

coastal gem

Settled along the Golden Crescent between the dirt roads of Port O'Connor and the high-rises of Corpus Christi, you'll find a gulf coast gem that's not to be missed—**Rockport**, commonly referred to in conjunction with its neighboring town as Rockport-Fulton. The city is home of the first Blue Wave Beach in Texas and offers summer fun for every taste.

Across the bay, you'll see Key Allegro, a luxe neighborhood where local residents and vacationers mingle. George Straight is even said to have a get-away there.

When you visit, don't forget your fishing pole. On a number of piers, you can fish at your leisure or team up for one of the many fishing tournaments hosted during the summer. The 15th Annual Babes on the Bay takes place May 16-17 and includes a "Babe-ettes" division for anglers under age 16. The Paws and Taws Convention Center in Fulton hosts the Salty Dog Fishing Tournament, June 27-28. For those fishin' for their supper, rumor around town is a couple of restaurants will even cook up your catch. Visit the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce in their new visitors center to find out where (rockport-fulton.org).

Treasure-hunters who've had their fill of the water will want to comb through the boutiques on Austin Street downtown.

Don't be deceived by Rockport's small town feel—you'll

find dining that rivals Chicago and New York. Check out GLOW, an old boathouse-turned-restaurant where chef Karey Butterworth dishes out seasonal favorites and coastal selections, alongside craft cocktails. You won't go wrong with a meal at Chartroom or Latitude 2802 either.

If you haven't landed a vacation rental on Key Allegro or a cozy cottage near the waterfront, you'll find plenty of places to hook up your RV, including Drifter's Resort with sites that include cable and Wi-Fi.

Rockport makes a great Texas escape and hosts a number of festivals and events throughout the year, such as the upcoming Rockport Festival of Wine and Food, May 24-25. If you catch Rockport Art Fest, July 5-6, be sure to go early to see the city's fireworks display over Little Bay on the Fourth of July! ♦

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Find a recipe from chef Karey Butterworth of GLOW on prime-living.com