



Casa Grande is a prominent peak in the Chisos Mountains. Casa grande means big house in Spanish. This view from the Pinnacles Trail can be seen on Saturday's South Rim Hike.

BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK

The Big Bend of the Rio Grande is named for the vast curve of the fabled river in remote southwest Texas. It is a wildly beautiful natural region, with a complex and fascinating history.

Big Bend is part of the vast Chihuahuan Desert that extends from Central Mexico into Southern New Mexico. In the Big Bend, 3 basic life zones are found: Desert, River, and Mountain.

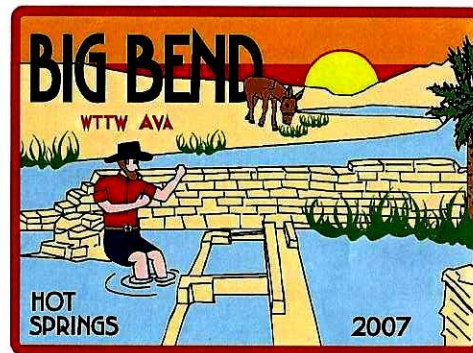
While the isolation of Big Bend National Park is a drawing point for many visitors, it also means that your trip must be well prepared and carefully planned.

Big Bend National Park is located in southwest Texas, hundreds of miles from the nearest cities and transportation hubs. There is no public transportation to or in Big Bend National Park. Distances between towns and services can be considerable. Always be sure you have plenty of gas, oil, food, and water for your trip.



West Texas Trail Walkers
invite you to a
West Texas Adventure
October 5-7, 2007

BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK



Three hiking events sponsored by the
West Texas Trail Walkers featuring:

WINDOW

October 5th – SW07/77690 – 5, 10 km

SOUTH RIM

October 6th – SW07/77691 – 5, 12, 15, 20 km

HOT SPRINGS

October 7th – SW07/77692 – 5, 12 km



Eligible for credit toward
IVV Achievement Awards



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AVA 60, TX 19

www.ava.org/clubs/wttw

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

Eligibility: All persons and ages are welcome. Children under legal age must be accompanied by an adult. No pets allowed on the trails. This is a park rule. 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. In addition, everyone must pay the national park entrance fees. See pre-registration form for more information.

2007 Big Bend Events Patch: is shown 63% of actual size. Only 75 patches have been ordered. There will be no re-orders.



PLACES TO STAY:

Big Bend National Park	
Chisos Mountain Lodge	432-477-2291
Big Bend National Park	(3 campgrounds)
www.reserveusa.com	877-444-6777

Study Butte/Terlingua	
Big Bend Motor Inn	800-848-BEND
Mission Lodge	432-371-2218
Chisos Mining Co. Motel	432-371-2254

Marathon	
Gage Hotel	800-884-GAGE

For more information on the area, visit:
www.visitbigbend.com, or www.nps.gov/bibe



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

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THE WINDOW

Dates: Friday, October 5, 2007

Start Point: Amphitheater in Chisos Basin

Start Times: 12:00 Noon - 2:00 pm

Finish Time: 5:00 pm

Distances: 5*, 10 km

Rated: 4, due to elevation and elevation change.

Highlights: Excellent trail for viewing birds.
Outstanding views of Casa Grande and the desert.

Trail Description: The trail passes through an area of open vegetation before dropping into Oak Creek Canyon and following it to where it narrows down to only 20 feet at the base of the Window. Thousands of years of erosion have carved and polished this gorge. *5K is rated 2 and is thru the Chisos Basin Campground.

Worker's Walk: Wednesday, Oct. 3rd @ 8:00 am.
Meet at the Amphitheater, Chisos Basin Campground.



APPRECIATION WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

FOR VOLUNTEER WORKERS
AND NEW MEMBERS

When: Friday, October 5, 2007 @ 6:00 pm

Where: The Basin. Exact place to be determined.
Look for a sign at start table or ask one of the volunteers or board members.



SOUTH RIM

Dates: Saturday, October 6, 2007

Start Point: Amphitheater in Chisos Basin

Start Times: 8:00 am - 9:00 am

Finish Time: 4:00 pm

Distances: 5, 12, 15, 20 km

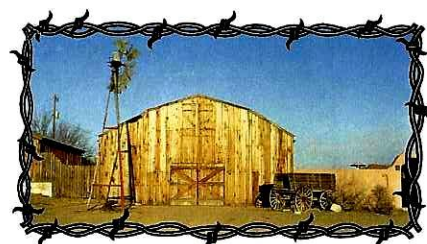
You must be at a specified location by 11:00 am
in order to do the 20 km.

Rated: 5+, due to elevation and elevation change.

Highlights: Great views of mountains and desert.

Trail Description: Very strenuous hike. The South Rim is one of the most scenic areas of the park with tremendous views of the Chihuahuan Desert. CARRY PLENTY OF WATER & SNACKS ON THIS ONE!

Worker's Walk: Thursday, Oct. 4th @ 8:00 am
Meet at the Amphitheater, Chisos Basin Campground.



DINNER AND MEETING

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

When: Saturday, October 6, 2007 @ 7:00 pm

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

Menu: Barbeque buffet and cash bar (beer & wine)



HOT SPRINGS

Dates: Sunday, October 7, 2007

Start Point: Rio Grande Village Store

Start Times: 8:00 am - 9:00 am

Allow one hour driving time from the Basin.

Finish Time: 2:00 pm

Distances: 5*, 12 km

Rated: 4, due to elevation and elevation change.

Highlights: Great views of the Rio Grande River and Mexico, hot springs, palm trees and petroglyphs.

Trail Description: Bring your swimsuit or soak your feet in the 105 degree water. *5K is rated 1+ and wanders thru the Rio Grande Village Campground and Nature Trail.

Worker's Walk: Wednesday, Oct. 3rd @ 8:00 am.
Meet at the Amphitheater, Chisos Basin Campground and we will carpool to the Rio Grande Village.



IT'S THE LAW!

THE SHERIFF'S RECOMMENDED HIKING REQUIREMENTS:

1. You must carry prescribed amounts of your own water. Minimum of 2 quarts for 20 km and 1 quart for 10 km. We recommend more.
2. We recommend hiking boots with lugged soles and reinforced toe box.
3. Hats, sunscreen, and long sleeves are strongly recommended.
4. Dress in layers as weather can change quickly. It is typically much cooler in the mountains and warmer along the Rio Grande.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

One per person

- MUST BE POSTMARKED BY SEPT. 10, 2007 -

Events:	Price
☐ Friday Hike (Credit Only)	\$3.00
☐ Saturday Hike (Credit Only)	\$3.00
☐ Friday Hike (Credit Only)	\$3.00
☐ Friday Night Wine & Cheese	FREE
☐ Saturday Night Dinner	\$23.00
☐ 2007 Big Bend Events Patch	\$6.00

Total: _____

Volunteer Opportunities:

- ☐ Friday Event - Checkpoint
- ☐ Friday Event - Start/Finish
- ☐ Saturday Event - Checkpoint
- ☐ Saturday Event - Start/Finish
- ☐ Sunday Event - Checkpoint
- ☐ Sunday Event - Start/Finish

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

email: _____

I have read the trail description and the requirements and certify that I am in sufficiently good health to undertake the walks of the nature described. I understand the sponsors, the AVA, or Big Bend National Park cannot be held responsible for any lost or stolen articles, accident, or injury of any kind. Reasonable efforts will be made to make the events safe and enjoyable. I understand that I am responsible for carrying all water, snacks and refreshments that I may need on the trail.

Signature

Mail pre-registration form & check to:
Linda Fields, West Texas Trail Walkers,
3200 Clawson Rd., Austin, TX 78704.