

Big Spring State Park

Explore like others drawn to the Big Spring in the past.

As you ascend Scenic Mountain, take in the views of Big Spring and the three ecosystems that merge here. Imagine the many feet that have traversed the sides of the bluff to gaze across the landscape. Enjoy this oasis in the Permian Basin where local history and nature blend together.

STAYING SAFE

KNOW YOUR LIMITS. Prepare for sun and heat. Wear sunscreen, insect repellent and appropriate clothing/hiking shoes.

DRINK PLENTY OF WATER. Your body quickly loses fluids when you're on the trail. Bring a quart of water per hour of activity.

TELL OTHERS WHERE YOU'LL BE. If possible, avoid exploring alone. Tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return.

WEAR A HELMET WHEN MOUNTAIN BIKING. Check with park HQ to match the trail to your skill level. Wear a helmet to protect yourself in case of a crash.





TRAIL	DISTANCE	TIME	DIFFICULTY	DESCRIPTION
NATURE TRAIL	0.4 mi.	45 min.	Easy	This one-way trail from the top of the mountain to the lower park road is a great representation of where three ecosystems merge.
SCENIC MOUNTAIN LOOP	4.0 mi.	2 hrs.	Moderate	Circling Scenic Mountain, this trail gives a bit of a challenge to hikers and bikers while boasting views of the surrounding landscape.
OUTER LIMITS TRAIL	1.2 mi	1 hr.	Challenging	To extend your trip around the Scenic Mountain Loop, take this wilder off-the-beaten-path trail.
SOTOL STROLL LOOP	0.6 mi.	30 min.	Easy	The only sotol in the park can be found on this leisurely stroll not far from the lower parking lot.

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

Trash your trash. Keep the park natural. Pack out all of your trash and Leave No Trace.

Leave feeding to nature. Feeding wild animals will make them sick and more likely to harm people.

Take only memories and pictures. Disturbing or removing any of the park's plants, animals or artifacts is a violation of state law.

Keep pets on leashes for their safety, and to protect wildlife.

Don't add Graffiti. Protect the cultural and natural resources for future generations.

FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 9-1-1.

