

Area Activities

BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK-<http://www.nps.gov/bibe> or <http://www.visitbigbend.com/>

Big Bend is one of the largest and least-visited American national parks. Over 801,000 acres await your exploration and enjoyment. From an elevation of less than 2,000 feet along the Rio Grande to nearly 8,000 feet in the Chisos Mountains, Big Bend includes massive canyons, vast desert expanses and the entire Chisos Mountain range. Here, you can explore one of the last remaining wild corners of the United States and experience unmatched sights, sounds and solitude. 432.426.3640

FAR FLUNG ADVENTURES-<http://ffoc.net>

Far Flung Adventures has been putting people and rivers together since 1977, and besides being safe, comfortable and educational, river trips are a whole lot of fun. Terlingua, TX • 800.839.7238

DESERT SPORTS-<http://www.desertsportstx.com/>

Desert Sports has everything you need for your Big Bend sports-adventure needs—supplies, hire and organized trips. Terlingua, TX • 432.371.2727 • 888.989.6900

FORT DAVIS LAJITAS STABLES-<http://www.lajitasstables.com/>

Experience the southwest as cowboys did over 100 years ago. 432.371.2212 • 800.887.4331

BIG BEND RIVER TOURS-<http://www.bigbendrivers.com/>

Discover the magic of Big Bend. Come raft or canoe the canyons, hike the desert or mountain trails, or four-wheel to remote Indian camps, old mines or forgotten homesteads. Terlingua, TX • 432.371.3033 • 800.545.4240

MARFA GLIDER RIDES-<http://www.flygliders.com/>

Fly through the air over Big Bend for an experience of a lifetime. Marfa, TX • 800.667.9464

BIG BEND STABLES

Desert riding at its finest. Sunset rides, saddle/paddle combos and overnight trips. 432-371-2212

TEXAS RIVER EXPEDITIONS

For over 26 years, Texas River Expeditions has been leading guided trips throughout the Big Bend area. Our specialty is river trips with a “naturalist” theme. Our staff spends many hours learning how to teach others about the special ecosystem found in the Chihuahuan desert. Plants, animals, astronomy, geology, cultural and human history are all part of our world in the Big Bend. Come see us—we’ll let you in on the secrets of the desert. Terlingua, TX • 800.839.7238

MUSEUM OF THE BIG BEND

Located off Hwy 90 on the Sul Ross University campus, the museum has been collecting and exhibiting artifacts of the vast Big Bend region for more than 70 years. Alpine, TX • 432.837-8143

BALMORHEA STATE PARK-<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/balmorhea/>

Located four miles west of Balmorhea on Texas Highway 17 in Toyahville, this site features a 3.5-million gallon spring-fed pool. 432.375.2370

CHIHUAHUA DESERT NATUE CENTER & BOTANICAL GARDENS-<https://cdri.org/index.html>

Located four miles south of Fort Davis on Texas Highway 118, the center introduces visitors to the Chihuahuan desert region. Along with a multitude of desert plant life specimens, the institute offers nature trails and information on the flora and fauna of the desert. 432.364.2499

THE CHINATI FOUNDATION MUSEUM-<http://www.chinati.org/>

Permanent and temporary exhibits of contemporary art and sculpture create a dramatic juxtaposition to the stark, desert landscape and rural culture of West Texas. Located on the south side of Marfa, the foundation attracts artists and art lovers worldwide. For more information, call 432.729.4362

MARFA LIGHTS-<http://www.marfalights.com/>

Visit the Marfa Lights viewing area almost any night of the year, and you'll see mysterious lights that have piqued the imagination of humans for over 100 years. A structure built by the Texas Department of Transportation houses restrooms and a viewing deck. Bring your binoculars. Watch the free 8-minute documentary video at Apache Trading Post in Alpine before heading out to view the Marfa Mystery Lights.

TERLINGUA GHOST TOWN-<http://www.historic-terlingua.com/ghosttown.htm>

Visit the old cemetery of the once-booming mining town of Terlingua, drive among the ruins of old structures, enjoy an evening of food and music at La Kiva or the Starlight Theatre, or meet up with one of several river rafting and jeep rental firms that operate their businesses out of Terlingua.

OTHER AREA RESOURCES:

Marathon Chamber of Commerce www.visitmarathontexas.com

Brewster County Tourism Council www.visitbigbend.com

Alpine Chamber of Commerce www.alpinetexas.com

Marfa Chamber of Commerce www.marfacc.com

Fort Davis Chamber of Commerce www.fortdavis.com

Local Weather Report www.marathontexasweather.com

Big Bend National Park Weather Report <http://visitbigbend.com/weather/item/213-big-bend-np-forecast>

ANNUAL AREA EVENTS CALENDAR

February	Cowboy Social & Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Alpine
April	Viva Big Bend Food Festival in Alpine, Marathon, Marfa & Fort Davis
July	Cowboy Chili Cook-Off & Post Park Dance in Marathon
July	Viva Big Bend Music Festival in Alpine, Marathon, Marfa & Fort Davis
September	West Fest Cabrito Cook-Off in Marathon
October	M2M Marathon in Marathon
November	Cowboy Social in Marathon
December	Fiesta de Noche Buena (Gallery Night) in Marathon

Click here for Tri-County Area Events Calendar- texasmountaintrail.com/events