



Serious-Results **TRAVEL**

Big Bend 2019

Summit of Emory Peak, Day 2





Big Bend National Park, Texas

What is it about Big Bend?

Less is more....

The park's name comes from the 100 mile long big bend in the Rio Grande river that forms the Texas-Chihuahua-Coahuila border. At over 1,250 square miles, Big Bend is approximately the size of Rhode Island. It's so remote that it remains the least visited of the National Parks in the United States.

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“According to Apache Legend, after creating the universe, the Great Spirit tossed a large pile of leftover boulders and debris on the Big Bend.”

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Big Bend National Park, Texas

May 2-6 2019



Our trip will take us to Big Bend National Park. We will be “car camping” in two locations, the Rio Grande Village, near the river and border and also in the Chisos Mountains

Packing List

For the Hike:

1. Small Backpack
2. Container for Water (up to 1.5 Gallons)
3. High Energy Snacks for the Trail
4. Hat
5. Sunglasses
6. Sunscreen
7. Sturdy and comfortable footwear (Hiking Boots if available). Do NOT wear tennis shoes.
8. Light Jacket / Rain Gear
9. Flashlight

I will carry emergency supplies.

For Camping:

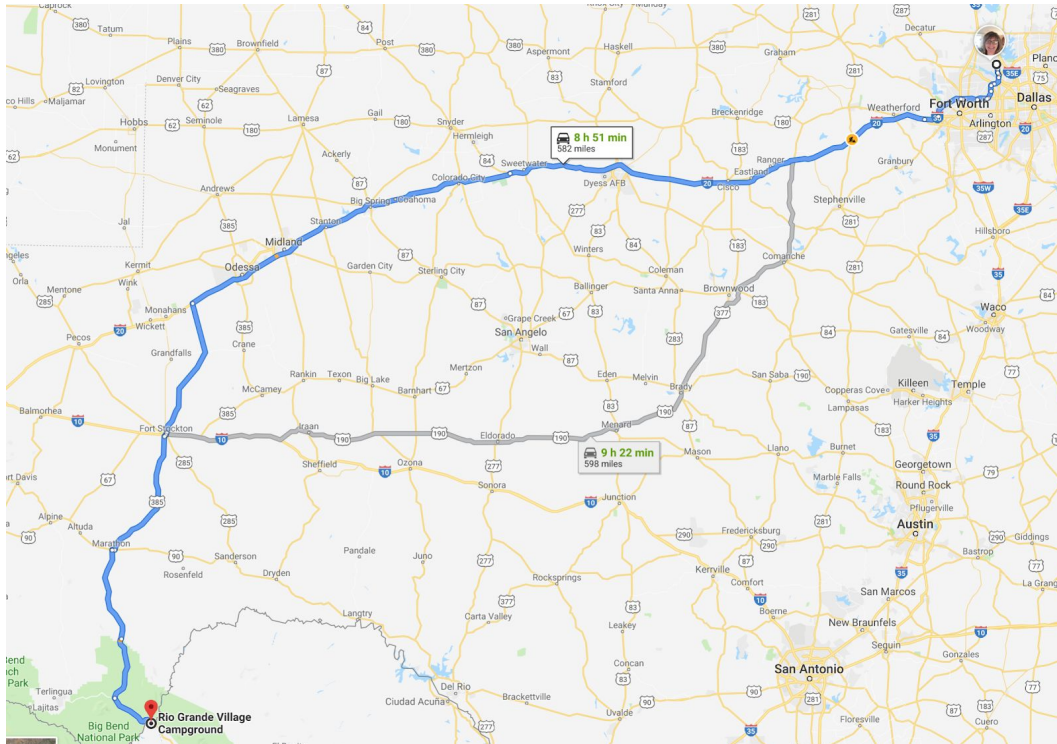
1. Tent
 2. Sleeping Bag
 3. Sleeping Pad (recommended)
 4. Sweater / Fleece (it does get cold)
 5. Folding Chair
 6. Frisbee or some other fun item for camp
 7. Books and/or reading materials
 8. Your own food for breakfast. We will be supplying coffee and hot water for oatmeal, etc.
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Budget Expectations

1. You will arrange your own travel, via car. So gas.
 2. Snacks/food for your consumption on the trail
 3. Your own food for breakfast
 4. Plan on dinners in moderately priced restaurants
 5. The park charges \$20 per car for entrance
 6. The campground Fees are \$3/per person per night. So \$12/pp I have prepaid for up to 9 people. So you will reimburse Charlie for that.
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Day 1 Thursday May 2, 2019

9:00 AM - Depart Flower Mound



It's a little over 8 hour drive down to Big Bend. The goal is to get there by sunset, setup camp and enjoy some stargazing. The next day will be a big day.

We will get lunch and dinner along the way and we will plan a last minute stop at Walmart in Fort Stockton.

Our site is Rio Grande Village, Group Campground A - Follow the signs for Rio Grande Village when you enter the park. It's approximately 47 miles from the park entrance, so plan accordingly.

Early Dinner in Fort Stockton

6-7PM - Arrive and Setup Camp

Day 2 Friday May 3, 2019

South Rim, via Pinnacles Trail and Emory Peak

This is a big day, we will start VERY early, goal will be to leave for the trail (approximately a 30 minute drive) by 6AM. We will want to be on the trail if possible by 7 at the LATEST.

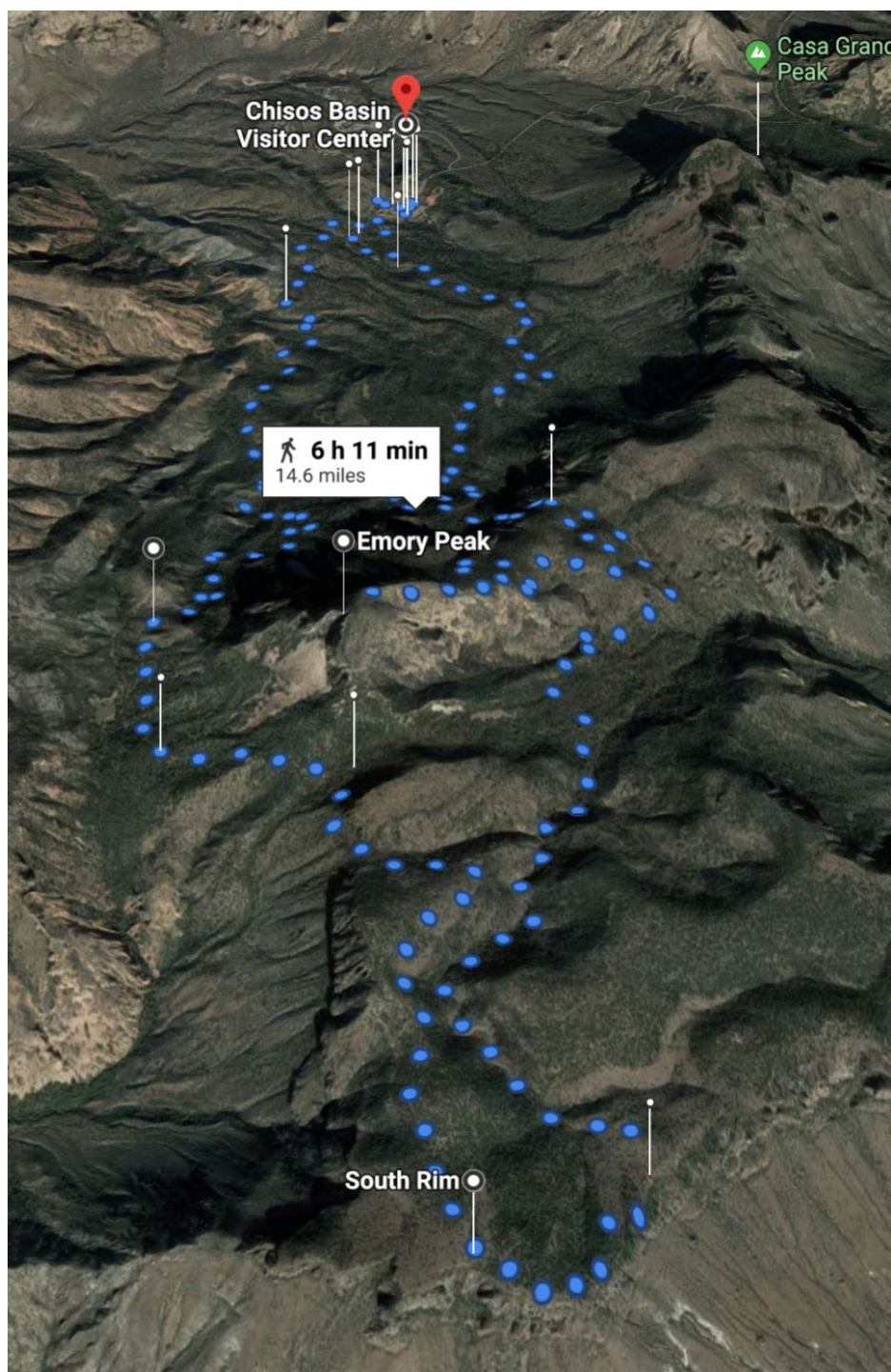
Our trip today will be approximately 14-15 miles if we include Emory Peak.

We will depart via the Pinnacles Trail and head to Emory Peak, the trail will be steep and this will be the most strenuous part of our day, so don't freak out. It will take us 2-2.5 Hours to get to the peak.

We will stop and enjoy the view before heading to the South Rim.



From Emory Peak we will continue through Boot Canyon to the beautiful South Rim. Where we will enjoy lunch and amazing view of the river and Mexico.





View from the South Rim

Depending on the sun, we may come back via the same trail, or continue in a loop around Laguna Meadows. I will consult with Rangers prior to making a final decision. Either way, expect a long and strenuous day.

We should be back mid-afternoon, where we will get a snack and get dinner in the Chisos Mountain Lodge.

From there we'll head back to the camp.

Day 3 Saturday May 4, 2019

6-7AM Breakfast and Break Camp / Packup for Move to Chisos Basin

7AM Depart for Mariscal Canyon Trail



Mariscal Canyon Trail is another longer trip at 10+ miles, but will provide scenic views of the Rio Grande and the famous “Big Bend” itself. The trailhead will be about 1 hour from our campsite. So leaving early will be important. Water, food and sunscreen will be required.



We will need to “check in” to our campsite in the Chisos mid day, so we will head back to the lodge, setup camp and get a snack/bite to eat either at the lodge or the store there.

OPTIONAL: Terlingua for Dinner (Starlight Theater) or Dinner at the Lodge - TBD

Day 4 Sunday May 5, 2019

7-8AM Breakfast

Optional Hikes:

- The "Window" Trail - 3.5 Miles from our campsite
- The "Lost Mine" Trail - famous trail near our campsite
- Burro Mesa pour off
- Santa Elena Canyon

Dinner: Terlingua

Day 5 Monday May 6, 2019

7-8AM Breakfast

Optional Hikes Prior to Departure:

- The "Window" Trail - 3.5 Miles from our campsite
- The "Lost Mine" Trail - famous trail near our campsite
- Grapevine Hills - Famous Suspended Rock

Depart for Dallas by Noon, Arrive by 9PM

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