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## Kingsville, Texas

Just west of the Gulf of Mexico, sits the historic town of Kingsville -the birthplace of the American Ranching Industry. Captain Richard E. King developed the area in 1853, and also established the famous King Ranch.

**The King Ranch**, which remains a working ranch, boasting over 60,000 cattle and 300 quarter horses, offers fabulous opportunities for **nature lovers** and **birders**. Spend a day on the Ranch and see a variety of tropical and migratory birds, white tailed deer, and javelinas. Historical tours are offered daily. Group tours and packages, tailored specifically for your group, are also available.

**Birdwatchers** find a haven in Kingsville and the surrounding area. Over 450 species have been sighted on the more than one million acres of habitat comprised of shoreline, brush, and arid desert.

This diverse habitat and Kingsville's location within the two greatest migratory flyways in the United States make it a prime destination for year round birding opportunities.

The first train came through Kingsville on July 4th, 1904 - the same day the city was chartered. The Depot has recently been restored and features memorabilia and history of the role rail travel played in the making of South Texas. The Depot is now referred to as the **1904 Railroad Museum**.



Attractions in Kingsville, in addition to the **King Ranch**, include the **John E. Connor Museum at Texas A&M-Kingsville** and **The King Ranch Museum**. Together, they tell the story of Kingsville's colorful past, rich in history and cultural diversity. **Historical downtown** is reminiscent of America's old main streets, lined with specialty gift shops, a craft market, and of course, **The King Ranch Saddle Shop**. Cool down after a day of shopping and relax in one of our restaurants that offer a variety of venues and menu selections.

Several festivals and events mark Kingsville's calendar including the **South Texas Birding and Wildlife Festival**, the **Ranching Heritage Festival**, **The Ranch Hand Breakfast**, the **International music competition**, **Young Performers**, the **Division II All-Star football game**, **Cactus Bowl**, and numerous **rodeos, concerts, and collegiate sporting events**.

Whether you've come to hunt, fish, explore nature or history, or just enjoy a quieter pace, join us -Stop, look, and enjoy the Heart of South Texas.