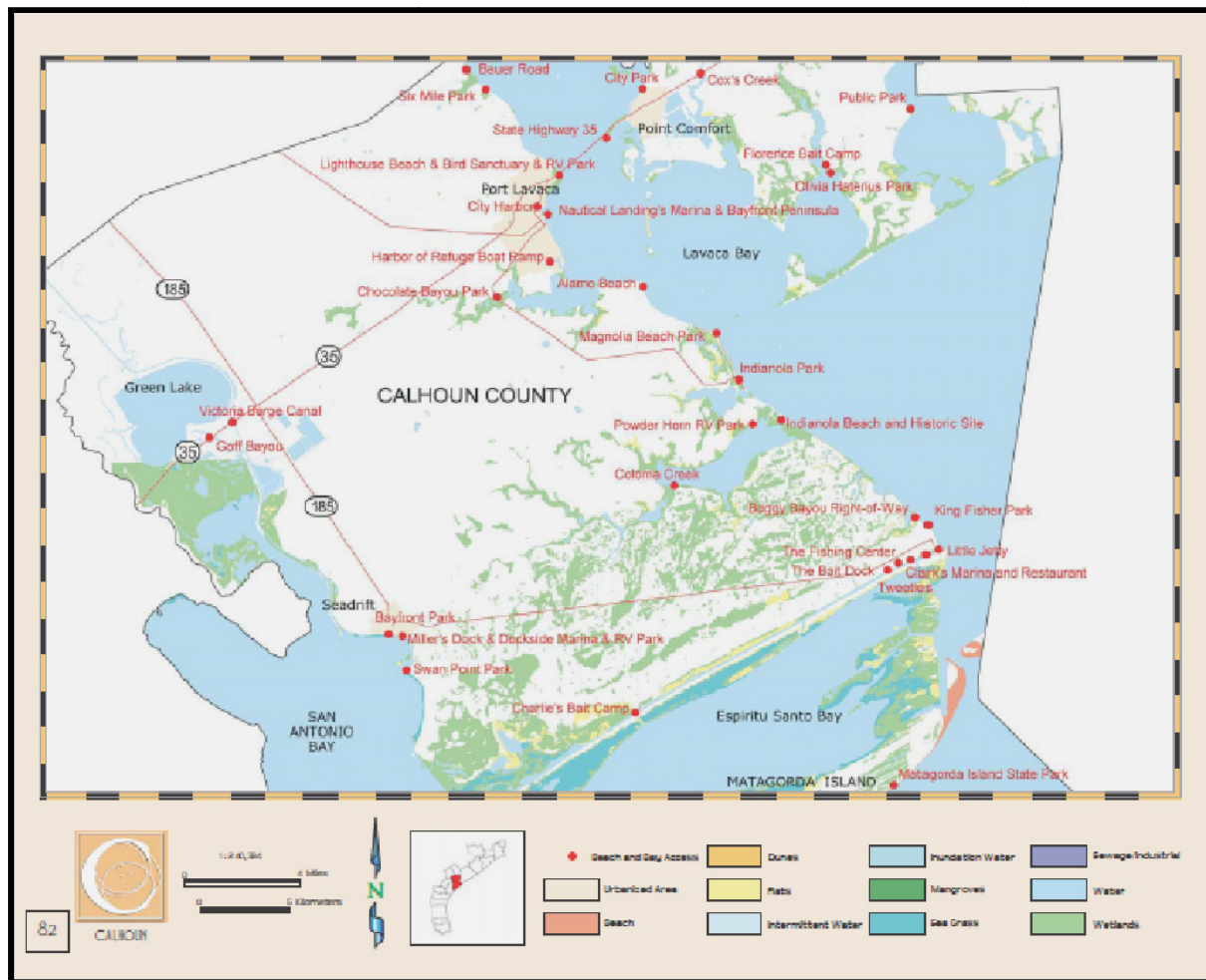


Figure 2. Location of the bay existing access points (Source: TGLO).

The guide provides information about available activities such as fishing, swimming, wildlife viewing, picnicking, camping, and windsurfing, along with available public infrastructure such as boat ramps, boat docks, piers, restrooms, showers, electricity and lighting, fresh water, concessions, fees, access for the mobility impaired, Gulf access, and access to bays, rivers, and lakes (Figure 3).



CALHOUN COUNTY		Fishing	Swimming	Hogare Fishing	Piercing	Camping	Windsurfing	Boat Ramp	Boat Dock	Pier	Restroom	Shower	Electric City Lighting	Fresh Water	Concession	Entrance Parking Fee	Access for the Mobility Impaired	Golf Access	Boat/Launch Access
Site/Area	Location (includes nearest city/town)																		
Alamo Beach	Carrigan Avenue, Alamo Beach	●						●	●										●
Bauer Road	End of Bauer Road northwest of Port Lavaca	●		●															●
Bayfront Park	Bay Avenue, Seadrift	●		●	●					●	●		●	●			●		●
Boggy Bayou Right-of-Way	North end of 3rd Street Port O'Connor	●		●															●
Charlie's Bait Camp	Lane Road, Seadrift 361-785-3023	●		●	●	●		●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●		●
Chocolate Bayou Park	FM 238 at Chocolate Bayou Port Lavaca	●		●				●	●								●		●
City Harbor	Highway 238 & Harbor Street Port Lavaca	●			●			●	●						●				●
City Park	End of Lamar Street, Point Comfort	●		●	●			●	●	●	●		●	●	●		●		●
Clark's Marina & Restaurant	7th & Maple, Port O'Connor 361-983-4388			●				●	●	●	●				●		●		●
Coloma Creek	Highway 1289 & Powderhorn Lake Indianola	●		●				●											●
County Park	Bayshore Drive, Port Alto	●		●															●
Cox's Creek	Highway 35, 2 miles northeast of FM 1603, Point Comfort	●		●															●
Florence Bait Camp	End of Second Street, Olmita	●		●				●	●	●						●			●
Golf Bayou	State Highway 35, Seadrift	●		●															●
Harbor of Refuge Boat Ramp	Off of Alcoa Road (FM 1090) South of Port Lavaca	●		●				●	●								●		●
Indianola Beach & Historic Site	Omaha & Channel Drive Indianola	●		●	●														●
Indianola Park	North Ocean Drive & FM 316, Indianola	●		●	●					●	●						●		●
State Highway 35	North end of State Highway 35 & causeway, Point Comfort	●		●															●

































  

CALHOUN COUNTY		Fishing	Swimming	Hogare Fishing	Piercing	Camping	Windsurfing	Boat Ramp	Boat Dock	Pier	Restroom	Shower	Electric City Lighting	Fresh Water	Concession	Entrance Parking Fee	Access for the Mobility Impaired	Golf Access	Boat/Launch Access
Site/Area	Location (includes nearest city/town)																		
King Fisher Park	Tyler & Washington, Port O'Connor	●	●	●	●		●			●	●	●					●		●
Lighthouse Beach & Bird Sanctuary & RV Park	700 Lighthouse Beach Drive, Port Lavaca, 361-552-5311	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●		●
Little Jetty	Northeast end of Maple Avenue Port O'Connor	●	●	●													●		●
Magnolia Beach Park	Margo Toomey Road & North Ocean Drive Magnolia Beach	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●						●		●
Matagorda Island State Park	Matagorda Island 361-983-2215	●	●	●	●	●	●				●	●				●		●	●
Miller's Dock & Dockside Marina & RV Park	100 Bay Avenue, Seadrift	●				●		●	●		●		●	●	●	●			●
Nautical Landings Marina & Bayfront Peninsula	106 Commerce Street, Port Lavaca, 361-553-7041	●		●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●					●
Olivia Haterius Park	End of Highway 172, Olmita	●		●	●			●	●								●		●
Powderhorn RV Park	601 Powderhorn Lane, Port Lavaca 361-552-7481	●		●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●			●
Six Mile Park	End of Royal at Lavaca Bay Port Lavaca	●	●	●	●			●			●		●				●		●
Swan Point Park	End of Swan Point Road, Seadrift	●		●				●											●
The Bait Dock	Byers & Maple Street, Port O'Connor 361-983-4466	●		●	●	●		●	●	●	●		●	●	●		●		●
The Fishing Center	13th & Intracoastal Canal Port O'Connor, 361-983-4440			●	●			●	●		●				●		●		●
Tweeties	Located off of Maple Street Port O'Connor							●	●	●	●				●	●			●
Victoria Barge Canal	State Highway 35 southwest of Port Lavaca	●		●															●

● Boat Launch Fee

Figure 3. Information available on activities and infrastructure on the shoreline access points in Calhoun County, Texas (Source: TGLO)

Illustration signs were used in this memorandum to represent public infrastructure available at each access point, based on the descriptions provided in the TGLO Guide. Atkins followed the illustration format used by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for public parks. A few illustrations were also created to include local conditions. The list of signs is as follow:

 Hiking Trails	 Picnic Tables
 Nature/Interpretive Trails	 Exhibit/Interpretive Center
 Biking Trails	 Historic Site/Museum
 Equestrian Trails	 Primitive/Walk-in Campsites
 Golf	 Tent Campsites
 Fishing	 Water and Electric Campsites
 Fishing Pier	 Water, Electric and Sewer Sites
 Fish Cleaning Shelters	 Motel/Lodging
 Swimming	 Playground
 Restaurant	 Boat Ramp
 Restrooms	 Wildlife Viewing
 Showers	 Shoreline Access
 Wheelchair Accessible	 Wind Surfing
 Open Beach	 Electricity/Lighting
 User's Fee	 Fresh Water
 Swimming Pool	 Kayaking

### **3. Inventory Update**

Atkins used publically available spatial data (e.g., Google Earth, the TGLO's Shoreline Access Guide) to locate the shoreline access points. Once spatial data was collected, Atkins performed a field verification effort on all of the access points. Various amenities were noted, representative photographs were taken, and other features or issues (e.g., erosion evidence) were documented. In addition to the coastal access locations listed in the Guide, other unmapped or "unauthorized" potential access locations were also evaluated. These areas include access points that are either not listed or mapped in the TGLO Guide or are unauthorized but well used by the general public. Potential additional uses at each location were also considered.

### **4. Results**

Atkins performed a field verification of 33 coastal shoreline access locations that were listed in the TGLO Guide. Of the 33 sites, two sites were non-existent, and several had limited amenities, despite the fact that the TGLO Guide listed several or numerous significant amenities. Some locations existed, but were inaccurately listed as public access. Access on Coloma Creek is one such example. The access is actually a Texas Department of Transportation Right of Way, but the map indicates a much larger tract, with actual access location depicted on potential private property.

As part of the inventory, the area of study was analyzed by location. The analysis was divided in five areas (See Figure 4):

Zone A: San Antonio Bay and West Calhoun County

Zone B: Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW)

Zone C: South Lavaca Bay

Zone D: North Lavaca Bay

Zone E: East Calhoun County

The inventory presented in this preliminary report will serve as the first step in the development of a Shoreline Access Master Plan.



Figure 4. Shoreline Access Zones used in this inventory: Zone A--San Antonio Bay and West Calhoun County; Zone B--Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW); Zone C--South Lavaca Bay; Zone D--North Lavaca Bay; and Zone E--East Calhoun County.











**Zone A: San Antonio Bay and West Calhoun County**





**Area Name: Goff (Hog) Bayou (South of Green Lake)**



 Fishing	 Wildlife Viewing
 Swimming	 Shoreline Access
 Boat Ramp	 Kayaking



**Area Name: Goff (Hog) Bayou (South of Green Lake)**

Location: Highway 35 and Goff Bayou

Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing	X	
Swimming	X	
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking		
Camping		
Windsurfing		
Boat Ramp	X	
Boat Dock		
Pier		
Restroom		
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting		
Fresh Water		
Concession		
Entrance/Parking Fee		
Access for the Mobility Impaired		
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access	X	
Other Comments:	The site is accessed from State Highway 35. Needs access to the shorelines for mobility impaired. Users mentioned that it really needs water and lights. It has great potential for kayaking.	

Area Name: Victoria Barge Channel



 Fishing	 Wildlife Viewing
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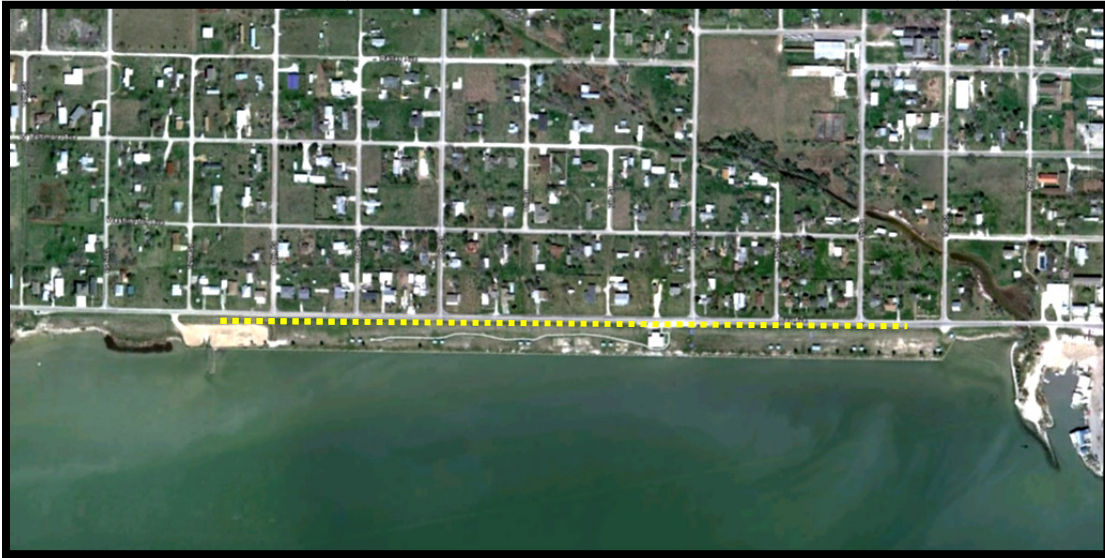
**Area Name: Victoria Barge Channel**













Location: Highway 35 and Victoria Barge Channel

Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing	X	
Swimming		
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking		
Camping		
Windsurfing		
Boat Ramp		
Boat Dock		
Pier		
Restroom		
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting		
Fresh Water		
Concession		
Entrance/Parking Fee		
Access for the Mobility Impaired		
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access		
Other Comments:	The area has limited access to the water, manifested by steep slopes on the banks. Dangerous access for kayaking or swimming.	



**Area Name: Seadrift Bayfront Park (City of Seadrift Seawall)**



	Fishing		Electricity/Lighting
	Wind Surfing		Fresh Water
	Boat Ramp		Wheelchair Accessible
	Restrooms		Shoreline Access
	Motel/Lodging		Wildlife Viewing
	Fishing Pier		Kayaking



West



Center



East

**Area Name: Seadrift Bayfront Park (City of Seadrift Seawall)**













Location: Main St. and Bay Ave.

Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing	X	
Swimming	X	
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking	X	
Camping		
Windsurfing	X	
Boat Ramp	X	Not in use due to shoaling problems
Boat Dock		
Pier		A pier will be built for the public in 2012
Restroom	X	
Shower	X	
Electricity/Lighting	X	
Fresh Water	X	
Concession		
Entrance/Parking Fee		
Access for the Mobility Impaired	X	
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access	X	
Other Comments:	Seawall is starting to show damage due to settlement and scouring. Erosion issues are all along bulkhead, and potentially an issue where the restroom facility is located. This park is the endpoint for the relatively high-profile event known as the Texas Water Safari; the event features kayakers and canoeists that race to Seadrift via the Guadalupe and San Marcos Rivers starting in San Marcos, TX (260-mile long course). A fishing pier will be built in 2012 and will attract more recreational opportunities. Great potential for kayaking.	



**Area Name: Seadrift Marina**



	Fishing		Electricity/Lighting
	Wind Surfing		Fresh Water
	Boat Ramp		Wheelchair Accessible
	Restrooms		Shoreline Access
	Motel/Lodging		Wildlife Viewing
	Fishing Pier		User's Fee

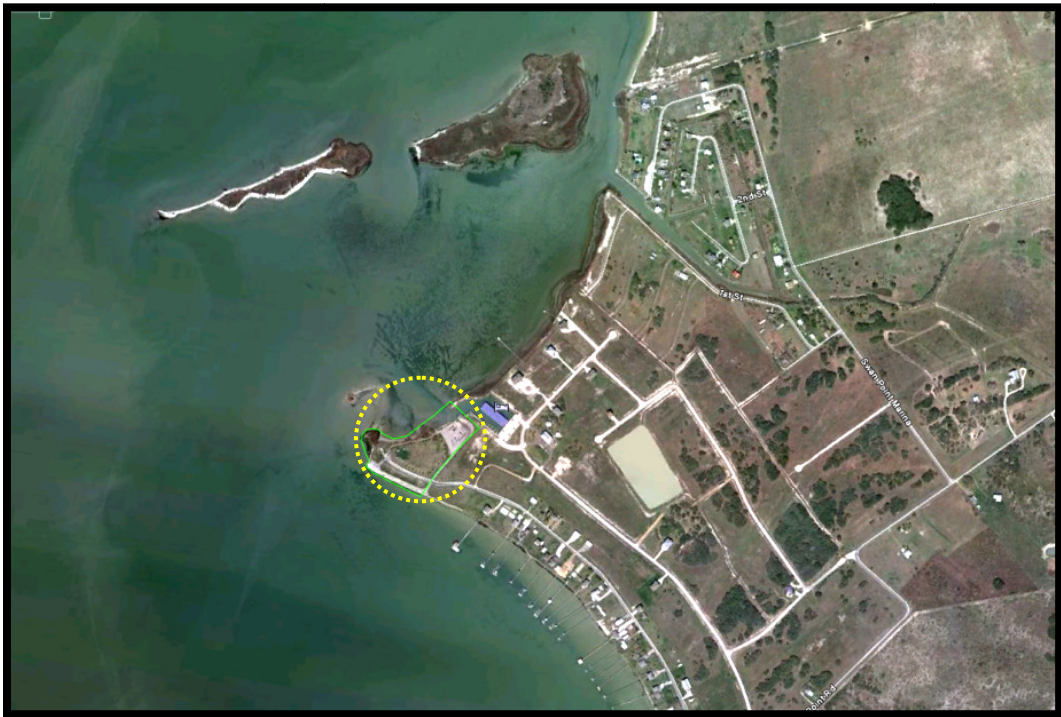










**Area Name: Seadrift Marina**

Location: Intersection of Main St and Bay Ave, City of Seadrift

Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing	X	
Swimming		
Wildlife Viewing		
Picnicking		
Camping		
Windsurfing	X	
Boat Ramp	X	New or under construction for improvements
Boat Dock	X	Under construction for improvements
Pier	X	
Restroom	X	Available in bait shop
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting	X	
Fresh Water	X	Available in bait shop
Concession	X	Available in bait shop
Entrance/Parking Fee		
Access for the Mobility Impaired		
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access	X	
Other Comments:	This site is a privately managed boat ramp. Owner says that large volumes of users fill the facility during peak seasons. No room for parking expansion. Primary request that users make to improve site is a dredged boat channel. The area is currently under improvement via new bulkhead.	

Area Name: Swan Point (aka R. W. “Bill” Sanders Memorial Park)



 Fishing	 Electricity/Lighting
 Swimming	 Wheelchair Accessible
 Wind Surfing	 Shoreline Access
 Boat Ramp	 Wildlife Viewing
 Picnic Tables	 Kayaking





**Area Name: Swan Point (aka R. W. "Bill" Sanders Memorial Park)**

Location: Terminus of Swan Point Rd, immediately south of City of Seadrift












Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing	X	
Swimming	X	
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking	X	
Camping		
Windsurfing	X	Protected area ideal for windsurfing
Boat Ramp	X	
Boat Dock		
Pier		
Restroom		
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting	X	
Fresh Water		
Concession		
Entrance/Parking Fee		
Access for the Mobility Impaired	X	
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access	X	
Other Comments:	Erosion problems at the bulkhead are evident. This site could be a logical location for a lighted pier or kayak launch site. The area just northwest of the site is blocked by southeasterly winds and the presence of two islands makes it somewhat ideal for kayaks. Small bird islands are receiving active erosion. Area next to grasses ideal for creating bird habitats using beneficial use of dredge material from nearby channels.	

## Zone B: Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW)



Area Name: Charlie's Baitcamp



	Fishing		Electricity/Lighting
	Wildlife Viewing		Wheelchair Accessible
	Wind Surfing		Shoreline Access
	Boat Ramp		Restrooms
	User's Fee		Fresh Water
	Kayaking		



**Area Name: Charlie's Baitcamp**










Location: Terminus of Lane Rd, off of Highway 185, between Seadrift and Port O'Connor

Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing	X	
Swimming		Possible but not safe due to GIWW traffic
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking		
Camping		
Windsurfing		Open bay access may be attractive for windsurfers
Boat Ramp	X	
Boat Dock	X	
Pier		Poor condition; owner wants it removed
Restroom	X	Available in Concession
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting	X	
Fresh Water	X	Available in Concession
Concession	X	Available in Concession
Entrance/Parking Fee		Boat ramp use fee
Access for the Mobility Impaired	X	Available for bait shop
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access	X	
Other Comments:	Charlie's is a strategic boat ramp that draws crowds from Port O'Connor due to immediate bay access. Boats launching at Charlie's are less likely to traverse the GIWW. The ramp is away from the traffic in Port O'Connor. Shoreline erosion issues are severe due to GIWW traffic.	



# Area Name: Froggie's



	Fishing		Electricity/Lighting
	Wildlife Viewing		Wheelchair Accessible
	Wind Surfing		Shoreline Access
	Restrooms		Fresh Water
	Boat Ramp		



**Area Name: Froggie's**

Location: Intersection of Byers and Stella, Port O'Connor

Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing	X	
Swimming		Possible but not safe due to GIWW traffic
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking		
Camping		
Windsurfing		
Boat Ramp	X	
Boat Dock		
Pier		
Restroom	X	Available in bait shop
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting	X	
Fresh Water	X	Available in bait shop
Concession	X	Available in bait shop
Entrance/Parking Fee		Boat ramp use free
Access for the Mobility Impaired	X	Available for bait shop
Gulf Access	X	Potentially since it is a close launch to Pass Cavallo or Matagorda Ship Channel
Bay/River/Lake Access	X	
Other Comments:	Froggie's staff suggested that bulkhead erosion is a constant problem and needs attention. Parking expansion in progress.	



Area Name: The Fishing Center



 Fishing	 Electricity/Lighting
 Wildlife Viewing	 Wheelchair Accessible
 Wind Surfing	 Shoreline Access
 Restrooms	 Fresh Water
 Boat Ramp	 User's Fee













**Area Name: The Fishing Center**

Location: Water and 13<sup>th</sup> St., Port O'Connor

Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing	X	
Swimming		Possible but not safe due to GIWW traffic
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking		
Camping		
Windsurfing		
Boat Ramp	X	
Boat Dock		
Pier		
Restroom	X	Available in bait shop
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting	X	
Fresh Water	X	Available in bait shop
Concession	X	Available in bait shop
Entrance/Parking Fee	X	Boat ramp use fee
Access for the Mobility Impaired	X	Available for bait shop
Gulf Access	X	Potentially since it is a close launch to Pass Cavallo or Matagorda Ship Channel
Bay/River/Lake Access	X	
Other Comments:	This entire facility is privately owned. Fishing Center suggests that bulkhead erosion is constant problem that they could use assistance with. Facility appears to be at a maximum and no room for expansion or more parking is possible. The limited parking restricts the use of this area and creates local traffic issues.	

# Area Name: Clarks Boat Ramp



	Fishing		Electricity/Lighting
	Wildlife Viewing		Wheelchair Accessible
	Restrooms		Shoreline Access
	Boat Ramp		Fresh Water
	Fishing Pier		User's Fee



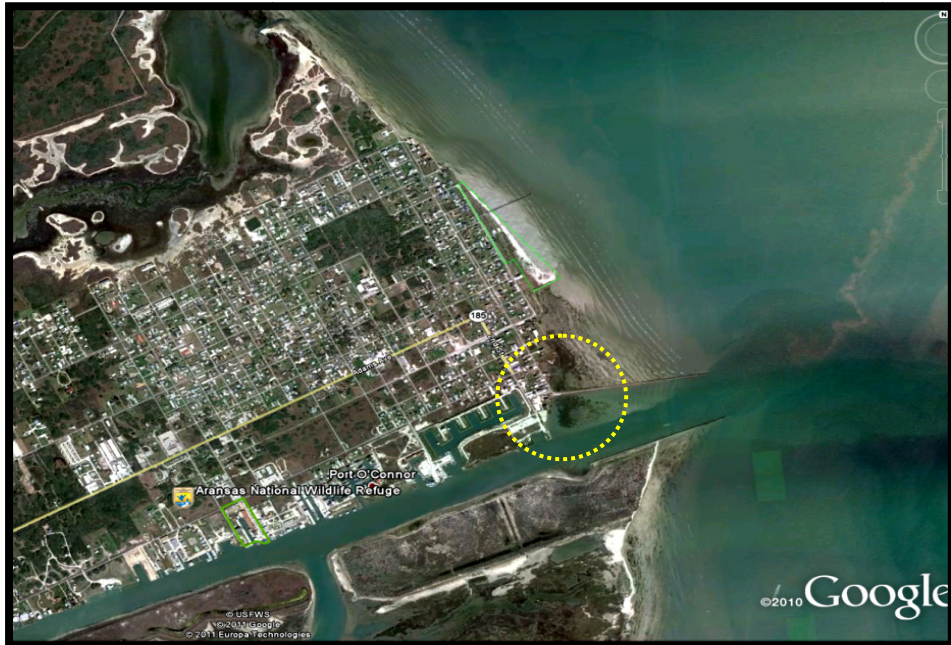
**Area Name: Clarks Boat Ramp**

Location: Terminus of 7<sup>th</sup> St., Port O'Connor

Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing	X	
Swimming		
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking		
Camping		
Windsurfing		
Boat Ramp	X	
Boat Dock		
Pier	X	
Restroom	X	Available in bait shop
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting	X	
Fresh Water	X	Available in bait shop
Concession	X	Available in bait shop
Entrance/Parking Fee	X	Boat ramp use fee
Access for the Mobility Impaired	X	Available for bait shop
Gulf Access	X	Potentially, since it is a close launch to Pass Cavallo or Matagorda Ship Channel
Bay/River/Lake Access	X	
Other Comments:	This entire facility is privately owned. The facility is one of the more used boat ramps in the area. Some of the shorelines are eroding; no bulkhead but placement of oyster. Expanded parking lot is progress but is primitive and within a tidal area at present. It needs better parking services.	



Area Name: Little Jetty Park



Wildlife Viewing



Kayaking





**Area Name: Little Jetty Park**

Location: Intersection of Commerce and Washington, Port O'Connor













Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing		
Swimming		
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking		
Camping		
Windsurfing		
Boat Ramp		
Boat Dock		
Pier		
Restroom		
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting		
Fresh Water		
Concession		
Entrance/Parking Fee		
Access for the Mobility Impaired		
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access	X	Walk-in access only
Other Comments:	Primitive site that has no improvements; only roadside parking and walk-in access. The submerged areas have extensive seagrasses and marshes. It needs improvement to parking and access and a small kayak trail. Kayaking during low tides may impact the seagrasses. A local sign should alert users about the presence of seagrasses.	

**Zone C: South Lavaca Bay**



**Area Name: Kingfisher Park**



	Fishing		Electricity/Lighting
	Wind Surfing		Fresh Water
	Restrooms		Wheelchair Accessible
	Motel/Lodging		Shoreline Access
	Fishing Pier		Wildlife Viewing
	Picnic Tables		Swimming



**Area Name: Kingfisher Park**






Location: Along Park St., Port O'Connor

Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing	X	
Swimming	X	
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking	X	
Camping		
Windsurfing	X	
Boat Ramp		
Boat Dock		
Pier	X	
Restroom	X	
Shower	X	
Electricity/Lighting	X	
Fresh Water	X	
Concession		
Entrance/Parking Fee		
Access for the Mobility Impaired	X	
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access	X	
Other Comments:	Kingfisher Park is a result of a CMP and NOAA project grant. The site is also an official historical site as designated by Texas Historical Commission. The park features numerous amenities. Fishing pier appears to be situated within an accreting zone and is too shallow for effective fishing, however the site is one of the best bird watching spots close to Port O'Connor.	



Area Name: Boggy Creek (Bayou)



 Fishing	 Shoreline Access
 Wildlife Viewing	 Wind Surfing
 Kayaking	



**Area Name: Boggy Creek (Bayou)**

Location: Terminus of 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Port O'Connor

Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing	X	
Swimming		Swimming may be possible during high tides
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking		
Camping		No assigned areas for camping, area highly impacted by drivers. It needs car access control
Windsurfing	X	Only on high tides connecting to the bay
Boat Ramp		
Boat Dock		
Pier		Observation pier on the marshes
Restroom		
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting		
Fresh Water		
Concession		
Entrance/Parking Fee		
Access for the Mobility Impaired		
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access	X	Walk-in wade in only
Other Comments:	Boggy (Bayou) Creek Park includes a nature trail, wildlife viewing observation deck, and is a highly primitive site. The area is managed by Calhoun County. The area is in severe need of tidal marsh protection, designated trails and roadways (to discourage off road access and promote re-vegetation), education signs, and potentially exclusionary fencing (to discourage off road access and promote re-vegetation).	



**Area Name: Coloma Creek (At Powderhorn Lake)**



Fishing



Wildlife Viewing



Shoreline Access



Kayaking



**Area Name: Coloma Creek (At Powderhorn Lake)**






Location: Intersection of Coloma Creek and FM 1289, southwest of Port Lavaca

Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing	X	
Swimming		
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking		
Camping		
Windsurfing		
Boat Ramp		
Boat Dock		
Pier		
Restroom		
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting		
Fresh Water		
Concession		
Entrance/Parking Fee		
Access for the Mobility Impaired		
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access	X	
Other Comments:	Coloma Creek is heavily used and littered. Simple improvements would include signage, garbage bins, and crushed shell to prevent or stop vehicle damage to soils and vegetation. The access is through the ROW easement only. Barbed wire fencing suggests county maps are either incorrect or the fence is unauthorized. This is the feeder creek to Powderhorn Lake, which is relatively well used for hunting and fishing. A nearby (to east) old bridge may be TXDOT ROW and potentially could be used for simple fishing or crabbing pier. It needs better sign for road safety when drivers exit the area.	



**Area Name: Chocolate Bayou**



 Fishing	 Boat Ramp
 Wildlife Viewing	 Shoreline Access
 Kayaking	



**Area Name: Chocolate Bayou**

Location: Intersection of Chocolate Bayou and Highway 238, Port Lavaca

Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing	X	
Swimming		

Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking		
Camping		
Windsurfing		
Boat Ramp	X	
Boat Dock		
Pier		
Restroom		
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting		
Fresh Water		
Concession		
Entrance/Parking Fee		
Access for the Mobility Impaired		
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access	X	
Other Comments:	Chocolate Bayou is a primitive site, with some paved parking and a boat ramp. Bulkhead is severely eroded. The entire area associated with the ROW is used along with the boat ramp area. These other areas are unpaved, severely damaged from off road traffic, and littered. Signs, additional dumpsters or trash bins, and improved substrate to driveways and unauthorized areas could be simple improvements, particularly on the opposite side of ROW (southwestern side).	

Area Name: Indianola Beach & Historic Site



	Fishing		Fresh Water
	Boat Ramp		Wheelchair Accessible
	Wildlife Viewing		Shoreline Access
	User's Fee		Kayaking



**Area Name: Indianola Beach & Historic Site**














Location: Indianola Beach

<b>Activity/Amenity</b>	<b>Infrastructure /Facilities</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Fishing	X	
Swimming		
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking		
Camping		
Windsurfing	X	Has potential for a launching windsurfing spot
Boat Ramp	X	
Boat Dock		
Pier		
Restroom		
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting	X	
Fresh Water		
Concession		
Entrance/Parking Fee	X	
Access for the Mobility Impaired		
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access	X	
Kayaking	X	Has great potential for kayaking to visit the marshes in Powderhorn Lake.
Other Comments:	Needs water and showers. Has great potential for access to kayaking and windsurfing.	



**Area Name: Powder Horn RV Park**



	<b>Fishing</b>		<b>Fresh Water</b>
	<b>Boat Ramp</b>		<b>Wheelchair Accessible</b>
	<b>Wildlife Viewing</b>		<b>Shoreline Access</b>
	<b>Fishing Pier</b>		<b>User's Fee</b>
	<b>Electricity/Lighting</b>		<b>Picnic Tables</b>
	<b>Water and Electric Campsites</b>		<b>Restrooms</b>
			<b>Showers</b>



**Area Name: Powder Horn RV Park**

Location: Indianola Beach & Historic Site

Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing	X	
Swimming		
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking	X	
Camping	X	
Windsurfing		
Boat Ramp	X	
Boat Dock	X	
Pier	X	
Restroom	X	
Shower	X	
Electricity/Lighting	X	
Fresh Water	X	
Concession		
Entrance/Parking Fee	X	
Access for the Mobility Impaired	X	
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access	X	
Kayaking	X	
Other Comments:	Great potential for kayaking.	

**Area Name: Indianola Park**



**Fishing**



**Picnic Tables**



**Wildlife Viewing**



**Wheelchair Accessible**



**Shoreline Access**



**Restrooms**





**Area Name: Indianola Park**  
Location: Indianola Park and Beach

Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing	X	
Swimming		
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking	X	
Camping		
Windsurfing		
Boat Ramp		
Boat Dock		
Pier	X	
Restroom	X	
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting		
Fresh Water		
Concession		
Entrance/Parking Fee		
Access for the Mobility Impaired	X	
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access	X	
Other Comments:	Needs water and showers. Needs improvements to the restrooms. Restrooms will be improved with CIAP funds.	



**Area Name: Alamo Beach (Does not exist as mentioned in GLO Plan)**










**Area Name: Alamo Beach**

Location: Near Gallinipper Point, North Magnolia Beach

Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing		
Swimming		
Wildlife Viewing		
Picnicking		
Camping		
Windsurfing		
Boat Ramp		
Boat Dock		
Pier		
Restroom		
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting		
Fresh Water		
Concession		
Entrance/Parking Fee		
Access for the Mobility Impaired		
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access		
Other Comments:	Does not exist	

## Alamo Beach (North)



	Fishing		Boat Ramp
	Swimming		Shoreline Access
	Wildlife Viewing		Wind Surfing
			Kayaking



**Area Name: North Alamo Beach (North)**












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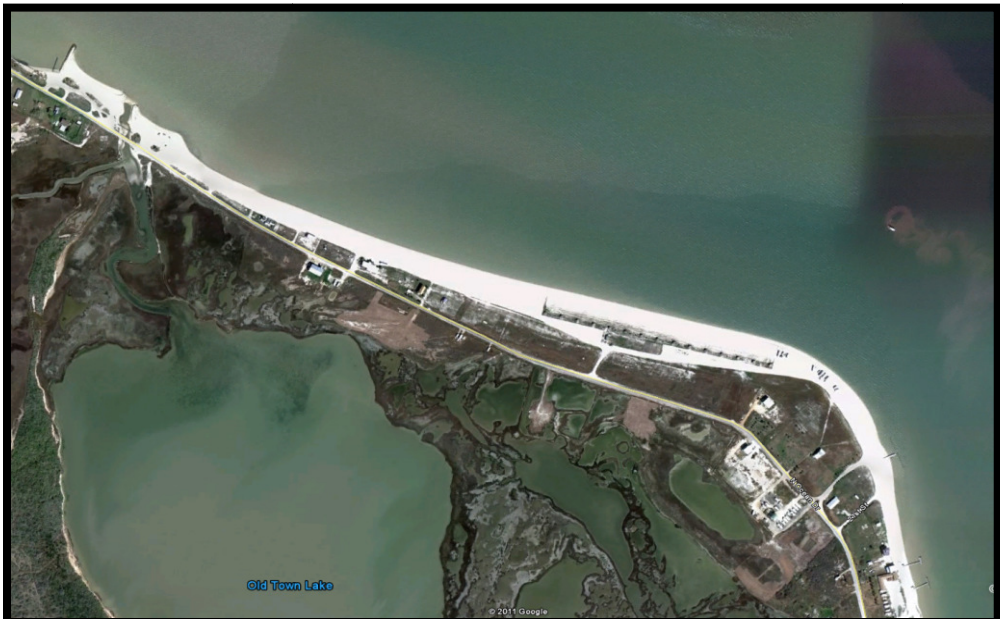
Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing	X	
Swimming	X	
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking		
Camping		
Windsurfing	X	Great potential for windsurfing if promoted
Boat Ramp	X	
Boat Dock		
Pier		
Restroom		
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting		
Fresh Water		
Concession		
Entrance/Parking Fee		
Access for the Mobility Impaired		Needs access for the mobility impaired.
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access	X	
Other Comments:	Parking is limited. Has great potential for visitation. Has extensive debris and rusty rebar on the concrete rubble used for shoreline protection.	



Area Name: Magnolia Beach



 Fishing	 Wheelchair Accessible
 Swimming	 Boat Ramp
 Picnic Tables	 Shoreline Access
 Wildlife Viewing	 Restrooms
 Kayaking	 Wind Surfing
	 Picnic Tables





**Area Name: Magnolia Beach**

Location: Magnolia Beach

Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing	X	
Swimming	X	
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking	X	
Camping		
Windsurfing	X	
Boat Ramp	X	
Boat Dock	X	
Pier		
Restroom	X	
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting		
Fresh Water		
Concession		
Entrance/Parking Fee		
Access for the Mobility Impaired	X	
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access	X	
Other Comments:	Needs water and showers. The area presents a unique opportunity for kayaking to access Old Town Lake. Restrooms will be improved with CIAP funds.	

**Zone D: North Lavaca Bay**



**Area Name: Harbor of Refuge**



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**Area Name: Harbor of Refuge**












Location: Near St. Virginia St. (aka FM 1090) and Seadrift St. intersection, Port Lavaca

<b>Activity/Amenity</b>	<b>Infrastructure /Facilities</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Fishing	X	
Swimming		
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking		
Camping		
Windsurfing		
Boat Ramp	X	
Boat Dock		
Pier		
Restroom		
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting		
Fresh Water		
Concession		
Entrance/Parking Fee		
Access for the Mobility Impaired	X	
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access	X	
Other Comments:	Harbor of Refuge is a parking facility with a boat ramp. Bulkhead has erosion issues. Site would be ideal for a fishing pier if it does not interfere with commercial shrimp boat maneuverability. Users encountered on the property stated that lighting in the parking lot is needed. This park has a great potential for more access to the bay. The area is not known by the public, only by locals.	



**Area Name: Nautical Landing's**



	Fishing		Wheelchair Accessible
	Wildlife Viewing		Boat Ramp
	Fishing Pier		Shoreline Access
	Fresh Water		Restrooms
	Kayaking		Wind Surfing
	Electricity/Lighting		

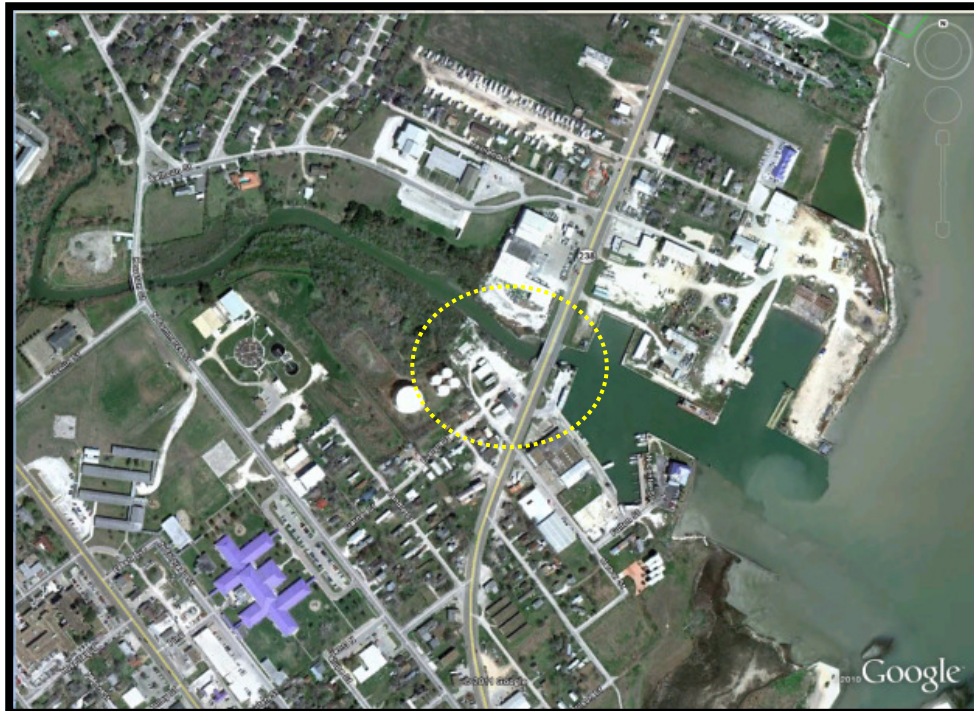


**Area Name: Nautical Landing's**

Location: Intersection of Main (HW 87) and Broadway St. (HW 238), Port Lavaca

<b>Activity/Amenity</b>	<b>Infrastructure /Facilities</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Fishing	X	
Swimming	X	
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking		
Camping		
Windsurfing	X	Good access for windsurfing
Boat Ramp	X	
Boat Dock	X	
Pier	X	
Restroom	X	
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting	X	
Fresh Water	X	
Concession		
Entrance/Parking Fee		
Access for the Mobility Impaired	X	This was the only site with a boat ramp and access dock truly designed for mobility impaired.
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access	X	
Other Comments:	Major facility with numerous amenities; parking capacity could be rearranged and increased. No green areas.	

**Area Name: City Harbor (Does not exist as Park)**



Fishing



Wildlife Viewing



**Area Name: City Harbor**

















Location: Broadway St. (HW 238) and Lynn Bayou, Port Lavaca

<b>Activity/Amenity</b>	<b>Infrastructure /Facilities</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Fishing	X	
Swimming		
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking		
Camping		
Windsurfing		
Boat Ramp		
Boat Dock		
Pier		
Restroom		
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting		
Fresh Water		
Concession		
Entrance/Parking Fee		
Access for the Mobility Impaired		
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access		
Other Comments:	The park consists of a bulkhead for fishing only. No amenities are available and parking is simple. The public does not know this is a park. Does not appear to be used based on lack of trash.	



**Area Name: Lighthouse Beach, Bird Sanctuary and RV Park**



	Fishing		Wheelchair Accessible
	Swimming		Boat Ramp
	Picnic Tables		Shoreline Access
	Wildlife Viewing		Restrooms
	Fishing Pier		Wind Surfing
	Fresh Water		Electricity/Lighting
	Showers		Water and Electric Campsites
	Nature/Interpretive Trails		User's Fee



**Area Name: Lighthouse Beach, Bird Sanctuary and RV Park**

Location: Port Lavaca

Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing	X	
Swimming	X	
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking	X	
Camping	X	
Windsurfing	X	
Boat Ramp	X	
Boat Dock		
Pier	X	
Restroom	X	
Shower	X	
Electricity/Lighting	X	
Fresh Water	X	
Concession		
Entrance/Parking Fee	X	
Access for the Mobility Impaired	X	
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access	X	
Kayaking	X	
Other Comments:	The best park in the region in terms of amenities and infrastructure. Very educational site to encourage more visitations. Bulkhead may need repairs and maintenance.	

**Area Name: Bauer Road**



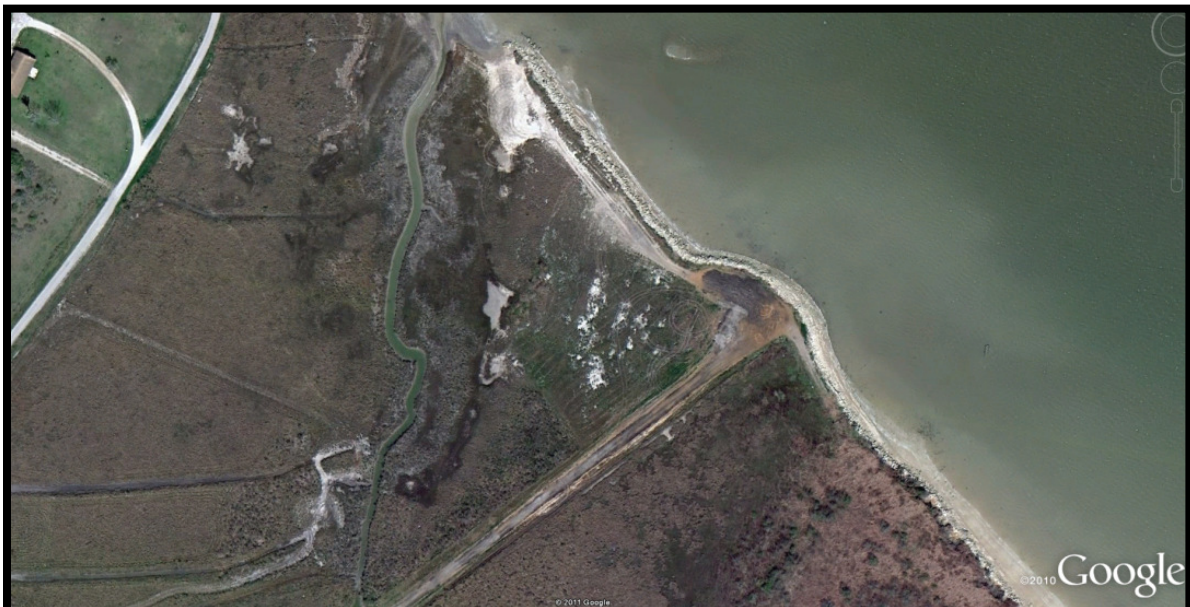
Fishing



Kayaking



Wildlife Viewing





**Area Name: Bauer Road**

Location: Bauer Road, North Port Lavaca

Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing	X	
Swimming		Potential for swimming if conditions improve.
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking		
Camping		
Windsurfing		
Boat Ramp		
Boat Dock		
Pier		
Restroom		
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting		
Fresh Water		
Concession		
Entrance/Parking Fee		
Access for the Mobility Impaired		
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access	X	Potential for better access.
Kayaking	X	Potential for more kayaking if conditions improved.
Other Comments:	Area lacks infrastructure. Local residents oppose to more traffic due to limited access.	



**Area Name: Six Mile Road**



Fishing



Kayaking



Wildlife Viewing



Fishing Pier



Boat Ramp



Shoreline Access



Restrooms



Wind Surfing

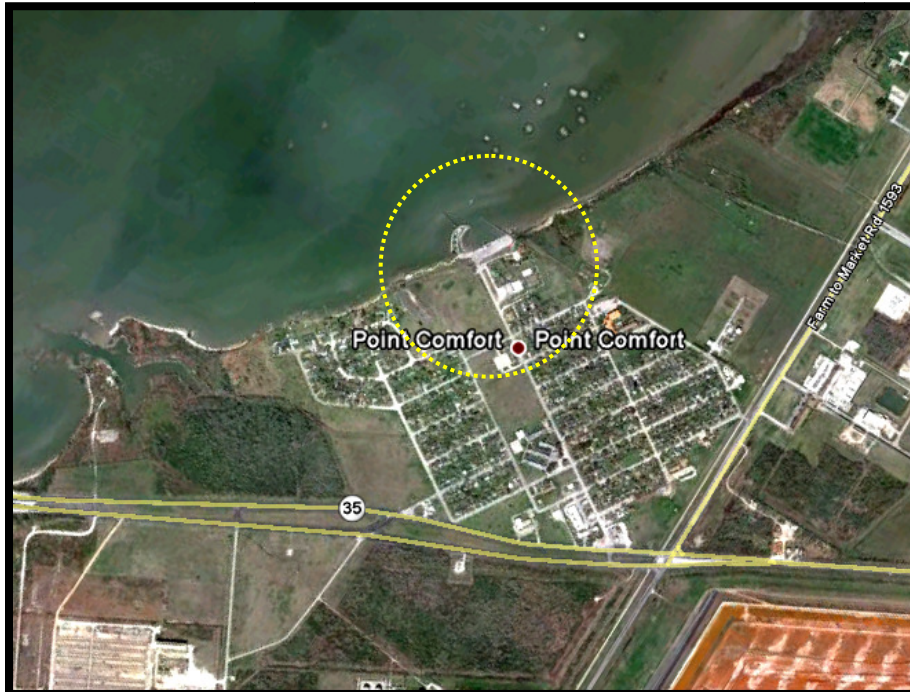













**Area Name: Six Mile Road**

Location: End of Parkroad at the Bay

Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing	X	
Swimming	X	
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking	X	
Camping		
Windsurfing		
Boat Ramp	X	
Boat Dock		
Pier	X	
Restroom	X	
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting	X	
Fresh Water		
Concession		
Entrance/Parking Fee		
Access for the Mobility Impaired		
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access	X	
Kayaking	X	
Other Comments:	The area has great potential if light, electricity, restrooms and water are added to the park. Has great potential for kayaking and windsurfing and accessing the marshes and habitats on the north side of the bay. The abundance of wetlands and marshes next the park makes the area ideal for bird watnching.	

Area Name: Point Comfort Park



	Fishing		Wheelchair Accessible
	Picnic Tables		Boat Ramp
	Wildlife Viewing		Shoreline Access
	Fishing Pier		Restrooms
	Fresh Water		Wind Surfing
	Swimming Pool		



**Area Name: Point Comfort Park**

Location: Terminus of Lamar St., Point Comfort

Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing	X	
Swimming	X	Swimming pool available
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking	X	Covered cabana structures
Camping		
Windsurfing	X	
Boat Ramp	X	
Boat Dock	X	
Pier	X	
Restroom	X	
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting	X	
Fresh Water	X	
Concession	X	Concession available in the summertime
Entrance/Parking Fee		
Access for the Mobility Impaired	X	
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access	X	
Other Comments:	This facility has many amenities including cleaning tables, lighted piers, and a helipad. Minor damage to small pier base and bulkhead may need repair. The immediate area has no room for parking expansion; however a large field exists immediately south of the current parking lot.	



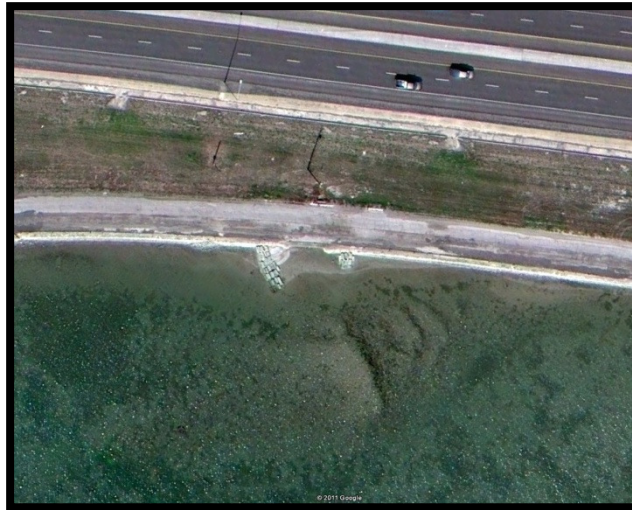
**Area Name: State Highway 35 Park**



**Wildlife Viewing**



General Location on old Highway 35



Shoreline Access



Restricted Access Area



Abandoned Fishing Pier

**Area Name: State Highway 35 Park**  
Location: Old Highway 35, Point Comfort

Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing		
Swimming		
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking		
Camping		
Windsurfing		
Boat Ramp		
Boat Dock		
Pier		Old pier abandoned and affected by storm
Restroom		
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting		
Fresh Water		
Concession		
Entrance/Parking Fee		
Access for the Mobility Impaired		
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access		
Other Comments:	This area has a great location for scenic view of the bay. The area is known to be in front of submerged contaminated sediments.	



**Area Name: Cox Creek (Closed)**



**Wildlife Viewing**





**Area Name: Cox Creek (Closed)**

Location: SH 35 Bridge at Cox Creek, west of Point Comfort

Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing		
Swimming		
Wildlife Viewing	X	Lacks parking
Picnicking		
Camping		
Windsurfing		
Boat Ramp		
Boat Dock		
Pier		
Restroom		
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting		
Fresh Water		
Concession		
Entrance/Parking Fee		
Access for the Mobility Impaired		
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access		
Other Comments:	This area is the ROW for SH35; no facilities or improvements; current hydrology is almost non-existent (either due to drought, current tidal signatures, or anthropogenic reasons unknown) rendering kayaking and fishing unlikely. The area is part of an active industrial area.	

Note: It is believed that this area was misplaced in the GLO Shoreline Access report. The area was located in Cox Creek when it supposed to be Keller Creek. The site Cox Creek has no access to the bay and is exposed to industrial areas.

**Area Name: Keller Creek (Not in the GLO Shoreline Access Report)**



Fishing



Kayaking



Wildlife Viewing



**Area Name: Keller Creek (not shown in GLO Report)**

Location: FM 2143 Bridge at Keller Creek, West of Port Alto

Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing	X	Limited parking
Swimming		
Wildlife Viewing	X	Limited parking
Picnicking		
Camping		
Windsurfing		
Boat Ramp		
Boat Dock		
Pier		
Restroom		
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting		
Fresh Water		
Concession		
Entrance/Parking Fee		
Access for the Mobility Impaired		
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access		
Other Comments:	This area is the ROW for FM 2143; no facilities or improvements. It needs better parking; current hydrology is good, with kayaking and fishing highly recommended. This area would serve as one of the best ideal spots for kayak launching or primitive fishing location, but signs on the highway will be needed for the safety of the road and users.	

Note: It is believed that this area was misplaced in the GLO Shoreline Access report. The area was located in Cox Creek when it supposed to be Keller Creek.

Zone E: East Calhoun County

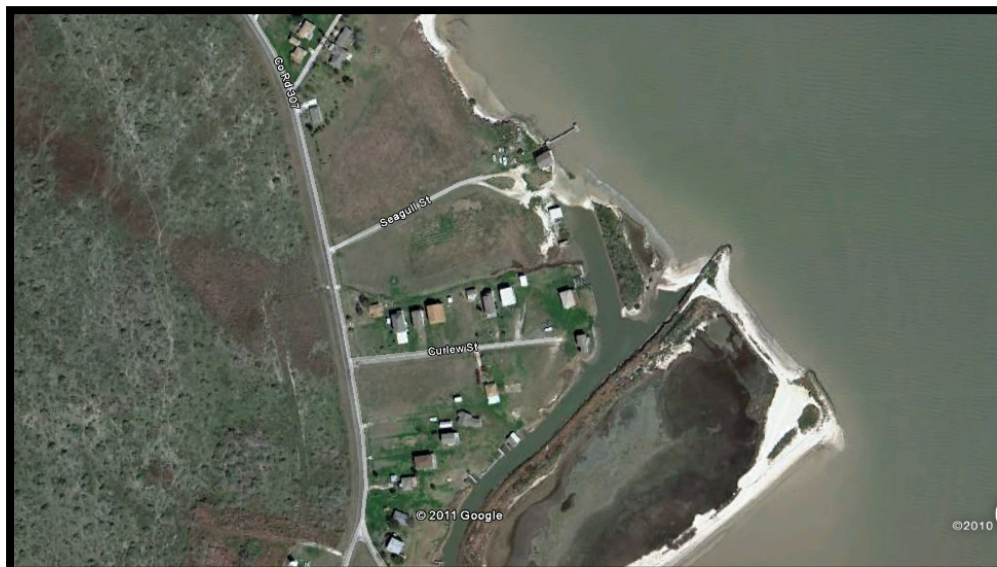




# Area Name: Port Alto County Park



 Fishing	 Wind Surfing
 Swimming	 Shoreline Access
 Wildlife Viewing	 Kayaking



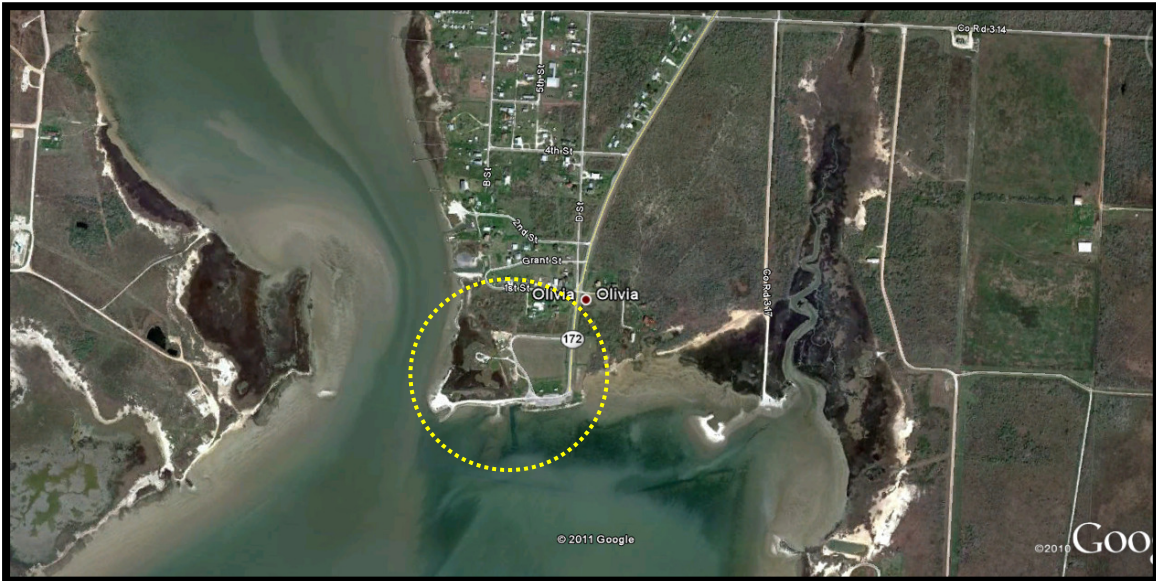
Access at Seagull St.










**Area Name: Port Alto County Park**

Location: Near Country Rd 307 and Curlew St., Port Alto

Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing	X	
Swimming	X	
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking		
Camping		
Windsurfing	X	
Boat Ramp		
Boat Dock		
Pier		
Restroom		
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting		
Fresh Water		
Concession		
Entrance/Parking Fee		
Access for the Mobility Impaired		
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access	X	
Other Comments:	This project will be improved by Calhoun County under a shoreline protection grant. This location is a primitive access location, with minimal roadside parking or room for expansion. May be potential for parking improvements. Has great potential for passive recreation such as wildlife viewing, kayaking and hiking.	

## Area Name: Olivia Haterius Park



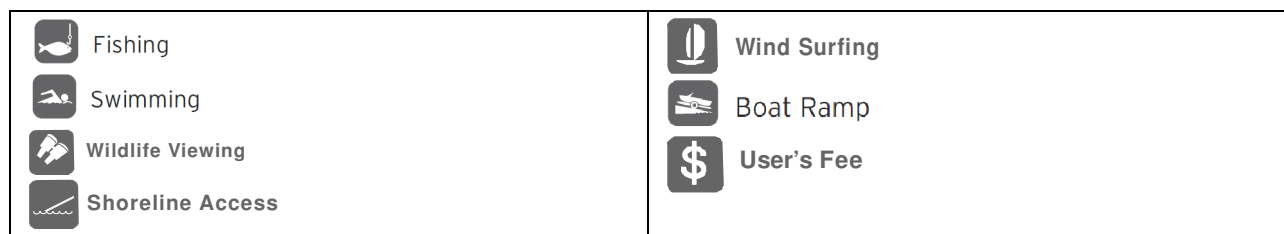
 Fishing	 Wheelchair Accessible
 Swimming	 Shoreline Access
 Wildlife Viewing	 Wind Surfing
 Picnic Tables	 Boat Ramp
	 Kayaking



**Area Name: Olivia Haterius Park**  
Location: Terminus of HW 172, Town of Olivia

Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing	X	
Swimming	X	
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking	X	
Camping		
Windsurfing	X	
Boat Ramp	X	Erosion around boat ramp, bulkheading, free usage
Boat Dock		
Pier		
Restroom		
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting		Needs lighting for late boat use.
Fresh Water		
Concession		
Entrance/Parking Fee		
Access for the Mobility Impaired	X	
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access	X	
Other Comments:	This site has room for parking expansion, has no restrooms, and needs additional trash bins or dumpsters. This area is situated in a location that may be a good area for both a kayak launch and a lighted fishing pier.	





**Area Name: Florence's Baitcamp (Private)**

Location: Terminus of 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Town of Olivia

Activity/Amenity	Infrastructure /Facilities	Comments
Fishing	X	
Swimming	X	
Wildlife Viewing	X	
Picnicking	X	
Camping		
Windsurfing	X	
Boat Ramp	X	Private ramp, usage requires membership fee, only useful in high tides.
Boat Dock		
Pier		
Restroom		
Shower		
Electricity/Lighting		
Fresh Water		
Concession		
Entrance/Parking Fee	X	Private ramp, usage requires membership fee
Access for the Mobility Impaired		
Gulf Access		
Bay/River/Lake Access	X	
Other Comments:	Public area with private ramp that requires membership fees; no other facilities but parking lot and private ramp. Adjacent walkways to ramp need repair.	

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