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Fort Leaton was established in 1848 as a border trading post by former Indian bounty hunter Benjamin Leaton. Located next to the Rio Grande on the Chihuahua Trail near Presidio, the massive adobe fortress protected his family and employees from Indian raids. Leaton was known for shadowy dealings and died in 1851. His widow, Juana Pedrasa, married Edward Hall, who was later murdered for failing to repay a debt. In 1875, Hall's stepson (Leaton's son) murdered his stepfather's killer, who in the meantime had moved into Fort Leaton. Today, Fort Leaton State Historic Site preserves the structure's colorful past and also the area's cultural history. It serves as the western entrance into Big Bend Ranch State Park and the River Road FM 170.



**Historic Structure:** One of the largest and best-preserved adobe structures in Texas. Self guided tours and, on weekends, volunteer-led guided tours.



**Interpretive Exhibits:** Prehistory and history of the area. Battle of Ojinaga and Pancho Villa exhibit.



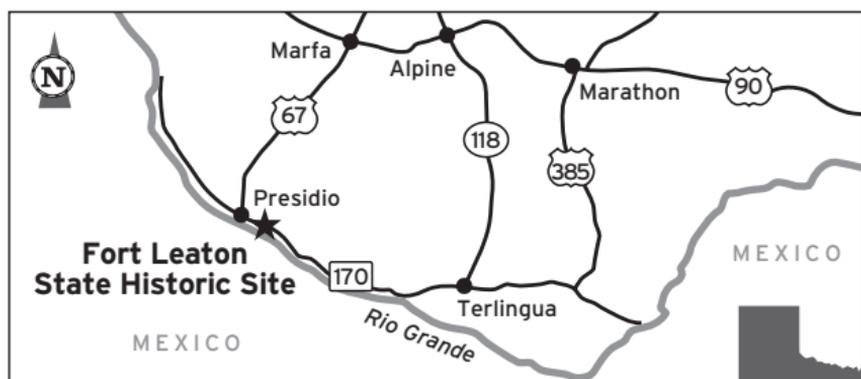
**Picnicking:** Picnic sites for day use. Short nature trail.



**Information Center:** Permits for Big Bend Ranch State Park.



**Texas State Parks Store:** Unique gifts, books, etc.



Located in Presidio County, three miles southeast of Presidio on the River Road (F.M. 170) west of the Big Bend.



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Rates and reservations, (512) 389-8900.

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