



Texas General Land Office 2025 Coastal Roundup on South Padre Island



The General Land Office (GLO) is excited to host our 2025 Coastal Roundup at Isla Blanca Park on South Padre Island on April 26th!

The Coastal Roundup is a free, one-day public event held from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and will have booths from a wide variety of local and state coastal and wildlife organizations, food trucks, music, and kid-friendly activities. Use this link to follow along on Facebook and get a sneak peek of some of the vendors! [Texas Coastal Roundup 2025 | Facebook](#)

The GLO will also be hosting the Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup at two locations on South Padre Island that morning. You can plan to participate in the cleanup in the morning, then head over to the Roundup afterwards! Cleanup check-in locations are listed in this newsletter. Bring your friends and family and learn more about how the GLO and our partners care for and protect our beautiful Texas coast.



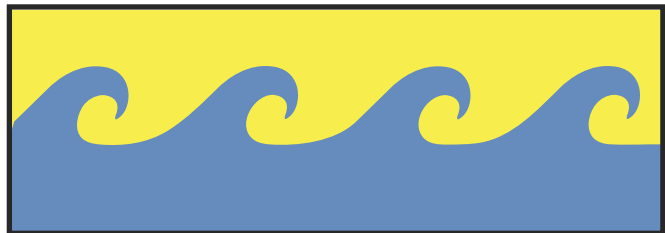
Touch tanks are a great way for kids to experience coastal critters!

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

WHAT:
2025 Texas Coastal Roundup!

WHEN:
April 26, 2025, 10 AM – 4 PM

WHERE:
Isla Blanca Park, South Padre Island





Watch Out for Rip Currents!

April in Texas is Rip Current Awareness Month. Rip currents can occur at any beach with breaking waves, and they account for more than 80% of rescues performed by surf beach lifeguards nationwide. These currents are powerful, channeled currents of water flowing away from shore that can pull even the strongest swimmers out to sea.

As waves roll toward shore and over sandbars, a pressure gradient is created due to the changing water levels between the sand bars and the channels alongside them. Sometimes you can spot a rip current because it can look darker than surrounding waters. They are areas where waves do not break, but with breaking waves on either side. You can sometimes see water, or seaweed, moving away from the beach in a channel between the breaking waves.

If you are caught in a rip current, here are some safety tips (from NOAA):

- Remain calm to conserve energy and think clearly. Rip currents do not pull people under water, they pull them away from shore.
- Never fight against the current.
- Think of it as a treadmill that can't be turned off, which you need to step to the side of.
- Swim out of the current in a direction following parallel to the shoreline.
- If you are unable to swim out of a rip current, float or calmly tread water. When out of the current, swim toward shore.
- If you are still unable to reach the shore, draw attention to yourself by waving your arm and yelling for help.

If you see someone in trouble, get help from a lifeguard and throw the victim something that floats. Many people drown while trying to save someone else from a rip current.

Most beaches have a flag warning system that warns swimmers of rip currents in the area. A green flag (low risk) indicates that strong rip currents are not likely. A yellow flag (moderate risk) means that there is a good chance for strong rip currents and a red flag (high risk) signals that strong rip currents are expected. Check the beach warning flags every time you go to the beach and be Rip Current Aware!

Information compiled from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), United States Lifesaving Association, and the Weather Channel.

Save the Date!

The Spring Coastwide Cleanup is
Saturday, April 26, 2025



Don't Forget!

Download the CleanSwell App so you can track the kinds of trash you find!



Spring Cleanup Check-in Locations

Make plans to join us on, Saturday, April 26th for our Spring Coastwide Cleanup! Online registration is open and we recommend pre-registering your group so you can stay informed in case any changes are made to your check-in location. We clean rain or shine, but we will not send volunteers out if the location is deemed unsafe. This includes if the area becomes inaccessible due to flooding or storm damage, or severe thunderstorms. Please pay close attention to the weather on cleanup day!

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1. Sea Rim State Park Jefferson County

Check-in: Park entrance, 10 miles west of Sabine Pass on Highway 87 South

Contact: Tanya Rosenbaum, 409-971-2559
tanya.rosenbaum@tpwd.texas.gov

2. Bolivar Peninsula Galveston County

Check-in: On the beach at the end of Crystal Beach Road, approximately 11 miles from the ferry landing

Contact: Brenda Flanagan 409-291-9092
brenda.flanagan@texasadoptabeach.org

3. Galveston Island Galveston County

Check-in: Menard Park, 2222 28th Street, on the Seawall

Contact: Sheryl Rozier
sheryl.rozier@texasadoptabeach.org

4. Surfside Brazoria County

Check-in: Jetty Park, 101 Parkview Road

Contact: Nathan Murphy 979-864-1541
nathan.murphy@texasadoptabeach.org

5. Quintana Brazoria County

Check-in: Quintana Beach County Park, 330 5th Street

Contact: Kristin Plunkett 979-233-1461
kristin.plunkett@texasadoptabeach.org

6. Sargent Beach/County Park Matagorda County

Check-in: End FM 457 at the County Park (Canal Drive)

Contact: Eddie Steel
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7. Matagorda Beach Matagorda County

Check-in: Matagorda Jetty Park

Contact: James "Cinco" Davant
james.davant@texasadoptabeach.org

8. Palacios Matagorda County

Check-in: South Bay Marina on South Bay Blvd.

Contact: Amy Nowlin 979-245-4100
amy.nowlin@texasadoptabeach.org

9. Magnolia Beach Calhoun County

Check-in: Miller's Point Pavilion, off Miller's Point Road and Ocean Drive

Contact: RJ Shelly 361-552-9747
rj.shelly@texasadoptabeach.org

10. Aransas Pass/Redfish Bay Aransas County

Check-in: Lighthouse Lakes Park, 4 miles east of Aransas Pass on Highway 361

Contact: Richard Gonzales 361-779-7351
richard.gonzales@texasadoptabeach.org

11. Portland San Patricio County

Check-in: Sunset Lake Park, 201 Sunset Drive, adjacent to Hwy 181

Contact: Kristin Connor 361-777-4670
kristin.connor@texasadoptabeach.org

12. North Beach, Corpus Christi Nueces County

Check-in: Texas State Aquarium parking lot, 2710 North Shoreline Boulevard

Contact: Rosanna Gossett
rosanna.gossett@texasadoptabeach.org

13. Cole Park Nueces County

Check-in: 1526 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi

Contact: Eric Jaramillo
eric.jaramillo@texasadoptabeach.org

14. Port Aransas Nueces County

Check-in: East Cotter Road on the beach at the jetties

Contact: Leslie Willey
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Note: SandFest is also being held in Port Aransas this weekend.

Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup • Saturday, April 26, 2025



THANK YOU BEACH ADOPTERS!

Beach Adopters pledge to cleanup their designated area at least three times a year for a two-year period.

To see a map of Beach Adopters, visit our website at TexasAdoptABeach.org and go to the Volunteer tab.

THANK YOU
to all of our State
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Campaign (SECC)
donors!
Our SECC code is
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GALVESTON COUNTY

Gilchrist: beach area behind 1684 Hwy 87 - Sunny Shores
Bolivar: Ramada Beach beginning at Nassau Rd - The Welty Family
Bolivar: Gulf-Holiday St. to the East one mile - The Raymond and Rosemary Clement Family
Bolivar: Center Road to Beaumont Drive - The Hammer Family
Bolivar: Melody Lane to Alma Street - Ryleigh Burns
Bolivar: Monkhouse Rd to Westview - Wildhorse Promotional Products
Bolivar: Monkhouse Road to Mr G Street - Kuehne+Nagel Houston
Bolivar: Helen Road to Boyt Drive - Crenshaw School of Environmental Science
Bolivar: Magnolia Lane to the west one mile - Beach Busters
Bolivar: Rettillon Road at Bolivar Flats - Genever Alberta Thornton (Bayside) Pelican Island Harborside - TAMU-Galveston The Big Event
Mooner Beach, San Leon - The Beach Keepers
Boddecker Road area - ExxonMobil Employees
Boddecker Road area - Manny & Christina Alaniz
Stewart Beach to 16th Street - Echo Community Church
Stewart Beach - USCG Hawk (WPB-87355)
9th - 17th Streets - Stacy's Vilmaris Crew
10th - 16th Streets - Elks Lodge #126
19th Street Galveston to Pleasure Pier - Miltons Bells
27th Street area - 5kracken5
29th - 30th Streets - Congregation Bnai Israel
33rd - 37th Street - Sir Michael & Family
35th - 45th Streets - Heathen Ink Tattoo Studio
39th to 45th Streets - Ball High School - Army JROTC
45th to 61st Street - Oppe Elementary Campus of Coastal Studies
45th to 61st Street - Galveston Golf Cart Society
45th to 61st Street - Triad Marine
61st. Pier (pier area only) - Southern Spears Surf Shop
61st Street Pier and the West One Mile - Dohman Specialties
61st Street Pier and the West One Mile - Matthew Maurins & Family
69th Street to the west - Weis Middle School
81st - 89th Streets at Jimmie's Pier - Krewe of Les Minous
Pocket Park #2 - Brookside Intermediate School NJHS
Pocket Park #2 - Galveston Troop 177 Boy Scouts
7 1/2 Mile Road - East of Woody's Bar & Grill - Hoofprints and Memories
Beachside Village - Wilkes-Trail Family
8 Mile Road area - Marie & Ali
8 Mile Road and Beachside Village areas - WMS Student Council
Beach Access Point #10 - College of the Mainland (COM) Biology Club
Bermuda Beach - Davis Family Group
Hershey Beach - Cypress Fair High School Air Force JROTC
Bermuda Beach - Moody Gardens
11 Mile Road to Campeche Court (Pirate's Beach) - Texas Gas Service
11 Mile Road area - Cleanwaves Project
13 Mile Road area - NCL Bay Area
13 Mile Road area - Market Street Staffing
13 Mile Road to the east one mile - University of Miami Houston Canes Community
Jamaica Beach - I Neglect Inc.
16 Mile Road area - National Ocean Policy Coalition
16 Mile Road area - The Banff School National Honor Society
Indian Beach at Kiva Road - The Staples Family
Half Moon Beach - Njord Running
San Luis Pass - The Colstons

HARRIS COUNTY

Seabreeze Park - Professor Stanley & Friends

BRAZORIA COUNTY

Mile Marker 0 - Alpha Phi Omega Metropolitan Houston
Mile Markers 1 & 2 - Leave Your Prints Behind
Mile Marker 3 - 4A Energy Advisors, LLC
Mile Marker 3 - Ocean Sierra, LLC
Mile Marker 4 - Devin n Deb
Mile Markers 5, 6 & 7 - SLB (Schlumberger)
Mile Marker 8 - The Bergaila Companies
Mile Marker 9 - SeaSide Mermaids
Mile Marker 10 - Bill Mullenweg Memorial Beach Cleanup
Mile Marker 11 - Employees of Brazoria County Pct. 1
Mile Marker 12 - BASF Corporation
Mile Marker 17 Quintana Beach - Arechigas

MATAGORDA COUNTY

Matagorda Beach - Tropical Maniacs of Matagorda
Matagorda Beach - Westwood Inn
Beach Access Road to 3 Mile Cut - Memorial Coastal Crew
Palacios Bay - Texas Girls
One mile west of FM 457 bridge - Marblestone Family & Friends

CALHOUN COUNTY

Port Alto Beach - The Hubenak Family
Port Alto Beach - Wied Realty - Becky Wied
Beach area under Highway 35 causeway - Hope High School Environmental Club
Boggy Nature Park, Port O'Connor - Victoria Electric Cooperative, Inc.
22 Boundary Street area - The Howe Family
Indianola Fishing Marina - Second Chance Ent: Shane, Rachel, August

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Pleasure Island, Port Arthur - Pearlana Fields

KLEBERG COUNTY

Mile Marker 236- Mile Marker 253 - The Jones Family
Mile Markers 232-302, Bob Hall Pier to PINS - Burners Without Borders
Corpus Christi

NUECES COUNTY

(Bayside) North Beach at Birding Platform, under JFK Causeway - Tuloso-Midway Navy Junior ROTC
Cole Park - Mary Carroll High School Navy JROTC
Cole Park - Veterans Memorial HS Environmental Honor Society
Ropes Park - Richard Milburn Academy
Port Aransas: St Jo's Island - Coastal Vibe
Port Aransas: Horace Caldwell Pier to the north - Arriana McDonald-Espinosa
Port Aransas: Mile Markers 18-19 - Kathy & Stan Novey
Mile Markers 89-99, Access Road 2 - GLO Employees
Access Road 2 to the north - EOG Resources, Inc.
Mile Markers 87-79 - CarMax
Mustang Island State Park - Randy & Dawn Bissell
Mustang Island State Park - Good Samaritan San Antonio YAC
Newport Pass Road (MM 196) to Access Road 3, Mustang Island State Park and Packery Flats - CoffeeSock
Bob Hall Pier - Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 598 Alaniz-Valentine (MOPH598)
Packery Flats near Packery Channel - Coastal Bend Bays Foundation
Packery Channel Park - Texas State Aquarium Volunteers
South Packery Channel from Access Road 3 to Jetties - Beach Bums for Life
Whitecap Beach - Weichert Realtors - The Place of Houses
White Cap Beach - Marlen Velazquez and the Spanish Club
Whitecap Beach - Coastal Archery of Nueces County 4H and Freedom 4H
White Cap Blvd to St. Augustine Dr. - The Moody Family
Mile Markers 234-240 - Coastal Waev Co.
Access Road 6 area - Sea Pines Beach Cleanup Crew
Mile Markers 242-252, south of Bob Hall Pier - Benjamin's Surf & Skate

WILLACY COUNTY

Port Mansfield East Cut, Miles 12 - 24 - Mama's Fantastic 4

CAMERON COUNTY

Access Road 5 - ENGAGE - RGV Meetups for Homeschoolers
Access Road 6 - TxDOT Pharr District Employees
Access Road #4 - 26592 Intrepid
Access Road 3 area - Garver, LLC
Access Road 3 area - UTRGV Athletics
Access Road #2 (Andy Bowie Park) - KCI Technologies
City Access #23 - Sapphire @ East Palmetto Drive - The Blancas
Access Road #3 to Clayton's Beach Bar (Andy Bowie Park) and Isla Blanca Park - UTRGV Coastal Studies Lab
Poinsettia Circle to Neptune Circle - 13108 Encrypted
Pearl Beach Access Road - Gates-DeWitt
Isla Blanca Park, jetties to the north one mile - Friends of Isla Blanca
Isla Blanca Park - The Dovalina Family
Isla Blanca Park - TMN RGV
Boca Chica Beach - SpaceX
Boca Chica Beach - Visit Boca Chica
Boca Chica Beach - RGV Crawlers Jeep Club
Boca Chica Beach - GreenZone Enterprises



Save the Date!

Saturday, April 26, 2025



Many employers offer charitable matching gifts programs for their employees. This means they will either match a charitable donation made by one of their employees, or they will make a donation to a charity where their employees volunteer. Check with your Human Resources department! Your donation to Texas Adopt-A-Beach may be tax deductible - check with your tax advisor.

15. Mustang Island State Park, Corpus Christi

Nueces County

Check-in: Park Headquarters Parking Lot, 17047 State Highway 361

Contact: Clarissa Kruse 361-749-5246
clarissa.kruse@texasadoptabeach.org

16. Packery Flats Nueces County

Check-in: Parking lot off Hwy 361, on Mustang Island near Packery Channel

Contact: Satosha Patterson 361-882-3439 or 760-212-8123
satosha.patterson@texasadoptabeach.org

Jace Tunnell 361-882-3439
jace.tunnell@texasadoptabeach.org

17. North Padre Island, Corpus Christi Nueces County

Check-in: Padre Balli Park Office, 15820 Park Road 22

Contact: John Vaughn 361-779-0477
john.vaughn@texasadoptabeach.org

Jim Needham
james.needham@texasadoptabeach.org

18. Baffin Bay/Loyola Beach /Riviera Kleberg County

Check-in: Kaufer-Hubert Park, FM 628

Contact: Letty Couch 361-522-9861
letty.couch@texasadoptabeach.org

19. South Padre Island City Beach

Cameron County

Check-in: White Cap Circle, City Access Point #8 on Gulf Blvd., between East Swordfish and East Red Snapper Streets

Contact: Victor Baldovinos 956-433-1089
victor.baldovinos@texasadoptabeach.org

Angie Cantu 956-761-8123
angie.cantu@texasadoptabeach.org

20 South Padre Island/ Edwin King Atwood Park Cameron County

Check-in: 727159 State Park Road 100, at Access Road 5

Contact: Blanca Macias 956-761-5494
Blanca.macias@texasadoptabeach.org

21. Boca Chica Cameron County

Check-in: End of Highway 4 on the beach

Contact: Fernando Ramirez 956-459-9611
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Pati Matamoros
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Please help us thank our hotel sponsors:

The following hotels have graciously offered discounted rates to Adopt-A-Beach volunteers during our cleanup weekends:

LA PORTE

Comfort Suites
281-842-9200

GALVESTON

Casa Del Mar Suites
409-572-1100

Doubletree by Hilton
409-762-4141

PORT ARANSAS

The Beachcomber Motel
361-749-6191

CORPUS CHRISTI

Doubletree by Hilton
361-883-9700

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND

Isla Grand
956-761-6511
Use code: 2504ADOPTB

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2024 Fall Cleanup volunteers with Commissioner Buckingham in Galveston.

Fall Coastwide Cleanup Results!

The 2024 Adopt-A-Beach Coastwide Fall Cleanup was held on Saturday, September 28, 2024, and 7,166 volunteers participated in the cleanup to help keep Texas beaches beautiful by removing 63,647 pounds of trash from the coast.

"The Texas Coast was my home for over a decade and as Land Commissioner I am dedicated to ensuring our beautiful beaches are preserved for future generations," said Commissioner Buckingham. "It was an honor to meet some of the incredible volunteers at Galveston Beach, and I am thrilled that volunteers across the Texas coast picked up an astounding 63,647 pounds of trash. Their hard work is the foundation of the Adopt-A-Beach program. I want to thank the Adopt-A-Beach volunteers for their commitment as well as this year's state sponsors for their vital support. Together, we can keep our beaches clean, conserve important marine habitats, and strengthen our coastal communities."



Volunteers at Packery Flats Winter Cleanup in Corpus Christi.

Recap of the South Texas Winter Cleanups!

The 2025 Adopt-A-Beach Winter Cleanups, took place on South Padre Island on Friday, February 7th, and across the Coastal Bend on Saturday, February 8th. Over two days, 415 volunteers cleaned 12 miles of coastline and picked up over 5,300 pounds of trash.

"As a Texan who spent more than a decade living on the coast, I am proud to spearhead the Texas General Land Office's mission to preserve our beautiful beaches and safeguard the wildlife and people who call it home," said Commissioner Buckingham. "During the first Adopt-A-Beach cleanup of 2025, our amazing volunteers picked up an impressive 2.65 tons of trash from South Padre beaches and those in the Coastal Bend. I want to thank our volunteers and state sponsors for their hard work, which has helped make these crucial cleanups possible. I look forward to our next cleanup in April and encourage Texans to come to the coast this spring and make a difference!"

The Adopt-A-Beach program began in the fall of 1986, when 2,800 volunteers picked up 124 tons of trash. Since then, more than 588,000 Texas Adopt-A-Beach volunteers have picked up nearly 10,000 tons of trash from Texas beaches.

This year's cleanup sponsors include the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Valero, the Texas Coastal Management Program, SLB, Ocean Conservancy, Wild Spirit Wild Places, and SESCO Cement.

Get the Adopt-A-Beach License Plate!



The Texas General Land Office specialty license plate design features a photo by Texas' own **Kenny Braun**. Braun's work has been featured in Garden and Gun, Texas Monthly, Wired, Southern Living, Texas Highways, This Old House Magazine and more.

The plates are available to purchase for \$30 in addition to your annual registration fee, with \$22 of that donated to the **Adopt-A-Beach program's** all-volunteer effort to keep trash off Texas beaches.

The license plate was designed by the Texas General Land Office in coordination with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. To order a specialty Adopt-A-Beach license plate and get yours, visit <https://texasadoptabeach.org/contribute/license-plates/index.html>.