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La Porte, Texas

Incorporated in 1892, La Porte had its beginning as a real estate venture by a group of developers and colonizers from Denver, Colorado. The focal point for the economy of the town was the picnic and swimming area known as the Grove and later as Sylvan Beach Park. In the summer of 1900, the "Moonlight Excursion" train from Houston began running, and the town soon gained recognition as a vacation destination, and it was primarily a resort town until World War II and the coming of NASA and the Bayport Channel eventually transformed La Porte into a charming bedroom community for industry.

But La Porte is still very much a destination for sun worshipers, history buffs, and nature lovers. Sylvan Beach Park features 2,000 linear feet of re-nourished shoreline, with sidewalks and benches for visitors' enjoyment. Historical tourists love visiting the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Park and the Battleship Texas, as well as our very own Depot Museum managed by the La Porte Bay Area Heritage Society. Nature lovers and nature photographers use La Porte as a center for their tours of nearby High Island sanctuary system and Armand Bayou wetlands.

Enjoy cool bay breezes and sunny parks, with outdoor recreation year round for the entire family. We invite you to relax and enjoy the skate-park, swimming pools (including our very popular wave pool), golf course, museum, and hike and bike trails. Whether you prefer fishing, sailing, kayaking or just watching the sunrise, the warm waters of Galveston Bay are yours to enjoy year-round. La Porte is just minutes from Houston, NASA's Johnson Space Center, The Kemah Waterfront District, The San Jacinto Monument and Battlefield, and many other exciting places to see and things to do.



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