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More Rockport wonders: one long pier, one big tree

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We continue our tour of the weird, wacky and wonderful roadside attractions near Rockport, Texas.

In the last adventure, I showed you the World's Largest Blue Crab at Rockport State Beach. Today we're off to see the Big Tree and the World's Longest Fishing Pier.

The Big Tree

East of Rockport and the Copano Causeway is the small town of Lamar, and home of the Big Tree. The "Big Tree" is so big it has signs pointing the way.

The 1,000-year-old live oak measures over 35 feet around, 44 feet tall, with a spread of 89 feet. According to the Goose Island State Park website, it is thought to be one of the largest live oaks in the nation. Visit this big, botanical beauty near Goose Island State Park in Lamar, Texas. Take Park Road 13 and follow the signs for the "Big Tree".

Longest Fishing Pier

Drive toward Rockport over the Copano Causeway, and look down to your right. The Rockport Chamber of Commerce calls this, the Copano Fishing Pier, the World's Longest Fishing Pier.

Once the old causeway, in 1967 they built a second 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.

Question: Is it still considered a single pier if it's cut in two? Eh, I'm sure the fish don't much care either way.

Join me on the next adventure where we'll find that Nessie left Loch Ness for City by the Sea, as I head to Port Aransas, Texas.

Know of a unique roadside attraction you'd like to see here? Feel free to submit your suggestion in the comments or by emailing me at TheGreatRVRollabout@yahoo.com.



