

## EXPLORING THE BEACHES AND NATURE PARKS IN THE GALVESTON AREA

### BEACHCOMBING TOURS

**Friends of Galveston Island State Park** – Beach and Surf Exploration Tours, Family Fishing Clinics, Jam Packed Field Trips, Sidney McClendon Memorial Kayak Tours, Spring Migration Bird Walks, Discovering the Bay Shore and Mud Flats Walks and much more. Most tours meet at the park's main entrance and take place March - November. [fogisp.wordpress.com](http://fogisp.wordpress.com); [FoGISP@aol.com](mailto:FoGISP@aol.com).

### ECO-TOURS BY BOAT

**Eco-Art Kayak Adventures** – Enjoy guided and interpretive tours of Galveston's marshes in the company of a biologist or artist for an enriching, environmental, and artistic experience for all ages! Contact the Artist Boat 409.770.0722, [www.ArtistBoat.org](http://www.ArtistBoat.org); [info@artistboat.org](mailto:info@artistboat.org).



### NATURE EDUCATION

**Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council** – Be sure to make plans to attend all of GINTC's annual events including Sea Turtle Saturday in February, Featherfest in April, and Breakfast with Sandhill Cranes in December. Contact them at 409.789.8125 for registration information. [www.gintc.org](http://www.gintc.org); [info@gintc.org](mailto:info@gintc.org).

**National Marine Sanctuary Foundation** – The NMSF manages the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary (located 70 miles off the coast of Galveston) which offers experienced divers the chance to see manta rays, sea turtles and whale sharks in addition to the stunning coral reef it was named for.

Traditional hook-and-line fishing is also allowed. NMSF also offers various education opportunities throughout the year. [www.nmsf-ocean.org](http://www.nmsf-ocean.org); [www.flowergardennoaa.gov](http://www.flowergardennoaa.gov)

**Texas A&M Sea Camps** – These camps range from week-long residential adventures for 10-18 year olds to day camps for 6-11 year olds and a new Sea Squirts Camp for 4 and 5 year olds. Explore the wonders of the estuarine and marine environments. [www.tamug.edu/seacamp](http://www.tamug.edu/seacamp); 409.740.4525; [seacamp@tamug.edu](mailto:seacamp@tamug.edu).

### NATURE BOOKS, ART, PHOTOGRAPHS AND GIFTS

**The Admiralty** – Nature related objects intermixed with maritime gifts; 2221 Strand, 409.766.1776; [www.TheAdmiralty.net](http://www.TheAdmiralty.net)

**Kites Unlimited** – Fly one of the beautiful kites at the beach; 8910 Seawall Blvd., 409.744.4121

**Oceandance Photography & Art** – 409.256.2138; [www.oceandance.org](http://www.oceandance.org)

**Robert Mihovil Photography** – 2402 Church, 409.763.3951; [www.mihovil.com](http://www.mihovil.com)

