

Small Historic Towns across America.

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Brief History of Rockport, Texas.

In 1870, Rockport was established as a cattle slaughtering, packing, and shipping port. The charming fishing village of Rockport has been a favorite coastal hideaway for wealthy Texans since the 1800s. It was named for the rock ledge underlying its shore and was founded just after the Civil War.

During the 1880s boat building and fishing began to develop as important industries in Rockport. Another important industry was the Pass railroad. It had gone from San Antonio and Aransas until it reached Rockport in 1888. Two service between San Antonio and Corpus Christi, its immediate. The population jumped from 600 to Four trains a day served the burgeoning port, movement of fish in one direction and tourists in the trucks and automobiles took over these duties and railroad connection but not its depot, which is most likely still in its original location.



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Location and Driving Directions from closest major U.S. Airport(s).

From the Corpus Christy Airport get on TX-44 E from International Dr. take I-37 S and US-181 N to TX-35 N in San Patricio County then continue on TX- 35 N. Drive to w Market St. in Rockport.

Who was President when this town was founded? And, what was the political environment in America at that time.

At the time Rockport was established, Ulysses S. Grant was the President of the United States. The Fifteenth Amendment (Amendment XV) to the United States Constitution prohibits the federal and state governments from denying a citizen the right to vote based on that citizen's "race, color, or previous condition of servitude." It was ratified on February 3, 1870, as the third and last of the Reconstruction Amendments. (Wikipedia.org)

Oldest businesses/largest businesses today.

Canterbury Construction, Inc. was started in May of 1965 by Sam and Clare Canterbury, and is still, today, a family owned and operated business that takes pride in the quality of the homes they build.

City governments.

Our City Rockport has a very long and proud history, and as a new resident or visitor, you are probably curious about what exciting things are offered to you. Rockport is a full-service City, providing a full range of services, such as a police department, street maintenance, Rockport Beach Park and lots of year-round recreational activities, and neighborhood parks...some with trails, lakes, boat ramps and pavilions.

Historical attractions in the area. Festivals and Events.

Rockport is a popular tourist destination for its fishing and ski basin. The city's beach has a wide variety of ways to have fun including a playground and beach pavilion. The city hosts several fairs and expositions each year including the Oyster Fest, Seafair, and a Wine Festival. There is also a historical site the Hoopes-Smith House.

Where can we stay if we visit Rockport?

Built in the 1890's, the historic **Hoopes' House in Rockport**, Texas has been meticulously renovated and restored to its original view of Rockport galleries and rooms, each with a new wing houses grounds feature a **Hoopes' House**  splendor. The sunny yellow inn commands a panoramic Harbor and is within walking distance of museums, shops, restaurants. The main house consists of four charming guest private bath. For those wanting a more private experience, a four additional guest rooms, each beautifully appointed. The pool, a hot tub and a gazebo. Elegant but casual, the combines modern luxury with old world charm. Hardwood floors, 12 foot ceilings, intricately carved fireplaces, crown molding, fine art and antiques recall another time.

Website: <http://www.hoopeshouse.com>

Why would I want to visit this historical small town.

I would like to visit Rockport again with my best friend, who I have known since I was in 3rd grade and introduced me to this shining star by the sea (also known as Rockport). Her family has a beach house there and they go almost every holiday as well as in the summer. I like that the beaches are clean and the how the town is a very quiet and friendly.

Links you may wish to visit.

<http://www.rockportnet.com/events.html>

<http://www.rockportaquarium.com/>