

ANAHUAC

“THE ALLIGATOR CAPITAL OF TEXAS”



Anahuac is located in Chambers County at the mouth of the Trinity River on Trinity and Galveston Bays. It is approximately 45 miles east of the Houston Metropolitan area, 45 miles west of Port Arthur and 45 miles southwest of Beaumont. In the 2000 census there were 2,210 people residing in 803 households.

The area is known internationally for its rich natural resources. Fishing, oyster industries, farming, ranching, as well as the petrochemical industry call the area home.

In 1832 an armed conflict between Texas and Mexican forces erupted and blood was shed, sparking fighting at Fort Velasco. This is said to have been the first shots of the Texas Revolution, giving Fort Anahuac the honor of being called the “Birthplace of the Texas Revolution”,

Each fall the area presents TEXAS GATORFEST, the biggest event in Chambers County. “This truly unique festival combines the alligator, family and good ol’ fashioned Texas two-stepping fun”. Gatorfest is held in conjunction with the opening of ‘gator hunting season. Almost 30, 000 people attend every year and it brings over half a million dollars into the community annually. Unfortunately, this year’s festival had to be cancelled due to destruction of Hurricane Ike.

Anahuac is home to the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge, which is popular among birdwatchers because almost 250 species of birds have been reported there. Hurricane Ike destroyed thousands of homes in the area and caused catastrophic damage to several wildlife refuges in the area.