

BIG BEND RESOURCES - BREWSTER COUNTY – BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK, BIG BEND RANCH STATE PARK, TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS, LA LINDA, STILLWELL RANCH STORE & TERLINGUA & STUDY BUTTE

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BREWSTER COUNTY GENERAL INFORMATION

Brewster County, the largest county in the largest state 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 U.S., 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 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, ruins, red rock and picturesque towns. Brewster County Texas is big, diverse, friendly and just waiting to frame your story. To date there are no permits needed to shoot in the county although some locations like the Terlingua Ghost Town have some restrictions and fees.

Come shoot 'em up!

~COUNTY OFFICES AND COUNTY SERVICES~

Brewster County Court House

201 West Avenue E

Alpine, Texas 79830

<http://www.brewstercountyTexas.com/>



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PO Box 401
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432-837-2714

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107 West Avenue E
432-837-2214

Brewster County Tourism Council
VisitBigBend.com
Director Robert Alvarez
Val Beard Office Complex
203 North 7th Street
<http://visitbigbend.com/>

County Commissioners
Precinct 1 Betse Esparza, Precinct 2 Sara Allen
Colando, 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>

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400 South Nelson, Fort Stockton, Texas 79735
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Fax No. 432-336-8333

Big Bend Chamber of Commerce
100 Main St # 3
Terlingua, Texas 79852
432-371-2320
Serving South County, Study Butte, Terlingua and Lajitas

~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](#)

Terlingua, Texas 79852
432-371-3147, 24 Hour Hotline 800-834-0654

24 Hour Emergency Shelter, Legal Advocacy, Counseling, Support Group, Community Education, Assistance with basic needs, Outreach Services

~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](#) – "Since 1906, the Perry Mansion has proudly overlooked the Chisos Mining Company (now the Terlingua Ghost Town). Unfortunately, bankruptcy and a hundred years of decay overwhelmed Mr. Perry's dream house -- until now." A three year restoration has renewed the dream and it's available to all. Enjoy desert living at the top of the world." Eight wonderful, desert elegant rooms and 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."

Recently there has been an explosion of Airbnb (<https://www.airbnb.com/>) and VRBO (<https://www.vrbo.com/>) rental units in South County. Visit VisitBigBend.com, official website of the Brewster County Tourism Council, has the most complete, and up-to-date, listing of lodging available at <https://visitbigbend.com/lodging-chart/>. Below are a few of the choices.

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

Largest lodging facility for a big crew. "The Motor Inn has a total of 51 non-smoking rooms and the Mission Lodge has 35 non-smoking motel style rooms in two buildings, and one small apartment."

<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

Terlingua, Texas 79852

800-839-7238

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/>

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/>

Elephant Mountain Wildlife Management Area (WMA)

109 S. Cockrell

Headquarters

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 O2 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](#)

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](#)."

<https://laposadamilagro.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

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."

<http://www.ranchotopanga.com/>

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..."

Ten Bits Ranch

PO Box 293

Terlingua, Texas 79852

Physical Address:

6000 North County Rd
Terlingua, Texas 79852
866-371-3110, 432-371-3110

"Ten Bits Ranch provides lodging for up to 18 guests. Each guest room is designed to be a part of our old west town... air conditioning, flat screen TV with Dish Network service and gas log fireplace... Wifi is available in each guest room and in the Cantina..."

<http://www.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.

~**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/>

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 (TexasDOT) 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.

<http://abowlofred.com/>

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.

<https://www.casichili.net/>

[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](#). 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.*

<http://www.marathontexas.com/index.php?pageid=17>

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. Large enough for a small base camp.*

"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 drive 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. Apply for your permits early. "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.

Visit <https://www.nps.gov/bibe/learn/management/film-permits.htm> for the latest information on filming permits in the park. 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](#) section)

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](#)

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
109 S. Cockrell
Alpine, Texas 79830
432-364-2228

Black Gap WMA Area Headquarters
FM 2627
432-376-2216

https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/hunt/wma/find_a_wma/list/?id=2

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
109 S. Cockrell
Alpine, Texas 79830
432-364-2228

Elephant Mountain WMA Headquarters & Education Center
26 miles south of Alpine on Texas Highway 118 on east side of highway

Primitive camping is available year round.

https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/hunt/wma/find_a_wma/list/?id=7

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~

Alon Gas Station

Study Butte Store at the Big Bend Motor Inn

Texas Highway 118 & FM 170

Terlingua, Texas 79852

Fuel, restaurant and convenience store

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.

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~

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

~RESTAURANTS & SALOONS~

Bad Rabbit Cafe @ Terlingua Ranch Lodge

16000 Terlingua Ranch Road

Terlingua, Texas 79852

432-371-2244

<https://terlinguaranch.com/texas-terlingua-restaurants-cafes/>

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

Terlingua, Texas 79852

432-371-2233

Good food and friendly service.

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

la 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.

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/>

DB's Rustic Iron BBQ

23270 FM 170

Terlingua, Texas 79852

432-210-3457

<http://www.rusticironbbq.com/>

Taqueria el Milagro

210 Ivey Road

Terlingua, TEXAS 79852

432-371-2060

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)~

[Terlingua Trading Company](#)

100 Ivey Street

Terlingua Ghost Town

Terlingua, Texas 79852

432-371-2234

Home of the legendary Porch and ice-cold beer.

<http://ghostowntexas.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

<http://www.church-of-christ.com/info/Texas-terlingua.htm>

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

Charlie Angell

Contact Charlie Angell

El Polvo Road

Redford, Texas 79846

charles@angellexpeditions.com (best contact)

432-229-3713, 305-336-2787 cell

Charlie has many 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/>

Big Bend Boating and Hiking Company

469-607-9869

Offering single day to multi-day trips.

<https://www.hikingbigbend.com/>

Big Bend Resort & Adventures

53623 TEXAS-118

Terlingua, TEXAS 79852

432-371-3382

<https://www.bigbendresort.com/>

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

The oldest river outfitter running the Rio Grande in the Big Bend area of Texas!

<http://www.bigbendriversstours.com/contactus.html>

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 TEXAS 170 and TEXAS 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/>

Rio Aviation Inc

170 Fulcher Road

Terlingua, TEXAS 79852

432-557-9477

Air Tours of the Big Bend

Wild Adventure Outfitters

432-247-3262

<https://www.wildadventureoutfitters.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

Texas Highway 110 & FM 170 Study Butte

PO Box 6

3 Casa Rosa Rd

Terlingua, Texas 79852

432-371-3156

Stone Planters & Native Plants

Desert Sports

22937 FM170

Terlingua, Texas 79852

432-371-2727

Touring and Bike Shop

<https://www.desertsportsTexas.com/>

Many Stones

53700 TEXAS-118

P.O. Box 3

Study Butte, Texas 79852

432-371-2994

Home goods store - gems, rocks, fossils, jewelry, cactus, and a whole lot more!

<http://manystonesgifts.com/>

Otra Vez
TEXAS-118
Terlingua, TEXAS 79852
Thrift store in Brewster County, Texas

Quilts By Marguerite
100 Bee Mountain Plz # 1
Terlingua, Texas 79852
432-371-2292

[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
Alpine’s Country Music Station
500 E. Hendryx Avenue
432-837-2144. Fax: 432-837-3984

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 and are great locations.
LOCATION Brewster and Jeff Davis counties

Briscoe Ranches

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

Combs

LOCATION Brewster

Davidson

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, TEXAS 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, TEXAS

Time zone: UTC -5 (UTC -6 during Standard Time)

Zip code: 79852

Airport 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

Dimensions: 7505 x 100 ft. / 2288 x 30 m

Surface: asphalt

Runway edge lights: medium intensity

RUNWAY 7 RUNWAY 25

Latitude: 29-16.550000N 29-16.800000N

Longitude: 103-41.950000W 103-40.566667W

Elevation: 2600.0 ft. 2630.4 ft.

Traffic pattern: left left

Touchdown point: yes, no lights yes, no lights
Airport Ownership and Management from official FAA records
Ownership: Privately-owned
Owner: LAJITAS CAPITAL PARTNERS LLC
HC 70 BOX 400
LAJITAS, TEXAS 79852
Phone 432-424-5000
Manager: AL BLAINE
HC 70 BOX 400
LAJITAS, TEXAS 79852
Phone 432-424-5000

TERLINGUA 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, TEXAS
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

Airport Ownership and Management from official FAA records
Ownership: Privately-owned
Owner: TERLINGUA RANCH INC
BOX 638
TERLINGUA, TEXAS 79852
Phone 432-371-2416
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF
Manager: JOHN GRAY
BOX 638
TERLINGUA, TEXAS 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

Shoot 'em Up In Brewster County!