

# Big Bend National Park

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## Big Bend National Park Texas

Big Bend National Park is located approximately 100 miles south of Fort Stockton, TX.

The National Park borders the Rio Grande, which marks the international boundary between the United States and Mexico.



## Hiking Trails

There are a number of hiking trails in the park.

Dogs are not allowed anywhere that your vehicle cannot go. Dogs are permitted in developed campgrounds. There are no kennels in the park.

As a result, the potential activities available to visitors with pets are limited!



# The Desert

Most of the National Park is isolated desert.

Although weather conditions can fluctuate, the best time to visit is from late fall through early spring, when temperatures tend to be moderate.

Only those who love the suffocating heat should visit the Park during the summer.



## Desert, River, and Mountain

In addition to the desert, the Park contains the Rio Grande river and some mountainous areas.

For those without pets, developed hiking trails are found in all three regions.



## The Rio Grande

The park is named after the fact that the Rio Grande makes a big bend in this region of South Texas.

The above view of the river is within walking distance of Rio Grand Village, one of a few developed areas in the Park.



## Rio Grande River

This view is from the same location but in the opposite direction.

Note the retaining wall on the opposite (Mexican side) of the river. No, this is not Donald Trump's great wall along the border!

Question: how do you build the border wall down the middle of the river, along the international boundary?



# Moonrise!

Because of its remoteness from civilization, nights are dark. When clouds are absent, the display of stars is impressive.

A moonrise is shown. The flash photography makes the branch in the foreground and the fifth wheel appear brighter than they actually are.





# Reflections on Big Bend National Park

Big Bend is remote and is isolated from civilization. Only a few developed locations offer basic services (a store and gasoline). Be sure that your vehicle is in excellent condition before you visit the park. A vehicle breakdown would prove to be very inconvenient.

The park is not pet-friendly. Bringing your pets will limit what you can do in the park. Without pets, there are a number of hiking possibilities that I was not able to explore.

Developed campgrounds have clean restrooms and drinking water. Many sites are available for tent campers. Larger RVs are mostly limited to the Rio Grande Village campground.

The remoteness of the Park makes it a great place to get away from it all. When there are no clouds, the night skies are littered with a brilliant display of stars.

The park is located in a desert! Temperatures are very hot from late spring through early fall. Although weather conditions vary, the more moderate climate from late fall through early spring is much more conducive for a visit.

**That's all, Folks!**