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Fulton, Texas, population approximately 1,500, is a small town that fits like a doughnut hole in the middle of only slightly larger Rockport, home of <u>The World's Largest Blue Crab</u>. Many appetizing restaurants line the shore and harbor. Grab a great seat with an ocean view, and watch the boats come and go while birds feed on the abundant variety of fish.

Oysterfest in Fulton, Texas

Every year, the Fulton Volunteer Fire Department throws a festival for the oysters. Well, the festival isn't so much "for" the oysters as it is about eating the oysters: raw, fried, on a stick.

Accompanying the oysters are a large carnival, arts, crafts, and food booths, one with some of the best funnel cake I've ever had. And no festival would be complete without music and dancing into the wee hours.

As if that wasn't enough entertainment, there is also a well-attended float parade. Set to a new theme each year, colorful floats, handmade by local businesses, parade through the streets and earn trophies in several categories.

This popular event draws people from all over the surrounding area, so mark your calendar for the Fulton Oysterfest in early March.

Nessie Sighted in Texas!

Imagine my surprise while exploring the coastline when I spotted the Loch Ness Monster! It seems Rockport is not only a favorite destination for winter Texans, but also for Nessie.

After speaking to several locals, I learned this concrete Nessie is far less known than her Scottish counterpart. The four-part sculpture is comprised of a head, two humps, and a tail. Altogether, she's about the length of a pickup truck.

In a nod to the real Nessie, I'll just give you a clue to the concrete Nessie's general whereabouts and let you search for her. Pretend to be an explorer in Scotland if it helps. Start your search for Nessie off Highway 35 between Rockport and Aransas Pass. As pictured in the photo, she's on the water side of an oceanfront road, possibly in a residential neighborhood.

And now, I'm heading to the town of Port Aransas on Mustang Island, an island off the coast of Texas. Yes, there are islands off the coast of Texas. I lived many years on the planet before learning about the islands, many of which are popular tourist destinations. So warm up the RV, get on the free ferry, and join me in Port Aransas!

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