Mission Site:
Fulton Mansion State Historic Site

Location:
317 Fulton Beach Rd.
Rockport, TX 78382
Latitude: 28.057579
Longitude: -97.03497

Estimated Time for Completion:
30 minutes on site/ 30 minutes at home

Age Appropriate:
K - 12th Grades

Education and History Center:
Open Tues - Sat, 9:30 - 4:30
Sundays, 12:30 - 4:30
Admission not required for Mission

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Fulton Mansion State Historic Site is located in Aransas County in the small town of Rockport, about 35 miles north of Corpus Christi. The 2.7-acre coastal site is a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark. During the 1870s, George and Harriet Fulton made their fortune in the cattle ranching business. To symbolize their success, they built their mansion, and called it Oakhurst. The state of Texas restored the mansion in 1976 - 1983, and it opened to visitors as a historic house museum.

The Fulton Mansion’s Trees...
The Mansion has many trees on its grounds. Most of the Mansion’s beautiful Live Oak trees are older than the house. The “windswept” Live Oaks lean inland because the southeast winds constantly blow in from the coast. You’ll explore the Fulton Mansion grounds to learn more about the trees that grow along the Texas Coast.

Let’s Get Started on Your Challenge!
1. Explore the grounds around the Fulton Mansion.
2. Use the clues to locate the trees.
3. Complete your worksheet.
4. Take one leaf from your favorite tree.
5. Use the instructions on the worksheet to dry and press the leaf for your Nature Challenge Scrapbook.

The Mansion’s Trees

- **Crape Myrtle**: *Lagerstroemia indica*
- **Wild Olive**: *Cordia boissieri*
- **Yaupon Holly**: *Ilex vomitoria*
- **Cabbage Palm**: *Sabal palmetto*
- **Live Oak**: *Quercus fusiformis*

Every tree has a common name and a scientific name.
- Circle the scientific name and try saying it for fun.
- Try to find these trees using the clues on the next page!
Can you find the five trees on page 1 using the clues below? Write the common and scientific names in the blanks.

**Hint:** I live in a shady corner of the garden near the wood fence.

Tree Name: _______________________________________

Scientific Name: ___________________________________

**Hint:** I bask in the sunshine near the Education and History Center.

Tree Name: _______________________________________

Scientific Name: ___________________________________

**Hint:** I greet you at the Texas-shaped pavestones leading into the garden.

Tree Name: _______________________________________

Scientific Name: ___________________________________

**Hint:** I stand tall and straight in front of the Mansion.

Tree Name: _______________________________________

Scientific Name: ___________________________________

**Hint:** I provide shade and shelter to all the children who play in the yard.

Tree Name: _______________________________________

Scientific Name: ___________________________________
Carefully observe your favorite tree. Do you see any insects or animals in your tree? Draw a picture of your favorite tree with an animal or insect that you see.

1) Collect ONE leaf from your favorite tree around the Fulton Mansion.
2) Make sure your leaf is completely dry and free of any bugs.
3) Flatten the leaf with your fingers.
4) Get a large book, like a dictionary, and open it up to the middle.
5) Insert a piece of folded tissue paper into the open book page.
6) Place your leaf into the tissue paper.
7) Close the book and leave the leaf in the closed book for AT LEAST six weeks.
8) Remove the leaf from the book and your dried leaf is done.
9) You can further preserve your dried leaf by placing it on acid free paper and even laminating it.
10) Place your dried leaf in your Nature Challenge scrapbook as evidence of this completed mission.

Victorian children enjoyed collecting things including plants. They gathered and pressed their favorite flowers and leaves to create scientific reference collections.

The oldest tree on the Mansion’s grounds is over 300 years old!