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Strange RV Encounters: World's Longest Fishing Pier and Big Tree in Rockport, TX

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The Weird, the Wacky, and the Wonderful



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Rockport, Texas, is a favorite vacation destination for snowbirds, or "Winter Texans," as evidenced by more RV camping spaces than homes. Rockport is also known for its abundant fishing, as evidenced by more linear feet of fishing piers than sidewalks. Not to worry if you can't fish, though, because there are many good restaurants.

And of course, Rockport has a few wacky roadside attractions. In the last article, I showed you [the World's Largest Blue Crab at Rockport State Beach](#). Today, we're going to see the Big Tree and the World's Longest Fishing Pier.

The Big Tree

So big, the "Big Tree" has its own sign, complete with arrows pointing the way. Just over the Copano Causeway at the eastern edge of Rockport is the small town of Lamar and the home of the Big Tree.

Also known as [the Goose Island Oak](#), the 1,000-year-old live oak measures over 35 feet in circumference and 44 feet tall. It has a crown spread of 89 feet. Per the Goose Island State Park website, it is thought to be one of the largest live oaks in the nation.

To pay homage to this big, botanical beauty, drive east out of Rockport over the Copano Causeway toward Goose Island. Take Park Road 13, and follow the signs for the "Big Tree."

The World's Longest Fishing Pier

As you head back over the Copano Causeway toward Rockport, look down to your right. You'll see what the [Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce](#) says is believed to be the longest fishing pier in the world.

The pier was once the old causeway. In 1967, they built a second causeway (and are currently in the process of building a third causeway) and cut a channel for boats in the middle of the original causeway. Now, it is the two-part Copano Bay Fishing Pier. The south side is 2,500 feet long, and the north side is 6,190 feet long. I'm wondering, can it still be called the world's largest fishing pier if it is cut in two?

Here are [another 49 things to do in Rockport, Texas](#). Join me on my next adventure, when I show you the giant sea serpent as I head to Port Aransas, one of the many islands off the coast of Texas.

To see many more photos, [follow more of my weird, wacky, and wonderful RV adventures on Flickr](#).

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