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The Loch Ness Monster ... in Texas? Believe it or not!

In today's Texas Trippin' adventure we continue our tour of the weird, wacky and wonderful roadside attractions along the Texas central coast.

In the last adventure, I took you to the "Big Tree," and the World's Longest Fishing Pier. Today, we're off to hunt for "Nessie", formerly of Loch Ness, Scotland, now of City by the Sea, Texas. Apparently.

Nessie Moved to Texas?

Whenever I arrive in a new town, I do a few things to find any nearby roadside attractions: I check websites specializing in just such things; I visit the local Chamber of Commerce; and I ask the locals. But some things are so well hidden that no one seems to know they exist. So I also just drive around, exploring the town.

That's how I discovered Nessie, the Loch Ness Monster, had left Scotland for the Texas coast. She's not listed in the Rockport Chamber's list, "51 Things to See and Do," and the locals aren't telling; they claim not to know of her existence.

But there she was, nestled in plain sight in a nice residential community at the edge of the bay. Nessie is made of concrete, and comprised of a dragon-like head, two humps, and a tail. She's about the length of a pickup truck.

Would you rather search for her just like an explorer on an adventure, or should I make it easy and give you her location (location given at the end of this article)? Either way, I'd say Nessie is worth detour if you're passing through the area; she's a great photo opportunity.

As long as you're hunting for Nessie, you might as well grab a funnel cake for energy.

Fulton Oysterfest 2014

Oysterfest is Fulton's tribute to the oyster, albeit a fried, bbq'd, or skewered tribute. This year's festival runs from March 6-9. The float parade, nightly music, dancing, and other food booths are worth a stop, too. Visit <http://www.fultonoysterfest.org/> for more details.

Join me on the next adventure when I take the RV on the ferry to Port Aransas.

[Location of Nessie Spoiler Alert: Turn into the City by the Sea community (off TX-35 BUS N) and make the very first right on to Port St Claire, then make the first right again on to Bayview Dr. Nessie will be on the right, nestled in an empty lot between two houses.]

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



Is that ... nah, it can't be! Rockport's "Nessie"



This year's Fulton Oysterfest is coming up March 6-9.
(Photos by Juliana Mathews)