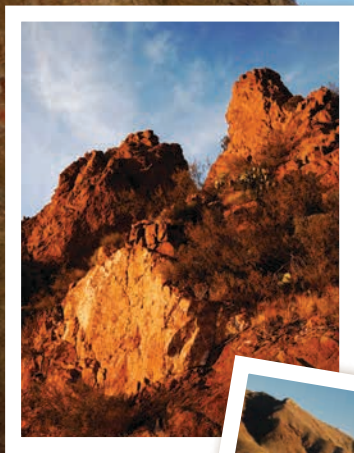

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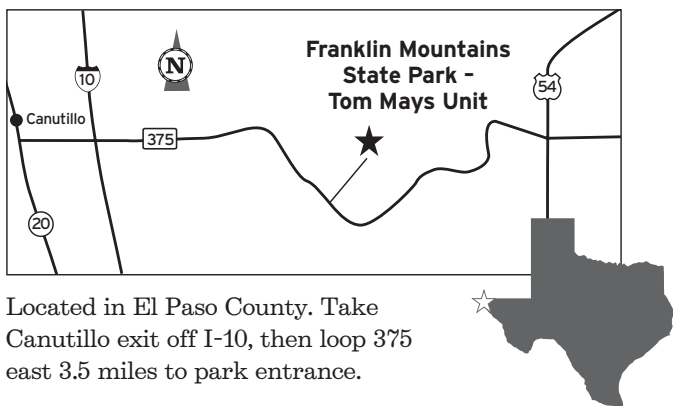
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At almost 27,000 acres, Franklin Mountains State Park is the largest urban wilderness state park in the U.S., encompassing an entire mountain range of the Chihuahuan desert. The park extends north some 15 miles from the heart of the city of El Paso to the Texas-New Mexico state line. The park provides habitat for plants such as sotol, lechuguilla, ocotillo and various yuccas as well as the rare Southwestern barrel cactus. Numerous birds, reptiles and small mammals live here, along with larger wildlife such as mule deer and an occasional mountain lion. Culturally, the park is rich in archeological and historic sites and the geology is very dynamic. The park serves primarily as a day-use facility but does offer a limited number of primitive (tents-only) and self-contained RV camping sites. Nature study, picnicking and hiking are common activities along with mountain-biking and rock climbing.

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-  **Picnicking:** Picnic sites, all with shade shelters. No water available.
-  **Trails:** Extensive hiking trails throughout park.
-  **Mountain Biking:** Extensive mountain biking trails for beginners and experts.
-  **Wildlife Observation:** Fascinating desert animals and plants.



Located in El Paso County. Take Canutillo exit off I-10, then loop 375 east 3.5 miles to park entrance.

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