

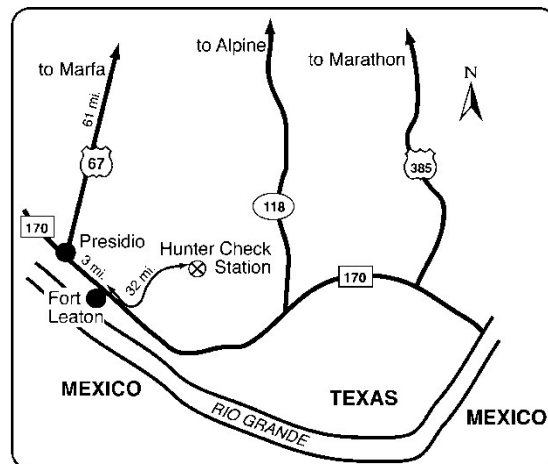


Big Bend Ranch State Park

Background

Big Bend Ranch's 310,000 acres, of which approximately 190,000 acres are open to hunts, lie west of Big Bend National Park covering some 400 square miles. For the most part, the park is desert grassland or succulent-desert grassland and rocky slopes.

Successful applicants must meet at the Saucedo Ranger Station by 8:30 a.m. on the first morning of their hunt. All hunters desiring to stay on the park during the hunt period may stay at Saucedo headquarters or at a campsite within their assigned compartment. The hunting permit will serve to waive the park entrance fee. All other standard park fees apply during the hunt. Call the Park headquarters for further information or accommodations (432) 358-4444.



Hunting Information

It is recommended that hunters have a four-wheel drive vehicle or a rough country high clearance vehicle to participate in this hunt. A jeep or four wheeled drive vehicle that has an elevated seat in the bed of the vehicle or on the back of a jeep, is strictly **prohibited**. The check station is located at the Saucedo Ranger Station (see map). Hunters possessing a special permit should report to the hunter check station at 8:30 a.m. on the first day of their assigned hunt period. **Hunters must contact the area as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt or not able to arrive on the first day for orientation.** Following a brief orientation, hunters will be assigned or directed to a preselected compartment designated by Parks and Wildlife personnel. Hunters must hunt only in assigned compartments. Hunting will end at 11:00 a.m. on the final day of the assigned hunt. All park rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations. Standby hunting will not be offered.

During firearms hunts all hunters must visibly wear a minimum of 400 square inches of fluorescent orange material with no less than 144 square inches plainly visible on both chest and back and orange headwear. A high powered rifle with telescopic sight is recommended.

Hunters will be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest. No facilities for deer storage will be available at the Park.

Hunters are reminded that they must have a valid Texas hunting license and any stamps as required by statute. It is no longer necessary to use a hunting license tag or bonus tag for on a deer taken during a Special Permit drawn hunt however a TPWD Legal Deer Tag, issued at the area, must be attached to a harvested deer prior to leaving the hunt area. Hunters 17 years or under must have in their possession a driver's license or personal identification certificate. Hunter Safety Education is required of hunters born on or after September 2, 1971. (See the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information.) Bring water, flashlight, foul weather gear, etc.

Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts, or other objects is prohibited.

It is illegal to hunt from a motor vehicle except for hunters with mobility disabilities who may hunt from a stationary vehicle. It is illegal to operate an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or off-road vehicle (ORV) in a state park.

It is an offense for a person to be under the influence of alcohol or consume an alcoholic beverage while engaged in hunting activities or to publicly consume or display an alcoholic beverage while in the Park.

Bunkhouse lodging is available for a fee of \$35.00 per person per night. Visitors must bring their own sheets and towels. If you wish to camp out, primitive campsites are available at \$12.00 per night. You must provide your own food and camping equipment. If you have any further questions, please contact the Park at (432) 358-4444.