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BREWSTER COUNTY GENERAL INFORMATION

Brewster County, Texas’ largest county at 6,183 square miles (the 39th largest county in the U.S.), has a population of fewer than 9,500, of which 6,000 are in the county seat in Alpine. The Big Bend National Park, the 8th largest National Park in the Continental US at just under a million acres, resides in the southern portion of the county. Brewster is home to the legendary Chili Cookoff in the equally legendary Terlingua. The county is also home to the communities of Alpine, Marathon, Terlingua, Study Butte, Stillwell’s Ranch, Lajitas, the Big Bend National Park and a portion of the Big Bend Ranch State Park.

The location possibilities range from flat multi-million year old ocean bottom desert ranches to magnificent craggy mountain ranges, championship golf courses, fabulous resorts and picturesque towns. Brewster County Texas is big, diverse, friendly and just waiting to frame your story.

Come shoot ’em up!

--COUNTY OFFICES AND COUNTY SERVICES--
Brewster County Court House
201 West Avenue E
Alpine, Texas 79830
http://www.brewstercountytx.com/

Eleazar Cano - County Judge
432-837-2412

J. Steve Houston – County Attorney
432-837-6209

Babett Mann – County Treasurer
432-837-6200, Fax 432-837-9249

Berta Rios Martinez – County Clerk
432-837-3366, Fax 432-837-6217

Jo Ann Salgado – District Clerk
432-837-6216, Fax 432-83-6217

Acting EMC, Sheriff Ronny Dodson
Emergency Management Coordinator
432-837-6200 x-119

Gilbert Valenzuela – Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1
107 West Ave. E #9
Alpine, Texas, 79830
432-837-6214, Fax 432-837-6217

Jim Burr – Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2
P.O. Box 496
Terlingua, Texas, 79852
432-371-2127

Susana Gonzales – Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3
PO Box 401
Marathon, Texas 79842
432-386-4530

Frenchie Causey – Road & Bridge Superintendent
2601 North Texas Highway 118
Alpine, Texas, 79830
432-837-2714

Betty Jo Rooney – Tax Assessor/Collector
107 West Avenue E
Alpine, Texas, 79830
432-837-2214

Brewster County Tourism Council
Old Library Building
203 North 7th Street
http://visitbigbend.com/

County Commissioners
Precinct 1 Betse Esparza, Precinct 2 Hugh Garrett, Precinct 3 Ruben Ortega, Precinct 4 Mike Pallanez

Alpine Fire Rescue (Volunteer Fire Department) of Brewster County
208 East Holland Avenue – North Brewster County Station
PO Box 911
Alpine, Texas 79831-0911
Non-Emergency 432-837-2366, Emergencies 911, Fax 432-837-9179
http://www.alpinefirerescue.com/

Terlingua Fire & Emergency Services Station
23250 FM 170
Terlingua, Texas 79852
432-371-2536
Brewster County Sheriff's Office
Ronny Dodson – County Sheriff
201 West Avenue E (North side of Court House)
Alpine, Texas 79830
432-837-3488, Dial 911 for Emergencies
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Brewster-County-Sheriffs-Office/270335429657543

Texas Judicial District 394
Roy B. Ferguson – District Judge
PO Box 1410
Alpine, Texas, 79831
432-837-5831, Fax 432-837-1241

83rd District Attorney
Sandy Wilson
Alpine address:
210 N 6th Street, Alpine, Texas 79830
Office No. 432-837-6200 x-302 or 300
Fax No. 432-837-442
Fort Stockton address:
400 South Nelson, Fort Stockton, Texas 79735
Office No. 432-336-3322
Fax No. 432-336-8333
email – da-83@att.net

Big Bend Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 607
Terlingua, Texas 79852
432-371-2320
Serving Study Butte, Terlingua and Lajitas
http://bigbendchamber.homestead.com/Index.html, Email: bbchamber1@yahoo.com

~COUNTY FACILITIES~
Alpine Facilities
Brewster County Courthouse Gazebo on the shady Courthouse lawn is available for concerts, weddings and events. Ratcliff Memorial Garden (behind the Brewster County Tax Office at 107 W. Ave. E #1) is a small public garden featuring exotic landscaping. For more details and reservations, contact the County Judge’s office at 432-837-2412.

Marathon Facilities
Post Park is an old-fashioned County Park five miles south of Marathon, featuring cottonwoods, a spring-fed pond, picnic tables, dance slab and barbecue area with lots of parking. Usually open to the public 24-7 it may also be reserved for special events.

The Marathon Community Center is a recently renovated, old-fashioned community hall on the Marathon Town Square. Suitable for dances, social events and meetings, it has a kitchen and updated HVAC. It can accommodate 150 people.

For reservations and details on either Marathon facility, contact Ruben Ortega, Commissioner Precinct 3 at 432-294-1096. (Please Note: For further information on Marathon, see the separate Marathon Section).

Study Butte Facilities
“The J.W. “Red” Pattillo Community Center in South Brewster County, built in 2000 and situated right before the intersection at 53633 State Highway 118, in Study Butte, is a ranch-style building with deep porches and a comfortable, modern meeting space for social and community events and conferences. It can accommodate up to 125 people.

~HOSPITAL, MEDICAL & HEALTH CLINICS~
Big Bend Regional Medical Center
2600 North Highway 118
Alpine, Texas 79830
432-837-3447
A 25-Bed Facility with complete Inpatient and Outpatient Services and an Accredited Acute Care Facility with a Level 4 Trauma and Designated Emergency Department – serves as the Big Bend areas only hospital
http://www.bigbendhealthcare.com/Big-Bend-Regional-Medical-Center/Home.aspx

Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend, Inc
Terlingua Ghost Town
-HOTELS, RESORTS & CAMPING-
Accommodations vary from the luxurious Lajitas Golf Resort & Spa (see the separate Lajitas Resources) and el Rancho Escondido to the primitive campgrounds of the Black Gap WMA and lots in between. Brewster County residents tend to think of the county as North County and South County. We have added “Southeastern” and “Western” County to better help you get a feel of the area – North County is primarily made up of Alpine and Marathon and there are separate sections covering these areas. There are maps of the area on this site under our main menu header - “Maps: The Big Bend.”

-SOUTH COUNTY-
Big Bend Holiday Hotel – Terlingua Ghost Town
100 Ivey Road
Terlingua, Texas 79852
432-201-1177 (Please leave a message.)
“Sophisticated accommodations in a primitive setting. The Holiday Hotel is no franchise resort. It's perfect for raucous revelry or a romantic rendezvous, or both...”
http://www.bigbendholidayhotel.com/

There are five other BBHH accommodations (out of eleven or more) – four in the Ghost Town and one west of Lajitas along the River Road – that are worth noting separately:
- Perry Mansion – Legend says the mines original owner built the mansion to house his new bride who turned around and left as soon as she spied the mines. Situated in the hill above the Ghost Town, it has recently undergone a restoration. The views from the porch are very special.

- The Teacher’s House - A spectacular view of the sunset over the Big Bend National Park. Two bedrooms and a kitchen make this a most enjoyable respite.

- Casa Buena Vista - One of the few adobe structures left and has endured many years of harsh desert. It was originally built to house the mine foremen. You and your family will enjoy the wonderful view of the Chisos Mountain on the front porch.

- Candililla House – “Terlingua chic, it is great for either couples or families. Perched on a hillside, it offers an everchanging view of sunsets, starlight, and thunderstorms. There is a patio outside the walls and another within.” Great production base or entertainment center.

- Rock House – “Travel back in time... The Rock House is almost too good to be true. Built as a trading post at the turn of the last century -- long before the road existed -- it’s literally on the fabled Rio Grande, overlooking the spectacular mountains of Mexico. It was the only spot of civilization on the long ride between Presidio and Lajitas, a way-station where trappers brought their furs and the locals traded their Candililla cactus to be made into women’s makeup. Back then, if you made it this far, you would trade anything you had for something cool to drink.”

Big Bend Resort & Adventures
Texas Highway 118 at FM (Farm to Market) 170 just at the north end of Study Butte
Terlingua, Texas 79852
Reservations: 877-386-4383, Lodge Phone: 432-371-2218
“Big Bend Resort & Adventures is open year round and features two choices for lodging, just minutes from the west entrance of Big Bend National Park. The Motor Inn has a total of 51 non-smoking rooms and the Mission Lodge, located across the street has 35 non-smoking motel style rooms in two buildings, and one small apartment. Wi-Fi is available in the Conference Center, Café, and Lobby area and a small golf course.”
http://bigbendresort.com/lodging/

Big Bend Vacation Rentals, LLC
PO Box 463
Terlingua Texas, 79852
855-224-4236
Featuring Terlingua area vacation rentals from ranches to houses with lots of variety and varied scenery.
http://bigbendvacations.com/index.html

Big Bend Casitas at Far Flung Outdoor Center
P.O. Box 377
Delightful Casitas (little house) each with a small kitchenette just a few feet from the Far Flung offices between Study Butte and the Ghost Town.  
http://bigbendfarflung.com/lodging/, Email: info@ffoc.net

Chisos Mining Company Motel - At Easter Egg Valley  
23280 FM 170  
Terlingua, Texas 79852  
432 371-2254  
“Wonderful LODGING for active vacationers who need a place to sleep and shower up between adventures...”  
41 affordable units.  
http://www.cmcm.cc/, Email: chismc@gmail.com

Cowhead Ranch Lodging  
132 E S. Texas Highway 118  
Alpine, Texas 79830 (again with the Post Office)  
432-371-2257  
Ask for Sunny Calvin  
Cute little location – probably not being used as a lodge.

Elephant Mountain Wildlife Management Area (WMA)  
109 S. Cockrell  
Alpine, Texas 79830  
26 miles south of Alpine on Texas Highway 118 on east side of highway  
432-364-2228  
Primitive camping is available year round. There is a Bunkhouse and hotel like rooms available in the Education Center for “special events.” The center, located a third of the way up the mountain, is a terrific location by-itself with great vista views of the 02 Flats and Kokernot Mesa.

El Dorado Motel  
100 Ghost Town Road  
Terlingua, Texas 79852  
800 371-3588, 432-371-2526  
Featuring Jacuzzi Suites and a good watering hole.

Lajitas Golf Resort & Spa  
For lots more information, please see the Lajitas Section under Big Bend Resources.

La Posada Milagro - Located in the Historic Terlingua Ghost Town  
101 La Posada Lane, Ghost Town Road, Box 543  
Terlingua, Texas 79852  
432 -371-3044, Fax: 432 -371- 2121  
“...located in the Ghost Town of Terlingua, Texas, features rustic luxury accommodations at an affordable price. Guests enjoy sun decks, fire pits and an extraordinary view of old Terlingua, the Chisos Mountain range and Big Bend National Park.”  
http://www.laposadamilagro.net/home.html, Email: laposadamilagro@yahoo.com

Longhorn Ranch Motel  
Hwy 118  
HC65 Box 267  
Alpine, Texas  79830  
432-371-2541, Restaurant 432-371-2133  
Located south of Alpine on the west side of Texas Highway 118 near Packsaddle and Hen Egg Mountains. The motel has a large Conference Room, Tivo’s Restaurant, RV Park, Pool and good trails for ATVs and hiking. Has been used by a number of small productions shooting between Alpine and Terlingua. Tends to be open only in the cooler parts of the year.

Rancho Topanga  
Pat and Guy Foli  
HC 70 Box 340  
Terlingua, Texas 79852  
432-371-2131  
BrushBuster1@hotmail.com, http://www.ranchotopanga.com/  
Located on the north side of FM 170 approximately 11 miles from Study Butte and seven miles from Lajitas.  
“Tent camping with a view! Camper friendly safe & comfortable. We welcome everyone.”
Retro Rents
Located in the heart of the Historic Terlingua Ghost Town
405-795-3905
“Yes this is your Grandmother’s Idea of luxury camping! Refurbished Airstream trailers, 1960 AristocraTe Trailer, 30/50 amp RV spaces, Tent camping.”
http://www.retrorents.com/, Email: danileab@yahoo.com

Ten Bits Ranch
PO Box 293
Terlingua, Texas 79852
Physical Address:
6000 North County Rd
Terlingua, Texas 79852
866-371-3110, 432-371-3110
Amusement Park-like look and feel, Ten Bits is at an elevation of 3200 feet and is situated within the rugged, Chihuahuan desert wilderness in the middle of a well maintained county dirt road. Ten Bits Ranch runs completely on solar power, has great accommodations amidst quite solitude and great scenery. Open in the cooler months, but available by special arrangements at other times of the year. Cute, picturesque and similar descriptions apply.
http://www.tenbitsranch.com/ - Email: Sis@TenBitsRanch.com

Terlingua Ranch and Lodge
16000 Terlingua Ranch Road
Terlingua, Texas 79852
432-371-3146
The Terlingua Ranch Lodge is 425 acres consisting of the headquarter offices, Cafe and 32 guest rooms. The entrances are south of Alpine along Texas Highway 118 and south of Marathon along US 385 and just north of the BBNP. The main entrance is off of Texas Highway 118.
http://terlinguaranch.com/

Wild Horse Station
Five miles north of Study Butte on the eastern side of Texas Highway 118
53701 Texas Highway 118
HC 65 Box 276 C
Alpine, Texas 79830 - (it’s really a long way from Alpine, but that’s how the Post Office works out here)
432-371-2526
A series of mobile homes and cabins with shaded porches, full kitchens, satellite television and a fabulous view.

For a more complete and up-to-date listing of South County Lodging see the VisitBigBend.com website at:
https://visitbigbend.com/lodging-chart/

~SOUTHEASTERN COUNTY~ (Does not include Marathon. See the Marathon section)
Black Gap Wildlife Management Area (WMA)
Headquarters
FM 2627
432-376-2216
There are a great number of primitive camping areas in Black Gap. This is a “pack everything in, pack everything out” area. You can get high-clearance vehicles in all areas, but large trucks may have trouble.

Stillwell Store & RV Park
Located 40 miles south of Marathon down US Highway 385 then 5.6 miles east on FM 2627
HC 65 Box 430
Alpine, Texas 79830 (again with that funny zip)
432-376-2244
Store, RV Park, Tent Camping, and the surprisingly nice Hallie Stillwell Museum are located across from the Stillwell Ranch entrance. A good “central” production location if you are shooting in this area. Black Gap WMA and La Linda are just down the “block.”
http://stillwellstore.com/, Email: info@stillwellstore.com

U.S. Highway 385
There are no camp grounds per-se along the route from Marathon to the BBNP. There are, however, some very nice roadside parks and picnic areas, some are fairly large and would make a good “home base” or as locations with dramatic backgrounds. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) builds and maintains Roadside Parks and Rest Areas along Texas highways. Some of the newer ones are quite spectacular and even contain local museums.
-WESTERN COUNTY- (Does not include Alpine. See the Alpine section)
Not counting Alpine, the Western side of Brewster County is sparsely populated and is the home to some beautiful ranches. It is also home to one of our most spectacular “guest ranches.”

el Rancho Escondido Guest Ranch
Thought by some to be in Presidio County (and it is advertised as near “Marfa”), the ranch is actually on the western edge of Brewster County well down the Nopal Road. It features elegant accommodations (even the Bunkhouse) and offers guided hikes, Skeet and Trap shooting, geology and guided dune buggy tours. It also features campfires on the rim of perhaps the most magnificent view in all the Big Bend from the top of Whirlwind Mesa. Very accommodating. Come self-contained. Lots of parking.
512-428-5425
http://elranchoescondido.com/

-TELECOMMUNICATIONS & INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER-
Big Bend Telephone
808 North 5th Street
Alpine, Texas 79830
800) 592-4781
The Rural Telephone and Internet supplier serving Brewster County
http://www.bigbend.net/

Big Canyon TV
610 North 5th Street
Alpine, Texas 79830
432-837-7484
Dish TV Satellite Service, Dish-Net Internet, DTS Satellite Phones, Large Screen Televisions
http://bigcanyontv.com/

BREWSTER COUNTY MOUNTAINS, SPECIAL EVENTS & LANDMARKS
MOUNTAINS: Emory Peak is the tallest mountain in Brewster County at 7,825’. It is located in the Chisos Mountains of the Big Bend National Park and helps form the famous Chisos Basin. The following are some of our better known and more dramatic peaks:
- Cathedral Mountain at 6,868’
- Mount Ord at 6,803’
- Cienega Mountain at 6,562’
- Santiago Peak at 6,524’
- Mitre Peak at 6,190’ – Home to the Girl Scouts Summer Camp.
Many of the peaks in Brewster County tend to stand alone to offer the filmmaker some very dramatic backgrounds.

LANDMARKS & SPECIAL EVENTS
A visit to the Big Bend Area without having a beer on the Porch in the picturesque Terlingua Ghost Town may well be anti-Texan. That Texans revere the land along the Rio Grande (or Rio Bravo del Norte from the other side of the river) seems quite natural considering the history of the area and the great natural beauty. The view from DOM Rock into a bottomless Colorado canyon, the almost mystic nights in the Ghost Town, the River Road itself (FM 170), the sudden and elegant surprise of Lajitas Golf Resort and Spa, overnight stays at Ivey’s Rock House and the two great parks, Big Bend National Park and the Big Bend Ranch State Park, that anchor the bottom of the county, make this one of the most photogenic places in America. It’s no wonder so many films have sought out the magic of our area for so many years.

The following make for some of the great location opportunities in Brewster County:
Terlingua Ranch
16000 Terlingua Ranch Road
Terlingua, Texas 79852
432-371-3146
The Terlingua Property Association represents property owners who collectively own some 200,000 acres of private land in the Big Bend region and is located south of Alpine along Texas Highway 118 and south of Marathon along US 385 just north of the BBNP. Some of the most beautiful scenery in Brewster County exists deep within the ranch. Access is mostly by dirt roads and some can be rough during storms. The owners of many of the various homes and ranches within Terlingua Ranch are infamous for defending their privacy. Best if your shoot comes “self-contained” due to the distances to larger communities and lack of facilities.
http://terlinguaranch.com/
Terlingua Chili Cookoff(s) – During the first weekend in November the chili cookoffs become the largest “city” in Brewster County. As many as 10,000 people have been known to show up. To say there is a lot of color in these events is a very large understatement. –

Original Terlingua International Frank X. Tolbert-Wick Fowler Memorial Championship Chili Cookoff, Inc.
1400 Mockingbird Drive
Grapevine, Texas 76051
Held “Behind-the-Store” across from the Terlingua Ghost Town on Texas Highway FM 170.

Chili Appreciation Society International, Inc.
This granddaddy of all chili cookoffs is held at Rancho CASI de los Chisos in Terlingua. Rancho CASI is located on the north side of Highway 170 just west of the Ghost Town.

Terlingua Ghost Town – Terlingua Trading Company
PO Box 376
100 Ivey Street
Terlingua Ghost Town
Terlingua, Texas 79852
432-371-2234
Home of the legendary Porch and owned by the iconic Bill Ivey and his lovely wife Lisa, the Terlingua Ghost Town is the proud home of the historic Chisos Mining Company, the original Chili Cookoff (both of ’em), Carroll Shelby’s Championship Terlingua Racing Team, the Terlingua Cemetery, the world famous Terlingua Trading Company, the Big Bend Holiday Hotel and the Starlight Theatre Restaurant. It is a must for its starry nights and friendly residents and a great location headquarters for the area. There are fees for shooting in the Ghost Town. Contact Bill Ivey for more information.

http://ghosttowntexas.com/

The Post at Marathon
543 Post Road
Marathon, Texas 79842
From the Visit Marathon, Texas Website: “A beautiful secluded pond and County Park on the Pena Colorado River shaded by Cottonwood trees, and surrounded by Los Caballos Novaculite Mountains. Named after the old Cavalry Post in the mid-1800s known as Camp Pena Colorado. “Locally famed for the annual Dance at the Post held every Fourth of July. The dance features great music and food - a real old fashioned Texas dance and BBQ. The Post is one of the lesser known terrific locations in Brewster County and is just South of Marathon.


Los Caballos Historic Marker and Road Side Stop
12 miles south of Marathon on the west side of US 385
From the Historic Marker “....The Del Norte-Santiago range, uplifted and folded 40 to 60 million years ago, is not half the age of the Ouachita Fold. This is a remarkable fusion of “old” and “young” mountains--and is unmatched at any other site in North America.” It is situated along one of America’s more beautiful highways and fraught with landscape and ranch locations.

“The Road to La Linda” - Ranch Road 2627
Ranch to Market Road 2627 begins 38 miles south of Marathon on the east side of US 385 and is wholly contained in Brewster County. The Southern Terminus is at the presently closed border crossing bridge at the Mexican mining community of La Linda on the Rio Grande. Along the route you will find the Stillwell Store and RV Park and the Black Gap Wildlife Management Area as well as some Black Gap primitive camping areas. The town of La Linda appears to be quite picturesque. It’s a shame the access is closed.

Stillwell Store & RV Park
Located 38 miles south of Marathon on US Highway 385 then 5.6 miles east on FM 2627
HC 65 Box 430
Alpine, Texas 79830 (again with that funny zip)
432-376-2244
Store, RV Park, Tent Camping, and the surprisingly nice Hallie Stillwell Museum are located across from the Stillwell Ranch entrance. A good “central” production location if you are shooting in this area. Black Gap WMA and La Linda are just down the “block.” The store helps takes the edge off “Self Contained.”

http://stillwellstore.com/ Email: info@stillwellstore.com
Rio Grande River (Rio Bravo del Norte)

Not to be forgotten is the river. It runs from the western edge of Brewster County to the eastern edge through the Big Bend Park (the river makes a 90 degree turn to the northeast in the middle of the park - thereby the name Big Bend). The river is accessible via any of the river guide services using canoes and rafts as well as riverside roads and trails.

**BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK**

Big Bend National Park is in the southern sector of Brewster County, is the 8th largest national park in the lower 48 states, and is the largest protected area of the Chihuahuan Desert with an area of 1,251 square miles (larger than the State of Rhode Island). The park is known as the most “re-visited” park in the National Park system. It has paved roads to most of the major attractions and decent dirt roads to many other sites – and some need high clearance, four-wheel vehicles. At most sites there is good parking for trucks and production vehicles. There are two main entrances to the park, southwest from Texas Highway 118 south of Alpine and Study Butte and the northeastern entrance at Persimmon Gap on US 385 south of Marathon. There is hardly a location without a dramatic mountain range in the background. The altitude ranges from approximately 1,800 feet at the river to over 7,000 at the highest peak. The sunrises and sunsets can be spectacular. “Self-Contained” is once again the rule.

---BBNP GENERAL INFORMATION---

**Big Bend National Park -** Park Headquarters & Visitor Center  
1 Panther Drive  
Big Bend National Park, Texas 79834  
432-477-2251  
Call the park well in advance of your shoot for permit information and accessibility. Not every location in the park is open year-round – depends on where the bears are feeding. Phone service can often be spotty at best.  
http://www.nps.gov/bibe/index.htm

---PARK LOCATION HIGHLIGHTS---  
(See the [Big Bend National Park](http://www.nps.gov/bibe/index.htm) section by selecting the hyperlink)

- Boquillas Canyon, Boquillas Overlook and the Boquillas Border Crossing (official US Port of Entry crossing)
- Castolon Historic District
- Chisos Baisin and the Chisos Mountains Lodge (*pretty good restaurant and store*)
- Cottonwood Campground
- Rio Grande Village (*with a small store and a Laundromat*) and the RGV Nature Trail (*over pontoon bridges on a Beaver lake in the middle of the desert!*)
- Emory Peak and the Chisos Mountains (*the only complete mountain range in a National Park*)
- Hot Springs (*the remnants of the Langford settlement and the secluded trees make for a great location – tough on big trucks getting in and out*)
- Mule Ears
- Persimmon Gap
- Old Ore Road
- Santa Elena Canyon and Overlook (*magnificent canyon with a great overlook – not far off highway – be prepared for high heat May through August*)
- Window and Window Trails in the Basin (*it is said you can freeze in the Basin and boil away along the river – all on the same day*)
- Over 450 species of birds, more than any other National Park
- And a whole lot more!

---PARK SCHOOL---

San Vicente Independent School District  
[Big Bend National Park](http://www.svisd.com)  
195 Escuela Vista Drive  
Big Bend National Park San Vicente, Texas 79834-0195  
432-477-2220, Fax 432-477-2221  
http://www.svisd.com
BLACK GAP WILDERNESS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA –
From the Texas Parks and Wildlife Website: “The Black Gap WMA borders Big Bend National Park on the northwestern boundary. The management area shares 25 miles of the Rio Grande with the Mexican State of Coahuila on the southern and eastern boundaries. The property contains approximately 103,000 acres where the Sierranias del Burro and Sierra del Carmen Mountain Ranges enter into Texas. The management area is also located in some of the lowest elevations of the Chihuahuan Desert found in the United States. The property serves as a facility where research and demonstration projects can be implemented to aid private land management of natural resources.”

The Black Gap area can be reached in about an hour to an hour and a half south of Marathon on US 385, southeast along Texas Farm to Market Road 2627 then take the turn-off to headquarters on the left. The Black Gap WMA is made up mostly of dirt roads, some pretty rough, and some in good shape – high clearance vehicles are recommended. These locations should be thought of as very remote “come fully self-contained and take it all back out with you” – well worth it to a company looking for this kind of location. There are lots of camping sites and plenty of rugged scenery. One of the more primitive areas in the US.

-BLACK GAP GENERAL INFORMATION--
Black Gap Wildlife Management Area
Texas Parks and Wildlife Alpine Office Black Gap WMA Area Headquarters
109 S. Cockrell FM 2627
Alpine, Texas 79830 432-376-2216
432-364-2228

ELEPHANT MOUNTAIN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
From the Texas Parks and Wildlife Website: “Elephant Mountain WMA consists of 23,147 acres within the Trans-Pecos Ecological Region of west Texas. The WMA is located along the east side of SH 118, approximately 26 miles south of Alpine, in Brewster County. Elephant Mountain WMA was acquired through private donation in 1985 for the purpose of conservation and development of desert bighorn and large game animals, wildlife-oriented research, and other compatible recreational uses including public hunting. Desert bighorn have been established on the area. Other wildlife species present include desert mule deer, pronghorn antelope, coyotes, scaled quail, rattlesnakes, whiptail lizards, and spadefoot toads.”

Rising 2,000’ from the desert floor like some giant ship, Elephant Mountain is in the midst of some very imposing uplifts and mesas. Some have called Elephant Mountain WMA our last chance to save the Bighorn Sheep. The immediate area has great backgrounds for scenes or, as the History Channel found, great views from the top of a grand mesa (and incredibly dramatic for the actors just getting to the top!).

-ELEPHANT MOUNTAIN GENERAL INFORMATION--
Elephant Mountain WMA
Texas Parks and Wildlife Alpine Office Elephant Mountain WMA Headquarters & Education Center
109 S. Cockrell 26 miles south of Alpine on Texas Highway 118 on east side of highway
Alpine, Texas 79830
432-364-2228

BREWSTER COUNTY AUTO, MOTORCYCLE, SERVICE & RENTAL

-REPAIR, PARTS & SERVICE & RENTAL--
Beechie’s Auto Service
600 Deer Valley Dr
Terlingua, Texas 79852
(Just west of Hwy 118 and FM 170)
Contact: Robert & Nola Beauchamp
432-371-2392 or 432-294-2080
“If You’re Hung Up Call Us” - Car and Truck Repair, Towing, State Safety Inspections, Flat Tires, Batteries, etc.
Email: beechie@bigbend.net

Far Flung Adventures
Jeep Rental
P.O. Box 377
Terlingua, Texas 79852
800-839-7238
They only have one Jeep for rent. Check the website for info.
http://bigbendfarflung.com/lodging/, Email: info@ffoc.net
Terlingua Auto
23341 FM 170
Terlingua, Texas 79852
432-371-2223
Service for all makes and models, light trucks, cars, motor homes, driveline service and tires and tire repairs

-FUEL, GROCERY & CONVENIENCE STORES-
Cottonwood General Store
531710 Texas Highway 118
Terlingua, Texas 79852
432-371-3315
Terrific grocery, good wine, well stocked with a great attitude.

Panther Junction
Gas Station just west of Headquarters
Big Bend National Park
Highway 118 & Us 385
Big Bend National Park, Texas 79834
Not always open – when you come to the park, bring plenty of water and food and fill the tank with gas.

Study Butte Store at the Big Bend Motor Inn
Texas Highway 118 & FM 170
Terlingua, Texas 79852
Fuel, restaurant and convenience store

Terlingua Store
FM-170 & South County Rd
Terlingua, Texas
432-371-2487
A godsend when you need ice and it is close to the Ghost Town

BREWSTER COUNTY BANKS
West Texas National Bank
Quicksilver Branch
53610 State Highway 118
Terlingua, Texas 79852
432.371.2211 (phone), 432.371.2285 (fax)

BREWSTER COUNTY CATERING, RESTAURANTS, SALOONS & LIQUOR STORES
-CATERING-
The Smokin' Cuban Food Truck
(432) 244-9900
Comfort food · Quick bite · Casual
This is a real fully equipped mobile kitchen (30’ Goose Neck trailer) with a real Chef (Greg Green) that can go to your location and cater to your crew – just like Hollywood. Like a lot of things in the Big Bend, they need plenty of advance notice. Alpine, and the rest of the Big Bend, are a long ways from getting speedy deliveries of commercial food supplies.

Some of the restaurants in the greater Brewster County will cater small events. Suggest you call them for information.

-RESTAURANTS & SALOONS-
Big Bend Motor Inn Store and Restaurant
100 Main Street
Terlingua (Study Butte), Texas 79852
432-371-2483
Ice Cream! On a warm day – oh yeah.

Canyon Brew Coffee Shop
at Far Flung Outdoor Center
432-371-2633

Chili Pepper Cafe
100 Texas Highway 118
Expresso y Poco Mas
Terlingua Ghost Town
“...offers not only excellent expresso and coffees, but fresh squeezed juices, home baked pastries and great breakfast and lunch options.”

High Sierra Bar & Grill
100 Ghost Town Road
Terlingua, Texas 79852
432-371-3282

Ja Kiva Restaurant & Bar
23220 FM170
Terlingua, Texas 79852
Phone: (432) 371-2250
Semi-subterranean hideaway with dinosaur decor & rock walls, serving up BBQ, pizza & live music.

Long Draw Pizza
West of the Ghost Town
Terlingua, Texas 79852
432-371-2608
Good pizza along the river.

Ocotillo
100 Main Street
Terlingua, Texas 79852
432-424-5035

Restaurant Rio Bravo
Highway FM 170
Terlingua, Texas 79852
432-371-2101

Starlight Theatre Restaurant
Terlingua Ghost Town on the Porch
631 Ivey Road
Terlingua, Texas 79852
432-371-3400
Consistently the best food in South County with terrific live entertainment and good to great wine list. http://www.thestarlighttheatre.com/

Rustic Iron BBQ
23270 FM 170
Terlingua, Texas 79852
432-210-3457
rusticironbbq@ymail.com

Terlingua Ranch Restaurant
Terlingua Ranch Lodge
Terlingua, Texas 79852
432-371-3389
“In” the Terlingua Ranch Lodge – 16 miles from the entrance on 118.

Tivo's Restaurant
Longhorn Ranch Motel Texas Highway 118
Terlingua, Texas 79852
432-371-2133
Only open in the cooler months.

~LIQUOR STORES (LIQUOR, WINE & BEER)~
Gloria’s Last Chance Liquor Store
Study Butte Mall
Terlingua Trading Company
100 Ivey Street
Terlingua Ghost Town
Terlingua, Texas 79852
432-371-2234
Home of the legendary Porch and ice-cold beer (including Big Bend Brewery products in cans).
http://ghosttowntexas.com/

Shot Time Liquors N Artz
101 Medics Lane
Terlingua, Texas 79852
432-371-3155

Study Butte Store
Highway 118
Terlingua, Texas 79852
432-371-2231

**BREWSTER COUNTY CHURCHES**

Church of Christ
Texas Highway 118
Study Butte-Terlingua, Texas
432-371-2292

Big Bend Baptist Church
Texas Highway 118
Study Butte, Texas
432-371-2243

Terlingua Ranch Community Mission Church
Near Lodge just off main road

St. Agnes
Terlingua Ghost Town
The wonderful old “ruin” of a church is available for appropriate events. You can have a wedding here, or a christening, a funeral, or other religious ceremonies and activities – contact the Terlingua Trading Company

**BIG BEND GUIDES, GUIDED TOURS & EXPEDITIONS**

Angell Expeditions
Contact Charlie Angell
El Polvo Road
Redford, Texas 79846
charles@angellexpeditions.com (best contact)
432-229-3713, 305-336-2787 cell
Charlie has over 12 years’ experience guiding in the Big Bend, is a Registered Guide with the Big Bend Ranch State Park and the Big Bend National Park and is certified with Wilderness Advanced First Aid Training – handy person to have on a location. He can give you a private Jeep tour of any area – perfect for serious location scouting. “We can take you to areas only accessible by 4WD vehicles and on properties that have access granted only to Angell Expeditions.”
http://angellexpeditions.com/, EMAIL: charles@angellexpeditions.com

Big Bend Overland Tours
Chisos Mountains Lodge
1 Basin Rural Station
Big Bend National Park, Texas 79834
877-386-4383 or 432-477-2291
Big Bend River Tours
23331 FM 170, Mail: P. O. Box 317)
Terlingua, Texas 79852
432-371-3033, 800-545-4240, FAX 432-371-3034
Email: rapids317@hotmail.com
The oldest river outfitter running the Rio Grande in the Big Bend area of Texas!
http://www.bigbendriverfouths.com/contactus.html, Email: rapids317@hotmail.com

Big Bend Stables Study Butte and Lajitas Stables –
Texas Highway 118 South of Big Bend Motor Inn
Contact Linda Walker
Box 6, Terlingua, Texas 79852
432-371-3064, 800 887 4331
Stables, Horseback Rides, Guided Trips
http://lajitasstables.com/ Email: lajitasstables@bigbend.net

Desert Sports (Bicycles)
FM170, 5 miles west of the junction of TX 170 and TX 118 next to Terlingua Ghost Town
Guided Mountain Bike Trips, Bike Rentals, Repair and a Variety of Accessories and Last-Minute Necessities for Bicycle Activities.
888-989-6900, 432-371-2727

Far Flung Outdoor Center
River Trips, Jeep & ATV Tours, Canoe Rentals, Outfitter
FM 170 and Highway 118 Terlingua/ Study Butte
Box 377, Terlingua, Texas 79852
“...the widest, most complete offering of outdoor experiences available in West Texas” - and don’t forget they have a Jeep for rent. Specializes in river tours but offers complete guided tours of all types.
https://bigbendfarflung.com/

BREWSTER COUNTY HARDWARE, GALLERIES, STORES & SHOPS

Becoming Fine Art
23240 FM 170
Terlingua, Texas 79852
432-371-2694
https://www.facebook.com/BecomingFineArt

Bee Mountain Hardware
101 Bee Mountain Road
Suite A
PO Box 635
Terlingua Texas 79852
432-371-3113
“We are full line hardware - If we don't have it we can get it! ”

Big Bend Stone & West Texas Plants
Stone Planters & Native Plants
Texas Highway 110 & FM 170 Study Butte
PO Box 6
3 Casa Rosa Rd
Terlingua, Texas 79852
432-371-3156
Email: lico@stoneplanters.com

Brer Rabbit Curios
100 Easter Egg Valley
23278 FM 170
Box 228
Terlingua, Texas 79852
Gifts & Curios, Rocks, Minerals, Jewelry
(432) 371-2430
Painted Feather Studio & Gallery
999-A Ghost Town Road
PO Box 109
Terlingua Texas 79852
Fine Arts & Collectables Gallery
405-795-3905
Email: danileab@yahoo.com

Quilts by Marguerite
100 Bee Mountain Plaza # 1
Terlingua, Texas 79852
Phone: (432) 371-2292
Handmade Quilts and Handicrafts

Terlingua Trading Company
100 Ivey Street
Terlingua Ghost Town
Terlingua, Texas 79852
432-371-2234
Great selection of books, souvenirs, clothes, hats, salsa and a whole lot more.
http://ghosttowntexas.com/

Stillwell Store & RV Park
Located 40 miles south of Marathon down US Highway 385 then a left for 5.6 miles on FM 2627 – often called the Stillwell Road or sometimes the La Linda road.
HC 65 Box 430
Alpine, Texas 79830
432-376-2244
A welcome respite for a cold pop and some ice. A good “central” production location if you are shooting in this area. Black Gap WMA and La Linda are just down the “block.”
http://stillwellstore.com/, Email: Kaypizzini@yahoo.com

BREWSTER COUNTY MEDIA

Big Bend Gazette
PO Box 466
Terlingua Texas 79852
432-837-5755
Monthly Newspaper covering the Big Bend Region focusing on Brewster County with state-wide readership.
www.bigbendgazette.com

KALP 92.7 FM Radio Station – Alpine’s Country Music Station
500 E. Hendryx Avenue
Alpine, Texas 79830
432-837-2144. Fax: 432-837-3984
Online Streaming available for scheduled News, Sports and Special Events
www.bigbendradio.com

KVLF 1240 AM Radio Station – Voice of the Last Frontier Since 1949
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Online Streaming available for scheduled News, Sports and Special Events. If you want publicity in the local area, schedule an interview.
www.bigbendradio.com

BREWSTER COUNTY RANCHES
These are by no means all the ranches in Brewster County just a representation for your fine edification. You will notice some of the names are familiar and some are listed in more than one county. It’s Texas. The ranches in this area were once among the largest, if not the largest, ranches in the world (the Big Bend Ranch State Park came from one ranch and
in the day the owner Robert O. Anderson of the Diamond A Cattle Company was the largest land owner in the US). Death and grandkids have dictated today’s size.

02 Ranch (we pronounce this “Oh Two”)
LOCATION Brewster

06 Ranch – (and this is pronounced “Ought Six”)
The 06 Flats and the 06 Willow Springs Ranches are located within 20 minutes of Alpine.
LOCATION Brewster and Jeff Davis counties

Briscoe Ranches
LOCATION Brewster, Culberson, Dimmit, La Salle, Maverick, McMullen, Uvalde, Webb, and Zavala counties

Combs
LOCATION Brewster

El Rancho Escondido
LOCATION Brewster

La Escalera Ranches
LOCATION Brewster, Pecos, and Reeves counties

A. S. Gage Ranch
LOCATION Brewster and Presidio counties

Larremore Ranch
LOCATION Brewster

Ten Bits Guest Ranch
LOCATION Brewster

Clayton Williams Ranches
LOCATION Borden, Brewster, Jeff Davis, Pecos, and Presidio counties

BREWSTER COUNTY ROADS & HIGHWAYS –
Did we say roads? Oh boy do we have roads! Roads of every kind just waiting for a camera car.

The paved highways that dissect Brewster county running north to south are Texas Highway 118 in the east that runs north from Fort Davis to Terlingua in the south, US Highway 67 twins with US 90 from the border through Marfa and spurs off north at the “Y” six miles east of Alpine on its way to Sabula, Iowa. Then we have US Highway 385 in the center of the county that runs through Marathon in the north to the Big Bend National Park in the south.

US Highway 90 crosses the northern part of the county through Marathon and Alpine. It comes from Jacksonville, Florida and ends in Van Horn, Texas

On the bottom of the county runs the legendary Texas River Road – Farm to Market 170 - sacred to motorcycles and fast cars as well as magnificent scenery – one of the most picturesque highways in North America.

And don’t forget our dirt roads that run rampant through the Big Bend National Park, the Big Bend Ranch State Park, through Terlingua Ranch, and most of the county. It may well be said that the true beauty of the Big Bend country may be found on its dirt roads. See the section “Roads of the Big Bend” under our websites main menu header.

BREWSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION – AIRPORTS & AIR SERVICE
Please see the Alpine Transportation section for complete information and commercial flights.

~AIRPORTS~
There are a great many private ranch airfields of which most are gravel or dirt. It is important to remember that flying in this area is “border” flying. Permission to land at these private airport/fields should be obtained well in advance.

C FULCHER RANCH AIRPORT (also known as the Terlingua Airport
Terlingua /Alpine/, Texas, USA
FAA INFORMATION EFFECTIVE 29 MAY 2014
Location
FAA Identifier: 3TE8
Lat/Long: 29-19-09.7100N / 103-35-00.6660W
29-19.161833N / 103-35.011100W
29.3193639 / -103.5835183
(estimated)
Elevation: 2717 ft. / 828.1 m (surveyed)
Variation: 09E (1985)
From city: 2 miles E of central business district of the associated city
Time zone: UTC -5 (UTC -6 during Standard Time)
Zip code: 79852
Airport use: Private use. Permission required prior to landing
Activation date: 06/1941
Sectional chart: EL PASO
Control tower: no
Wind indicator: yes
Airport Services
Airframe service: NONE
Powerplant service: NONE
Bottled oxygen: NONE
Bulk oxygen: NONE
Runway Information
Runway 13/31
Dimensions: 3600 x 120 ft. / 1097 x 37 m
Surface: gravel
Operational restrictions: NORTHEAST SIDE OF RWY IS ALSO PUBLIC ROAD.
RUNWAY 13   RUNWAY 31
Traffic pattern: left left
Obstructions: road
ROAD AND +4 FT FENCE AT THLD. brush
+5 FT BRUSH AT THLD.
Manager: ALEX WHITMORE
P.O. BOX 215
TERLINGUA, TX 79852
Phone 940-367-3547
OFFICE - 432-371-3336

LAJITAS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
The airport has undergone a full restoration in 2014.
FAA INFORMATION EFFECTIVE 29 MAY 2014
FAA Identifier: 89TE
Lat/Long: 29-16-40.5000N / 103-41-15.5000W
29-16.675000N / 103-41.258333W
29.2779167 / -103.6876389 (estimated)
Elevation: 2637.8 ft. / 804 m (estimated)
Variation: 09E (2000)
From city: 4 miles E of LAJITAS, TX
Time zone: UTC -5 (UTC -6 during Standard Time)
Zip code: 79852
Airpark Operations
Airport use: Private use. Permission required prior to landing
Activation date: 10/2001
Sectional chart: EL PASO
Control tower: no
ARTCC: ALBUQUERQUE CENTER
FSS: SAN ANGELO FLIGHT SERVICE STATION
Attendance: 0800-1700
FOR SVC CALL 432-424-5000.
Wind indicator: yes
Segmented circle: no
Lights: FOR NIGHT LNDGS PLEASE CALL 432-424-5000.
Landing fee: yes
Airport Services - Fuel available: 100LL, JET-A
Runway Information
Runway 7/25
TERLINGU RANCH AIRPORT
At the Terlingua Ranch Lodge
Alpine, Texas, 79830 (Once again, hardly Alpine)
FAA Identifier: 1E2
Elevation: 3769 ft. / 1148.8 m (surveyed)
From city: 57 miles SE of ALPINE, TX
Zip code: 79830
Open to the public
Activation date: 02/1972
Sectional chart: EL PASO
Control tower: no

Airport Services
Parking: hangars and tiedowns
Airframe service: NONE
Powerplant service: NONE
Bottled oxygen: NONE
Bulk oxygen: NONE

Runway Information
Runway 2/20
Dimensions: 4700 x 80 ft. / 1433 x 24 m
Surface: gravel, in poor condition - VERY LOOSE.
Elevation: 3769.0 ft. 3638.0 ft.
Gradient: 2.8% UP

TERLINGUA RANCH INC
BOX 638
TERLINGUA, TX 79852
Phone 432-371-216
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF
Manager: JOHN GRAY
BOX 638
TERLINGUA, TX 79852
Phone 432-371-3146

Additional Remarks AIRPORT SURROUNDED BY +500'- 600' MOUNTAINS.

-AIR SERVICE-
Air Tours Terlingua
Located at C Fulcher Ranch Airport

“Rio Aviation Inc. was started by retired Big Bend Ranger Marcos Paredes...specializes in offering scenic flights...Rio Aviation is authorized to conduct scenic flights over the Big Bend and is certified by the FAA as a part 91 Air Tour Operation. “

-GROUND-
TRAX (Big Bend Community Action Committee, Inc.)
Transportation via large vans is available to the public and can be used for various reasons: shopping, work place, visiting friends and family, airports, and/or medical appointments. It does not offer commercial bus service.

432-837-9139, 855-TRY-TRAX, (855-879-8729)

www.bbcac.org/index.cfm