Goose Island
STATE PARK

Located between Aransas and St. Charles bays, Goose Island State Park is an angler’s paradise and a bird watcher’s dream. The bays’ shallow waters reward fishing enthusiasts with catches of speckled trout, redfish, drum, and flounder. Blue crabs are also abundant and a preferred delicacy of the endangered Whooping Cranes that visit every winter. The park is also home to the famous “Big Tree,” a 1,000-year-old coastal live oak that has survived prairie fires, Civil War battles, and hurricanes. Goose Island is a favorite and reservations are recommended.

Camping: Campsites with water only or water and electricity.

Group Facility: Sponsored youth group camping area (capacity 64). Recreation hall (capacity 50; no kitchen).

Picnicking: Day use area overlooking Aransas Bay with picnic tables and grills.

Fishing: Lighted, 1,620-foot-long fishing pier. Possible catches include speckled trout, redfish, drum, flounder and sheepshead.

Boating: Boat ramp with fish cleaning station.

Birdwatching: Over 300 species have been recorded. Great spotting opportunities from the park’s bird sanctuary.

Texas State Parks Store: Unique gifts, books, etc.

Located in Aransas County, 12 miles northeast of Rockport off Texas 35 on Park Road 13.