



Site Information: Galveston Bay – Virginia Point

Location:

Check in/Registration at Reitan Point
Virginia Point Peninsula Preserve, I-45
Galveston, TX 77551

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Special Notes:

*Pre-registration required for large groups.
This site is not recommended for elementary
or middle school groups or younger scout
groups.

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Driving Directions:

From Houston take I-45 South to Bayou Vista Frontage Road Exit 6. Exit and continue South on the I-45 feeder. You will see the Virginal Point Preserve roadside wetlands. Continue on to Scenic Galveston's I-45 roadside parking area, called Reitan Point. Look for the big yellow Trash Bash sign and volunteers directing traffic.

Parking:

Scenic Galveston's I-45 roadside parking area, called Reitan Point.

Registration Area:

Register at Reitan Point for a volunteer assignment.

Area To Be Cleaned:

The Scenic Galveston preserve complex is close to Galveston, Bayou Vista, Tiki Island, Hitchcock and Santa Fe. The combined 2,500 acre preserve includes multiple cleanup sites. The area includes salt marsh, open bay shoreline, prairie wetlands and other coastal habitats. This site can use paddlers who would like to go after waterborne trash or into more remote areas of the preserve. Kayakers and canoers, please call us in advance so we can determine if there is sufficient interest from group paddlers to help with the cleanup. We may designate a site specifically to canoers and kayakers. Several sites within the Scenic Galveston Nature Preserve Complex to be cleaned include the O'Quinn I-45 Corridor wetlands and Virginia Point Peninsula.

Schedule for the Day:

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Registration
8:30 am – 12:00 pm	Cleanup
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch, door prizes, activities

Visit www.TrashBash.org for information on the event, safety, and the required waiver.



Site Information: General Event Safety and Information

Registration, Liability Waiver, and Photo Release Form:

Every participant must sign a registration form that includes a liability waiver section and photo release before participating in the cleanup. Minors must have the form signed by their parent or guardian, not just a chaperone. Registration forms can be downloaded in English or Spanish from the Trash Bash® [website](#) so that you can print the form, complete it in advance, and bring it with you. This is especially recommended for larger groups to help speed up the registration process.

What to wear/bring:

Trash Bash® will happen rain or shine unless inclement weather poses a danger to participants. Conditions can be slippery, muddy, or overgrown, and temperatures can range from cold to warm. It is recommended that you bring the following items: pants, sunscreen, hats, insect repellent, rubber boots or sturdy closed-toed shoes you don't mind getting dirty, and rain gear.

NO sandals or flip-flops. Volunteers wearing inappropriate footwear will not be allowed to participate.

Trash NOT to pickup:

Do not pick up medical waste, 55-gallon drums or other sealed closed or sealed containers, hazardous materials, broken glass, partially buried items, or heavy items requiring more than one person to lift it. Tell a site organizer the location of the item, and the proper authority will be called for their collection.

You can watch a safety video [here](#).

Public Health Guidelines:

Due to ongoing public health concerns, Trash Bash® asks that you follow these protocols:

- Do not attend Trash Bash® if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, have tested positive, or been exposed to someone who tested positive in the last 5 days.
- Please maintain a 6-foot distance between yourself and anyone not in your group at all times.
- All participants are strongly encouraged to wear a mask in areas where people might need to gather in larger groups such as registration, supply distribution, and lunch. Masks will be required to ride any event transportation to satellite cleanup locations.

What is provided for volunteers at Trash Bash®:

Supplies

Trash Bash® cleanup locations provide volunteers with gloves and trash bags. Trash grabbers are available but are limited and are not provided to every individual. If you have your own gloves or trash grabbers you prefer to use you may bring them with you.

T-shirt

All volunteers receive a Trash Bash® t-shirt at the beginning of the event.

Lunch/Drinks

All volunteers are invited to stay after the cleanup for a free lunch. Lunch usually consists of hot dogs, chips, and cookies. Water is available throughout the event. Individual sites may have additional beverage options.

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