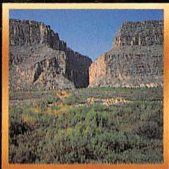




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# BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK

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This national park derives its name from a “big bend” in the Rio Grande along the Mexico border. It is known for diversity, not only in landscape, but in climate and wildlife, as well.

The different climate zones are due to various elevations, from under 1,800 to nearly 8,000 feet. As a result, plant life may be scarce in desolate, rocky areas, but flourishing in deserts and forests. Of special beauty is the Chihuahuan Desert abloom with flowering cacti.

Emory Peak, the highest point of the steep Chisos Mountains, offers a stunning overview of the park.

## SPECIAL INFORMATION

Be careful near cacti and other spiny plants, carry tweezers to remove small thorns. Carry plenty of water when traveling in the desert. • Superintendent, Big Bend National Park, TX 79834 (915) 477-2251.