

Corpus Christi Places – Comments. Courtesy of Pro Kites

1. **Portland (Wildcat)**- Wildcat Park in Portland is one of the best spots in the Corpus Christi Area. Because of its location in the bay it is normally the windiest spot during the prevalent SE winds. The shallow knee to waist deep sandy bottom make it a great area for learning. A large sandbar creates flat water close to shore and makes fun knee high waves. This spot is kiter friendly and has showers, a grassy hill to launch off of, and a lunch pavillion to hang out and watch everyone ride. A local crew of about 7-8 kiteboarders can be found here every evening in the spring and summer. Beginners should always wear booties because there are oyster shells close to shore. Prevalent SE winds are onshore so stay safe and give yourself plenty of distance from land.
2. **North Beach**- This beach is located right in front of the Lexington historical Navy ship. The water is deep and normally a little on the choppy side. A sandy beach provides a easy spot for launching and landing.
3. **Oleander (Cole Park)**-This riding area has waist to overhead water. A difficult launch off of a steep hill and a lack of a safe area downwind means that it is only suitable for advanced riders.
4. **NAS (A&M Beach)**-NAS or A&M Beach is located across from Corpus Christi A&M College. A small man-made beach area is surrounded by rock barriers. Launch off the sandy beach, walk out into the water and to the south side (towards the Naval Air Station) of the barriers. A sandy, knee to waist deep bottom is close to shore with deep water a short ways out. This spot only works during cold fronts that produce North, North East, or North West winds.
5. **Packery Channel**-Packery Channel provides flat glassy riding conditions. Knee to waist deep with a seagrass bottom. Recently a channel was constructed connecting Packery Channel to the ocean. This has greatly increased the use of the channel for boats and created a hazard for kiteboarders. NEVER ride in the channel. There is plenty of room beyond the channel for riding. Booties are a must for this spot because of oyster shells. Always check with locals about where oyster reefs are located.
6. **Fish Pass**-Some of the best flat water in Corpus Christi. A 4 wheel drive is a must depending on road conditions and after heavy rains it may be impossible to get to. If you survive the adventure you will find a huge riding area of incredibly flat water created by a sand bar. Works best on a NW wind. Knee to waist deep with a grassy bottom.
7. **Port Aransas**-This is the ultimate wave riding spot, when a cold front brings some strong NE winds. A easy beach launch with a long rock jetty that provides butter flat water next to it, and nice rolling waves that get bigger the farther you get away from it. This is a favorite spot of many locals whenever a cold front moves through.
8. **JP Luby Park**-JP is a ocean side riding spot located on the North side of Packery Channel. A rock jetty can make for some good waves during a strong SE wind. A large beach area is available for launching.

Note: This a a very popular spot for surfing. Always launch and ride downwind of all surfers and beach users. The beach stretches for miles so simply drive down the beach if it is crowded.