

Downtown Fulton Walking Tour

Have a little fun with the Scavenger Hunt listed below. Bring six or more items into the Visitor Center at 319 Broadway in Downtown Rockport for special commemorative logo cup.

1. Fulton Cemetery - Land for this community graveyard was set aside when the town of Fulton was platted by George Ware Fulton in 1868. The earliest documented burial is that of a child, Louis L. I. Greenough (1868-1869). Also interred here are European immigrant settlers, prominent local citizens, and veterans of the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. Located 3 blocks east of SH 35 at 5th and Myrtle Sts. Scavenger Hunt: small wild growing flower

2. Site of Marion Packing Co. - The ruins of this rendering vat mark the location of the Marion Packing Co., one of the dozen or more meat packing plants who processed huge herds of range cattle that roamed Texas after the Civil War. Here beef was dried, salted, or pickled before shipping. Like most of the coastal plants, Marion Packing Co. flourished until about 1880, when shipping cattle to northern markets proved more profitable. Located at Fulton Beach Rd. and Chaparral St. Scavenger Hunt: small rock

3. Fulton Community Church - In 1943, Frank Walker, visiting the area on a fishing trip, preached to a gathering in Fulton; he resigned a position in Fort Worth and moved here to organize a church. The next year, members erected a sanctuary. This nondenominational congregation grew and became a vital community institution. In 1983, members supplemented their old sanctuary with a new structure. Today, the church continues to serve Fulton, Rockport, Lamar, and the surrounding area. Located at the southwest corner of 3rd & Chaparral Sts. Scavenger Hunt: Napkin from nearby restaurant

4. Fulton Schoolhouse Museum - The Schoolhouse Museum is the original one-room schoolhouse of Fulton, TX that was rebuilt in the 1940's after being damaged by a hurricane. Located at 205 N 7th Street in Fulton. Scavenger Hunt: Twig or stick

5. Fulton Harbor - Fulton Harbor has historically been a commercial fishing boat harbor, but has become more popular as a recreational boat harbor in recent years. It's home of the popular Whooping Crane Birding Boat Tours. The Oyster Harvest is a must see as boats return with their catch of the day and ready it for wholesale. Scavenger Hunt: Oyster shell

6. Fulton Community - The town was founded in 1867 by George Ware Fulton, whose mansion is an important local landmark. Schools, churches, and businesses were quickly established in the town. A one-room schoolhouse, built in 1886, was relocated and adapted for use as a city hall. In recent years tourism and commercial fishing and shrimping have become the city's most important economic pursuits. The town of Fulton was incorporated in 1978. Fulton is known for a most popular event called "Fulton Oysterfest." It is held the first four days in March every year. Fulton Town Hall is located at Cactus and Seventh St. in Fulton. Scavenger Hunt: Selfie in front of Fulton Town Hall

7. Fulton Seafood Industry - Special sign at site.

8. Cottages and Tourist Courts - Special sign at site. Scavenger Hunt: Postcard with Fulton, Texas on it.

9. Fulton's Packeries - Special sign at site.

10. Fulton Mansion Historic Home and Education Center -The 1870s Three-story French Second Empire style home is of plank wall construction, with a shell aggregate concrete basement and characteristic mansard roof. An architectural wonder of its time with its own heating and cooling system. Harriet's garden on grounds. Located on the corner of Henderson and Fulton Beach Rd. Scavenger Hunt: Small clover leaf

11. Fulton Convention Center (Paws & Taws) - In the 1960s, a square dance caller from Corpus Christi was asked to teach a beginning square dance class in Aransas Pass. Two couples from Rockport attended that class, had so much fun, and were so enthused about the activity, they wanted to hold a class in Rockport.

They hosted a party and caller Richard Hardy introduced guests to square dancing. At the end of the evening 24 couples (six squares) signed up. By May of 1964, two more classes had been taught. The group adopted the name "Paws & Taws", which are square dance terms for the male and female partners. Today, the building is a popular building for banquets, wedding receptions, fundraisers, corporate meetings, etc. Located on Fulton Harbor. Scavenger Hunt: Palm branch

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