

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

**IF YOU WANT AVA CREDIT
YOU MUST REGISTER BY SEPT 10**

ONLY FREE WALKERS CAN REGISTER ON-SITE.

West Texas Trail Walkers

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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.

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.

Early Registration: Everyone who wishes AVA credit or patch or wishes to attend the dinner banquet must have their registrations postmarked by September 10th.

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

Park Fees: Big Bend National Park fee is \$20 per vehicle for seven days or use your annual pass.

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

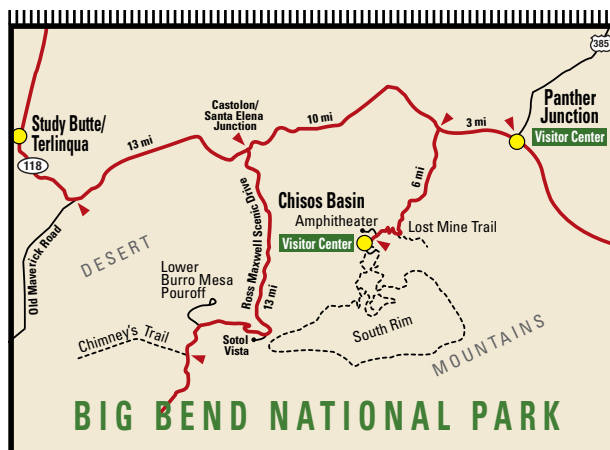
2013 Big Bend National Park Souvenir Patch: Depicts Casa Grande peeking through the Window. Only 50 will be available for sale. Cost: \$6.



**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 32 YEARS

Big Bend National Park

October 11-13, 2013



Lost Mine Trail

October 11th – SW13/95844 – 5/10 km

South Rim

October 12th – SW13/95845 – 10/17/24 km

Chimney's Trail Sunrise Hike

October 13th – SW13/95847 – 5/10 km

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Lost Mine Trail

Dates: Friday, October 11, 2013

Start Point: Amphitheater in Chisos Basin

Walk Director: Dianne Duke

Registration Open: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Finish Time: 4:00 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.

Worker's Walk: 8:00 am Wednesday 10/9.
Meet at Lost Mine Trailhead.

Directions: Stop at ranger station for a map of the park and directions to Amphitheater in the Chisos Basin. You will be shuttled to/from the trailhead.



South Rim

Dates: Saturday, October 12, 2013

Start Point: Amphitheater in 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: 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.

Worker's Walk: 8:00 am Thursday 10/10. Meet at picnic tables by park store at Chisos Basin Lodge.

Directions: Stop at ranger station for a map of the park and directions to the Amphitheater.



Chimney's Sunrise Hike

Dates: Sunday, October 13, 2013

Start Point: Lower Burro Mesa Pouroff

Walk Directors: Lesley Bowen & Teresa Ingram

Start Time: 7:00 am - 8:00 am

Finish Time: 11:00 am

Distances: 5 km (out & back) or 10 km (out & back)

Rated: 2B (moderate) Very little elevation gain.

Highlights: Indian petroglyphs and remains of shelters used by herders are evident as you explore unique rock formations.

Trail Description: A moderate hike to a series of prominent volcanic dike formations. THIS IS A DESERT HIKE so plan accordingly and bring a hat, sunscreen and plenty of water. Start early and watch the sun rise over the desert floor.

Restrooms: No restrooms. Take advantage of last restroom stop at Sotol Vista overlook as you drive by.

Worker's Walk: No workers walk for this event.

Directions: Take Ross Maxwell Scenic Road and proceed for about 12 miles to Lower Burro Mesa Pouroff sign. Take spur to parking lot. Allow 1 hour. After check-in, we will carpool 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 11 @ 6:00 pm

Where: Courtyard of Chisos Basin Lodge in front of buildings A & B.

Annual Dinner & Meeting

Pre-registration is required to guarantee you a seat for dinner.

All pre-registrations must be received by September 10th.

When: Saturday, October 12, 2013 @ 7:00 pm

Where: The Party Barn at Big Bend Motor Inn
Hwy 118 @ 170, Terlinqua. (Look for the Windmill).
(Allow one hour driving time from the Basin.)

Menu: Chicken & Beef Fajitas, Rice, Beans, Tea, Cobbler



Hiking is fun and rewarding. It's a very special thing being surrounded by nature and its beauty. To see the prickly pear in bloom, a buck run through the forest, a sunrise over the desert floor or a falcon soar overhead, these are the rewards to our senses.

And while we are taking it all in and enjoying our surroundings, we also must take responsibility. Accidents can happen on the trail and everyone needs to stay alert, be prepared and pack your backpack with items to help yourself and/or others.

You should always carry plenty of water, compass, sunscreen, hat, rain gear, ibuprofen, pocket knife, ace bandage and some kind of wound cleaner.

The following 16 page Wilderness and Remote First Aid is a pocket guide put out by the American Red Cross. We recommend everyone read and come prepared to hike with us in Big Bend National Park.

POCKET GUIDE

The logo of the American Red Cross, featuring a red cross symbol.

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Wilderness and Remote First Aid

A black and white photograph showing two hikers with large backpacks walking along a narrow, rocky trail through a dense forest. The trees are tall and thin, and the ground is covered with rocks and fallen leaves.

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Launching the first boat to Boquillas in almost 11 years.
Photo from Visit Big Bend on Facebook.

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. The crossing has been closed since 2002, when the United States shut it down in the aftermath of 9/11. Check with rangers on border regulations. Open 9:00 am to 6:00 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.
- » West Texas is extremely dry and can be very hot.
- » Come prepared for quick changes in temperature.
- » 20° difference between the basin and the desert.
- » Check rules & regulations for border crossings.

PLACES TO STAY:

HOST HOTEL

Chisos Mountain Lodge 877-386-4383
(located in the park) or 432-477-2291
<http://www.chisosmountainslodge.com/>

At check-in, tell them you are with the West Texas Trail Walkers and receive a 10% discount.

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 (3 campgrounds)
www.ReserveUSA.com 877-444-6777

Big Bend Resort 432-371-2218
(Terlinqua) bigbendresort.com/BBNP

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

Las Casitas 800-839-7238
(Terlinqua) bigbendfarflung.com/lodging

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Chisos Mining Co. Motel 432-371-2254
(Terlingua) www.cmcm.com

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