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West Texas Trail Walkers is an incorporated non-profit sports organization dedicated to promoting outdoor recreation and good health in West Texas.

FEDERAL REGULATIONS PREVENT US FROM COLLECTING MONEY IN THE NATIONAL PARK.

MAIL IN REGISTRATION ONLY. MUST BE POSTMARKED BY 9/16.

Big Bend National Park, TX 79834
(432) 477-2251 29° 15' 0" N 103° 15' 0" W

Eligibility: All persons and ages are welcome. Children under legal age must be accompanied by an adult. None of these events are suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. No smoking on the trails.

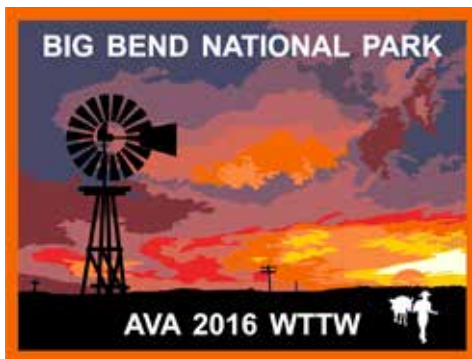
No Refunds: There will be no refunds for no shows and no transferring of fees between events. There will also be no refunds for those refused a start stamp due to non-compliance with minimum water requirements.

Event Fees: \$3.00 per walk with AVA credit.

Park Fees: Big Bend National Park fee is \$25 per vehicle and is good for seven days or use your annual pass.

Pets: No pets allowed on trails in the national park.

2016 Big Bend National Park Souvenir Patch: Depicts the amazing Big Bend sunset we had in 2013 during our dinner banquet in Terlinqua. Cost: \$6.



Actual photo shown on front of brochure.



NOTE: The Chisos Basin Rd. is not for trailers over 20 ft. or RV's over 24 ft.

Several highways lead to Big Bend National Park: TX 118 from Alpine to Study Butte or FM 170 from Presidio to Study Butte (then 26 miles east to park headquarters) or US 90 or US 385 to Marathon (then 70 miles south to park headquarters).

Distances between towns and services are considerable. Be sure you have plenty of gas, oil, food, and water for your trip. The park has four camp stores, but supply and selection can be limited. There are also small stores in the communities outside the park. The last major shopping areas (grocery and hardware stores) are Alpine, Fort Stockton, and Del Rio.



WEST TEXAS TRAIL WALKERS
CELEBRATING 35 YEARS

Big Bend National Park

October 7-9, 2016



Lost Mine

October 7th – SW16/104951 – 5/10 km

South Rim

October 8th – SW16/104952 – 5/10/17/24 km

Chimneys at Sunrise

October 9th – SW16/104953 – 5/10 km

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Photo credit: Pam Spier

Lost Mine Trail

Dates: Friday, October 7, 2016
Start Point: Amphitheater parking lot, Chisos Basin
Walk Director: Dianne Duke & Lesley Bowen
Start Times: 8:00 am – 11:00 pm
Finish Time: 3:00 pm
Distances: 5km or 10km (out-and-back)
Rated: 3C (moderate) Climbs 5,600' to 6,850'.
Highlights: Magnificent views of Casa Grande Peak, upper Pine Canyon and Juniper Canyon.
Trail Description: The trail climbs to the motel parking area where you will be shuttled to the trailhead. The first part of the trail features more gentle slopes. The "Lookout" is a great place to rest as the trail gets steeper from there. The trail ends at a rock that juts abruptly upward to a point. Rest and enjoy the views.
Restrooms: Restrooms near the start/finish.
Workers' Walk: 8:00 am Wednesday 10/5. Meet at Lost Mine Trailhead. **Limited parking. Please carpool.**
Directions: Stop at ranger station for a park map and directions to the Amphitheater in Chisos Basin.



Photo credit: Pam Spier

South Rim Trail

Dates: Saturday, October 8, 2016
Start Point: Amphitheater parking lot, Chisos Basin
Walk Director: Linda Fields & Frank Forestier
Start Time: 8:00 am – 8:30 am. Due to the difficulty of this hike, you must be at a specified location by 11:30 am in order to continue to South Rim.
Finish Time: 4:00 pm
Distances: 5km/10km (out-and-back), 17km loop via Colima Trail shortcut or 24km loop to South Rim.
Rated: 5D (Strenuous) 2,000'+ elevation gain.
Highlights: Great views of mountains and desert. Keep lookout for the "Boot" formation.
Trail Description: This challenging trail is well worth the stunning vistas and you will pass through some of the lushest environment in the Chisos. **CARRY PLENTY OF WATER & SNACKS!**
Restrooms: Restrooms near the start/finish.
Workers' Walk: 8:00 am Thursday 10/6. Meet at picnic tables by park store at Chisos Mountain Lodge.
Directions: Stop at ranger station for a park map and directions to the Amphitheater in Chisos Basin.



Photo credit: Richard R. Barron, The Traveler

Chimneys at Sunrise

Dates: Sunday, October 9, 2016
Start Point: Lower Burro Mesa Pourroff parking lot
Walk Directors: Susan & Joe Noonan
Start Time: 7:30 am - 8:30 am
Finish Time: 11:30 am
Distances: 5 km (out & back) or 10 km (out & back)
Rated: 2B (moderate) Very little elevation gain.
Highlights: Explore and find the Indian petroglyphs and remains of shelters used by herders.
Trail Description: A moderate hike to a series of prominent volcanic dike formations. **THIS IS A DESERT HIKE** so bring a hat, sunscreen and plenty of water. Start early and watch the sun rise over the desert floor. Walk ends on the cooler Burro Mesa Pourroff Trail.
Restrooms: No restrooms. Take advantage of last restroom stop at Sotol Vista overlook.
Workers' Walk: 8:00 am Thursday 10/6. Meet at Lower Burro Mesa Pourroff parking lot. **Please carpool.**
Directions: Take Ross Maxwell Scenic Road (toward Castalon) and proceed for about 12 miles to Lower Burro Mesa Pourroff sign. Take spur to end parking lot. After check-in, we will shuttle to Chimney's Trailhead.

Wine & Cheese Appreciation Social

FOR OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS & NEW MEMBERS Meet & greet at our complimentary wine & cheese social.

When: Friday, October 7 @ 6:00 pm
Where: The Party Barn at Big Bend Resort
 Hwy 118 @ 170, Terlinqua. (Look for windmill)
 Allow one hour driving time from the Basin.

Annual Dinner & Meeting

Pre-registration is required to guarantee you a seat for dinner. **Pre-registrations must be postmarked by September 16th.**

When: Saturday, October 8, 2016 @ 7:00 pm
Where: The Party Barn at Big Bend Resort
 Hwy 118 @ 170, Terlinqua. (Look for the Windmill).
 Allow one hour driving time from the Basin.

Menu: Salad, Fajitas, Rice, Beans, Cobbler, Tea (BYOB)





Sights-to-See

Big Bend is named for the vast curve of the Rio Grande in remote southwest Texas. It is a hiker's paradise containing the largest expanse of roadless public lands in Texas.

Santa Elena Canyon—is one of the best-known natural features in Big Bend National Park. A short nature trail enters its shady depths.

Hot Springs Historic District—Take a walk back in time by studying rock art on the limestone cliffs or visit the old post office. You can still soak in the 105°F waters that bubble up from a hole in the ground. After a long day of hiking in the park you may feel its curative powers.

Boquillas Crossing is now open—A rowboat will ferry visitors across the Rio Grande into Mexico at the Port of Boquillas, which is in the southeastern section of the park near Rio Grande Village. Rowboat ride is \$5 roundtrip per person. Interesting experience and lunch at Falcons is worth the trip. Check with rangers on border regulations. Open 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Wednesday – Sunday. Passports required.

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Rules of the Trail

- » We require 2 quarts of water for 20km and 1 quart for 10km. One gallon is recommended.
- » Come prepared for quick changes in temperature.
- » 20° difference between the basin and the desert.
- » **Parking is limited at most trailheads. Please carpool for workers' walks & events.**

PLACES TO STAY:

HOST HOTEL

Big Bend Resort & Adventures

Route 118 @ Route 170, Terlinqua

877-386-4383 or 432-371-2218

<http://bigbendresort.com/lodging/>

Tell them you are with West Texas Trail Walkers for special discounted rates.

Late checkout available on Sunday at 2:00 pm. Serving early breakfast Thurs-Sat at 6:00 am.

\$77 King or 2 Queens

\$59 Single Queen (located across the highway)

AAA rated, full service establishment with rooms, duplexes and trailer court with full hook ups and tent camping.

Chisos Mountain Lodge **877-386-4383**

(located in the park) or **432-477-2291**

www.chisosmountainlodge.com/lodging/

The only lodge in the park is nestled in the high Chisos Mountains and features a restaurant, convenience store and gift shop.

Big Bend National Park **877-444-6777**

www.ReserveUSA.com (3 campgrounds)

Chisos Mining Co. Motel **432-371-2254**

(Terlinqua) www.cmc.cm

Offers a full range of accommodations at very reasonable and competitive rates.

Las Casitas **800-839-7238**

(Terlinqua) bigbendfarflung.com/lodging

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