



Big Bend Ranch State Park is Texas' largest state park, at over 300,000 acres. The park is in an area so remote and rugged that it has been called *El Despoblado*, or "The Uninhabited." In spite of that name, this awe-inspiring region boasts a rich human history and offers outdoor recreation for the truly adventurous. The park features rugged mountains, steep canyons, amazing views, unparalleled night skies, and solitude in a high desert setting.

BBRSP is located in the northern Chihuahuan Desert. Summers are hot, winters are mild, not much rain falls, and the scenery is magnificent. The landscape varies from river lowlands to deep canyons, from high plateaus to steep-sided mountains. The elevation ranges from about 2,300 feet along the Rio Grande up to 5,135 feet at Oso Mountain. Geologic changes born of water and fire and taking place over millions of years created this dramatic terrain.

Big Bend Ranch State Park Airstrip, 3T9, is open to the public and serves as an access point to the interior of this rugged state park. Park staff have worked to make this access possible and to further improve the airstrip. The future of continued public use depends greatly on the pilot community's behavior when using this airfield.

It is recommended that you call (432) 358-4444 prior to arrival. Staff can transport you from the airstrip to the Saucedo Ranger Station, but arrangements must be made in advance. Reservations for camping or the other accommodations available at the park should be made through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Central Reservation Center at (512) 389-8919.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

Each pilot is an ambassador to the non-flying public. A few rogue pilots can destroy the public trust and set efforts backwards for years. Please do your part by practicing these few rules. We want to insure access for general aviation for the years to come. This information applies to all aircraft, including helicopters.

### **Pilots will abide by all state and federal regulations regarding the use of aircraft.**

- Act with all possible courtesy to those on the ground who are hiking, biking, horseback riding or observing wildlife, by maintaining reasonable distance and altitude.
- Know wildlife refuge boundaries as well as seasonal areas of wildlife congregation to avoid inadvertent low level over-flights.
- Avoid putting potential stress on wildlife with low level flights and excessive noise.

### **Pilots will practice good wilderness and backcountry flying ethics.**

- Keep the noise signature of the aircraft to a safe minimum.
- Practice "leave no trace" camping. Fly it in, fly it out.
- Avoid very early morning departures unless safety of flight demands a deviation.
- Be courteous to other users in the area and adjacent landowners.



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# Airstrip Guidelines

BIG BEND RANCH STATE PARK



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## HAZARDS

- Mountainous terrain surrounds the area
- High winds are common
- High density altitude
- Wildlife on or near the RWY
- Brush and vegetation on either side of RWY edge
- High terrain is present just south of the 08 threshold.
- High straight-line and crosswinds and up and downdrafts typical of mountainous terrain

## AIRPORT INFORMATION

Elevation: 4,250 ft  
TPA: 5,300 ft  
Length: 5,500 ft  
CTAF: 122.9

### Runway

08 / 26 5500 ft x 80 ft  
Hard surface, left pattern, no ILS  
No glideslope, no REIL, no markings

Parking of aircraft should be done on the ramp located on the west end of the runway; pilots need to bring their own tie-downs.

PRS's AWOS (118.0) is the closest weather information, but conditions can vary greatly from PRS to 3T9.



## AREA AIRPORTS WITH FUEL

### Presidio (PRS)

Lat/Long: 29-38-03.1650N / 104-21-41.3800W  
29-38.052750N / 104-21.689667W  
29.6342125 / -104.3614944

### Marfa (MRF)

Lat/Long: 30-22-16.0000N / 104-01-03.1000W  
30-22.266667N / 104-01.051667W  
30.3711111 / -104.0175278

### Alpine (E38)

Lat/Long: 30-23-03.2000N / 103-41-00.9000W  
30-23.053333N / 103-41.015000W  
30.3842222 / -103.6835833

## FEES

The normal state park entrance and camping fees apply to airfield visits. Payment is made at the Saucedo Ranger Station located approximately one mile west of the airstrip. Entrance fees are \$5 per person during the peak season (November through April) and \$3 per person during the off-season (May through October) for day visits. Camping is \$8 per night for a primitive camping site. Other accommodations are available; please visit our website for a full list of possibilities.

[www.tpwd.texas.gov/bigbendbranch](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/bigbendbranch)



## EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Saucedo Ranger Station  
(432) 358-4444

Presidio County Sheriff's Office  
(432) 729-4308

Be advised that cell phone coverage is unreliable in Big Bend Ranch State Park.