

BIG BEND RESOURCES – PRESIDIO COUNTY, CITY OF PRESIDIO, FORT LEATON, REDFORD, CANDELARIA, RUIDOSA, SHAFTER, CIBOLO CREEK RANCH & BIG BEND RANCH STATE PARK

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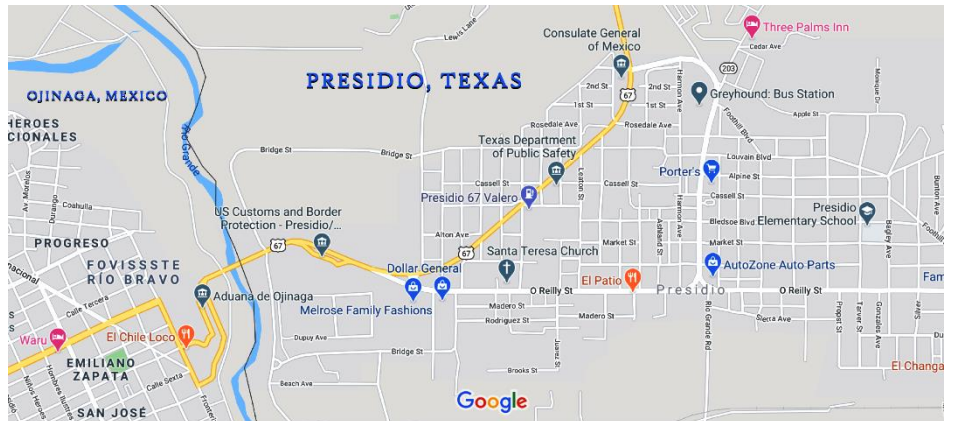
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PRESIDIO COUNTY (SOUTH & SOUTHWEST) GENERAL INFORMATION

The International border of Southeastern Presidio County is one of the great crossroads of North American history. That it took place in the southern and western part of what was to become Texas and the United States makes it even more special to the folks of the Big Bend. The Presidio area may well be the longest, continuously inhabited, place in North America. It was warm and fertile during the last ice age with plenty of water and a fairly benign climate. The present county comprises 3,856 square miles.

From Wikipedia: "As of the 2010 census, its population was 7,818. Its county seat is [Marfa](#). Presidio County ...is named for the ancient border settlement of Presidio del Norte. It is east from the Mexican border... Paleo-Indians Hunter-gatherers existed thousands of years ago on the Trans-Pecos, and often did not adapt to culture clashes, European diseases and colonization. The Masames tribe was exterminated by the Tobosos, circa 1652. The Nonojos suffered from clashes with the Spanish and merged with the Tobosos. The Spanish made slave raids to the La Junta de los Ríos, committing cruelties against the native population..."

Presidio County was established from Bexar County on January 3, 1850. Fort Leaton became the county seat. The county was organized in 1875 as the largest county in the United States, with 12,000 square miles (31,000 km²). Fort Davis was named the county seat. The boundaries and seat of Presidio County were changed in the 1880s. Marfa was established in 1883, and the county seat was moved there from Fort Davis in 1885... The economy of the county in 1982 was based primarily on agriculture with 83 percent of the land in farms and ranches."

The City of Presidio is a sleepy Texas border town across from the Mexican border town of Ojinaga and the state of Chihuahua and includes Fort Leaton just to the south. The town (then known as La Junta del los Rios – the joining together, or junction, of the two rivers) was established at the confluence of the Río Conchos and the Rio Grande (also known as the Rio Bravo del Norte). It is the prime international border crossing of the Big Bend area. The largest portion of the Big Bend Ranch State Park, resides in the southern part of the county. The area is a large economic footprint of trade and shopping for both sides of the river. There is a mix of great locations in and nearby Presidio, so make it a "must" scout and Shoot 'Em Up in Southern Presidio County!

PRESIDIO CITY & GOVERNMENT OFFICES

From Wikipedia: "Presidio is a city in Presidio County, Texas, United States. It stands on the Rio Grande (Río Bravo del Norte), on the opposite side of the U.S.-Mexico border from Ojinaga, Chihuahua. The population was 4,167 at the 2000 census, and had increased to 5,106 as of the 2010 US census.

Presidio is on the Farm to Market Road 170, and U.S. Route 67, 18 miles (29 km) south of Shafter Presidio County. Presidio is about 250 miles southeast of El Paso, 240 miles southwest of Odessa, and 145 miles northeast of Chihuahua, Mexico."

City of Presidio

PO Box 1899
507 West O'Reilly Street
<http://presidiotx.us>

Brenda Lee Acuña
City Secretary
432-229-3517
<http://presidioTexas.us/>

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Chief of Police
Jose L. Cabezuela
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Presidio Municipal Court Judge
Vivana Cantano
432-229-3517

Public Safety Department
801 Erma Ave,
432-229-3768, DIAL 911 for Emergencies

Presidio Emergency Services EMS & FIRE
Malynda Richardson, EMS Director
mrichardson@presidiotx.us

Weather: <http://www.wunderground.com/US/Texas/Presidio.html>



AREA CODE 432, ZIP CODE 79846

DIAL 911 FOR ALL EMERGENCIES!

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Alcee Tavarez
Email: atavarez@presidioTexas.us

City Council
Councilman Samuel Carrasco
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Councilman Antonio Manriquez
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Councilwoman Isela Nunez
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Councilman Victor Hernandez
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City Administrator Jose Portillo
jportillo@presidiotx.us

City Attorney
Rod Ponton, 432-837-0990

Presidio Water Department
507 West O'Reilly Street
432-229-3605

City of Presidio Public Library
1200 E. O'Reilly
432-229-3317
<http://presidiolibrary.org>, Email: presidiolibrary@presidioTexas.us

Presidio Aquatic Center
1144 E. O'Reilly St
432-229-4040

Presidio Municipal Development District
Brad Newton Executive Director
PO Box 1899
507 West O'Reilly Street
432-229-3517 Email: bnewton@presidioTexas.us

Brad is THE go-to guy in all of Southern Presidio county. If you are looking for help with locations, permits, or an un-greased wheel, see Mr. Newton.



Homeland Security
Presidio Port of Entry
Port Director, John Deputy
US Customs and Border Protection
99400 US Highway 67
PO Box 1959
432-229-3349

Wait times updated hourly: <http://apps.cbp.gov/bwt/rss.asp?portList=240301&f=html>

Port of Entry-Presidio
Port Information
Port Code: 2403
432-229-3349, Fax: 432-229-4595

“Operational Hours: Twenty-Four (24) Hours A Day Seven Days A Week. Description: A Port of Entry is any designated place at which a CBP officer is authorized to accept entries of merchandise to collect duties, and to enforce the various provisions of the customs and navigation laws.”

Presidio DPS & Department of Motor Vehicles
801 A N. Business Highway 67 North
432-229-3768 (DMV)

US Post Office
202 E O'Reilly Street
432-229-3375

You can submit your United States passport application at this location for processing (4-6 weeks). It is important to note that you need a passport or other similar document to cross into Mexico – a driver's license doesn't count.

PRESIDIO ATTRACTIONS, FESTIVALS & ROADS

The following is a quote from an anonymous Presidio resident that I found on the web: “Never judge a town by the size of the sandstorm. Under that sand lies a treasure that many people hold close to their hearts and will always be proud to be from Presidio.”

~ATTRACTIONS~

Big Bend Ranch State Park

(see Section devoted to BBRSP at the end of this document)

Chinati Mountains State Natural Area

From the Texas Parks and Wildlife Website: *“The 38,137-acre Chinati Mountains State Natural Area lies south of Pinto Canyon Road and immediately west of the high peaks of the range.*

These beautiful, scenic mountains are the result of a violent past. The largest volcanic eruption in the Trans Pecos region of Texas took place here over 35 million years ago. Eroded over time, the rugged peaks and steep canyons of the Chinatis tell the story of that long-ago eruption.

The park stretches from low desert to the highest peak, Sierra Pardo. It reaches south almost to Cerro Orona. The ridgeline of the high Chinati range is not in the park. This state natural area is not yet open.”

Coyame, Mexico

Coyame del Sotol, Chihuahua is a small Mexican town (population 710) located an hour’s drive from Presidio. It is the closest Mexican town to the site of a reported mid-air collision between an airplane and a UFO on August 25, 1974. A strange object traveling at 2,000 miles per hour crashed into a small plane that was headed south to Mexico City, causing both aircraft to fall to the Chihuahuan desert below...This case is known as “Mexico’s Roswell” and has been featured in several television documentaries and a book, Mexico’s Roswell by Noe Torres and Ruben Uriarte. (Both were guests at Presidio’s 2014 UFO Festival).

Dark Skies

“The Presidio area has some of the “darkest skies” in the world, actually! The areas just outside of town around Cibolo Creek Ranch and also at the Big Bend Ranch State Park measure a “Class 1” (absolute darkest skies) as measured on the Bortle Light Pollution Scale.” More information about Presidio’s Dark Skies is at: <http://cleardarksky.com/c/BgBndRSPTXkey.html?1>

Ghost Lights

These strange nighttime orbs of light that appear all along the area of the Chinati Mountains are most commonly referred to as the “Marfa Lights.” Although the official Marfa Lights Viewing area is located on Highway 90, just east of Marfa, the lights themselves actually appear along Highway 67 about halfway between Presidio and Marfa, amidst the Chinati Mountains.

Ojinaga (Manuel Ojinaga), Mexico

From Wikipedia: OJ, as it is often called locally, “...is a town and seat of the municipality of Ojinaga, in the northern Mexican state of Chihuahua. As of 2010, the town had a total population of 22,744. It is a rural bordertown on the U.S.-Mexico border, with the city of Presidio, Texas, directly opposite...Ojinaga is situated where the Río Conchos drains into the Río Grande (known as the Rio Bravo in Mexico), an area called La Junta de los Rios. Presidio and Ojinaga are connected by the Presidio-Ojinaga International Bridge.

Ojinaga was founded around AD 1200 by the Pueblo Native Americans, who were later assimilated by Uto-Aztec speakers. Ojinaga was first visited by Spanish explorers (led by Álvaro Núñez Cabeza de Vaca) in 1535.

Ojinaga still retains its rural culture and environment, with relatively little pollution and urban problems. Some of the most famous norteño musicians are from Ojinaga, such as Polo Urías, Adolfo Urías, Los Diamantes de Ojinaga, Los Rieleros del Norte, Conjunto Primavera, Los Jilgueros del Arroyo, and Los Norteños de Ojinaga. These artists, unlike many other norteño bands who use solely accordions as the lead instrument, use saxophones and accordions together to create a uniquely Ojinaga-styled norteño music.

...The creation of the "La Entrada al Pacifico" or "The Entrance to the Pacific", has made Ojinaga and Presidio, Texas, into a proposed inland trade corridor between the two countries. The route extends into Odessa-Midland, Texas, which is the major hub for west Texas. Odessa and Midland which have 100,000 people each will benefit greatly from this corridor. Several changes have also had to be made to the port of entry in Presidio, Texas, to accommodate the growing amount of traffic crossing the border. Truck lanes for heavy vehicles have also been added.”

The cooperation between Ojinaga and Presidio grows every month led by far-sighted administrators and citizens on both sides of the border. The area is ripe with unique locations that haven’t been used. Taxi service is available between the two cities (the distance between is only the width of the river). Homeland Security is friendly and willing to help expedite commerce.

Presidio International Raceway

Yes, that’s right, Presidio has real drag strip – concrete and all. 310’ of volunteer paving and construction by many different folks from the Big Bend area donating materials. The Presidio PMDD gave a grant of \$15,000 and racers from both sides of the border have been enjoying the strip!



Zone of Silence

“Located just across the international border and a bit south of Ojinaga is one of the world’s most mysterious areas, Mexico’s “Zone of Silence.” Scott Corrales says, ‘Magnetic aberrations make radio communications impossible in certain parts of the area, which is formally known as the Vertice de Trino: the place where the borders of the Mexican states of Durango, Chihuahua and Coahuila join between the twenty-sixth and the twenty-eighth parallel.’”

There are many other locations of interest on both sides of the border. Come Discover!

~FESTIVALS~

Christmas Tree Lighting

Every year The City of Presidio and The Consulate of Mexico join for the lighting of the Bi-national Christmas tree. This event is held at the intersection of O'Reilly and Erma Streets starting with the now traditional Lighted Parade. In this festivity you can enjoy the delicious Tamales and traditional drinks like Champurrado and holiday sweets.

4th of July

The annual celebration held at the Presidio Sports Complex invites the whole family to a day of color and excitement. It usually starts around noon with food, drinks, live music and at 10:00 pm our traditional fireworks display, sponsored by the City of Presidio and the Presidio Emergency Services.

Santa Theresa de Jesus Bazaar

Every year the local church committee hosts a two-day celebration with traditional food arts and crafts and the now traditional dance hosted by various musicians. Every year the church has their raffle, and all the proceeds go directly to the church's insurance and needs. A colorful celebration in which all are welcome.

~ROADS/HIGHWAYS~

US Route 67

From Wikipedia: "U.S. Route 67 is a 1,560 mile (2,511 km) long north-south U.S. highway in the Central United States. The southern terminus of the route is at the United States-Mexico border in Presidio, Texas, where it continues south as Mexican Federal Highway 16 upon crossing the Rio Grande. The northern terminus is at U.S. Route 52 in Sabula, Iowa.

US 67 is part of the La Entrada al Pacifico international trade corridor from its southern terminus to an intersection with U.S. Route 385 in McCamey, where the corridor follows US 385 to Odessa...

Though it passes through the heart of the Ozarks the highest elevation along US 67 is the last 150 miles between Fort Stockton and Presidio. Below Fort Stockton US 67 passes near the Glass Mountains, 6,535 ft. and the Sierra Del Norte range at 6,810 ft. West of Alpine US 67 passes near the Twin Sisters, 6,116 and 6,134 ft, Ranger Peak, 6,256 ft, and Paisano Peak, 6,091 ft. before going through Paisano Pass, 5,180 ft. East of Marfa are views of Twin Mountains 6,681 and 6,910 ft, Goat Mountain, 6,642 ft, Cathedral Peak, 6,867 ft, and Cienega Mt. 6,565 ft. The Puertacitas Mountains, 6,350 and the Davis Mountains, 8,371 ft. can be seen from the Marfa Ghost Lights observatory to the north. The Davis Mountains are the highest elevation near US 67. Thirty miles south of Marfa US 67 reaches its highest point, 5,428 ft. with Chinatti (sic) Peak, 7,732 ft. seen to the southwest."

US Route 67 has a number of scenic locations along its trip from Fort Stockton to Presidio. The northern most is as it winds through the 40 Mile Hill pass on the way down to Alpine. There are some very nice vistas just off the road after it joins with US 90 and before it gets to Alpine, especially looking north. As US 67/90 leaves Alpine to the west, the highway enters Presidio County and goes through the Paisano Pass and past the Paisano Baptist Encampment while traveling along the Union Pacific Railroad towards Marfa - all with some great opportunities for locations. On the flats to Marfa you will find the Marfa Lights Viewing Area and wide field views of the desert and mountains. After leaving Marfa you will encounter one of the most scenic drives in Texas. Mountains on both sides, twisty mountain passes, and a ghost town.

Texas Farm Road 170 (the River Road)

Farm Road 170 is sacred to motorcycles and fast cars as well as magnificent scenery. It follows the Rio Grande through magnificent canyons like the Colorado (with a fabulous, if not somewhat scary, overlook). The Big Bend Ranch State Park, the famous Lajitas resort, and Fort Leaton lay along the route with wonderful campgrounds and river put-ins, as well as our famous Hoodoos, lines the route from Terlingua to Presidio. Easily one of the most scenic highways in America.



Pinto Canyon - Ranch to Market Road 2810

From Wikipedia: "Ranch to Market Road 2810 or RM 2810 is the paved, state-maintained portion of the Pinto Canyon Road between Ruidosa and Marfa in Presidio County.

The southern terminus of RM 2810 is at a point 32.0 miles (51.5 km) southwest of Marfa along the Pinto Canyon Road where pavement and state maintenance begins in Cleveland Flat near Wild Horse Draw. The 32.0-mile (51.5 km), two-lane road proceeds to the northwest along the northern fringe of the Cuesta del Burro range of the Chinati Mountains. The road then emerges onto Ryan Flat approaching Marfa. In town, the road turns north along S. Hoover St. to its terminus at US 90."

This is one of those places that only "locals" know about. It has incredible views of mountains and the road alone is worth a look. Located close to hotels at both ends for good crew access. A must see if you are in need of a great road.

PRESIDIO CITY BUSINESSES & SERVICES

It is worth remembering that a few feet south is the much larger city of Ojinaga, Mexico.

~ACCOUNTING, BOOKKEEPING & TAX SERVICES~

Arevalo Tax Secretarial

100 Louvain Blvd

432-229-4385

Contact Nancy Arevalo - secretarial/court reporting

Maritsa Garcia

100 S Erma

432-229-2434

Tax filing specialist.

Tax Office

302 O'Reilly St

432-229-3204

~AUTO SALES, SERVICE & PARTS~

Alex Automotive

P.O. Box 1795

432-229-4014

AutoZone

101 E O'Reilly Street

432-229-3223

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

Barn Auto Parts

(See Rio Grande Wrecker)

PO Box 2018

Cabello Auto Sales

PO Box 551

432-229-3046

D'Y Convenience Store

ExxonMobil

104 O'Reilly St

432-229-4488

The place to get a cup of Espresso from its Starbuck's like fancy, self-serve, Nescafe coffee/espresso machine (it looks like it was designed by Pininfarina) and tasty home made cookies.

Toms Texaco Service

432-229-3259

<https://toms-service-station-llc.business.site/>

ExxonMobil

at Presidio Thriftway

504 N. Erma Ave.

432-229-3776

Right in front of the grocery store.

Galindos Auto Sales

US Highway 67 North

432-229-4580

Presidio Auto Parts - NAPA

405 E O'Reilly Street

432-229-3982

<http://www.napaonline.com/tx/presidio>

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405 E O'Reilly Street

432-229-3982

<http://www.napaonline.com/tx/presidio>

Presidio Auto Sales & BodyShop

1001 W Bledsue Blvd

(432) 229-2735

<https://www.facebook.com/presidioautosales/>

Rio Grande Wrecker Services

406 Commerce St

432-229-3312

Sam's Auto Body Repair

432-229-4557

~BANKS & FINANCE~

Amistad Loan Co.

100 N. Erma Ave.

432-229-2417

Small Loans

Continental Credit

709a E O'Reilly Street

432-229-3686

Loan agency in Presidio

First Presidio Bank

601 N. Erma Ave.

432-229-3724

Ft. Davis State Bank

206 E. O'Reilly Street

432-229-5000

~BEAUTY SALONS, HAIR~

Alma's Beauty Salon

901 E. O'Reilly

432-229-4566 or 432-294-1796

Men and Women's Hairstyling and Cuts,

~COMPUTERS & ELECTRONICS~

Cricket Wireless Authorized Retailer

501 W O'Reilly Street

432-229-2176

<https://www.cricketwireless.com/stores/ll/US/TX/Presidio/501-W-Oreilly-St>

~CONSTRUCTION, HARDWARE, LUMBER & BUILDING SUPPLIES, SITE PREPARATION~

Acosta's Enterprise

306 Ashland Street

432-229-3244

Elliott Manufactured Homes

16461 FM170

432-229-2828

Home builder in Presidio County, Texas

Harper Hardware

701 W. O'Reilly Street

432-229-3256, *Hardware, Paint, Plumbing*

M S Construction & Services

432-229-3703

Presidio Lumber

502 W. O'Reilly Street

432-229-3320
Hardware and Lumber

Relax Place Rentals
1306 Utopia Rd Box 925
432-257-8418
Portable Toilets / Septic Tank Cleaning / Backhoe Service / Light Towers
<https://relaxplacerentals.com/>

Rr Supply/True Value Hardware
205 W. O'Reilly Street
432-229-2545
Hardware, Plumbing

R & R Construction
210 Ashland St
432-229-3072

Santa Fe Cabinets
405 E. O'Reilly Street
432-229-2995
Custom Made Wood Cabinets

Velasco Dump & Backhoe Services
1209 Utopia Rd.
432-229-3769
Earth Moving Equipment, Site Preparation

WTG Fuels
1508 E. Huckabee Street
432-229-3614
Propane Tanks Filled

~DEPARTMENT STORES, CLOTHING, RETAIL SHOPS, FURNITURE, & SPECIALTY SHOPS~

A & C Furniture
403 E. O'Reilly Street
432-229-2882
Furniture and Mattresses

American Store
250 Gonzales Street

Bealls
712 W O Reilly Street
432-229-4064
Department store with clothing, shoes & accessories for the family, plus housewares & electronics.
https://stores.stage.com/tx-presidio-842?utm_source=Local&utm_medium=SweetIQ_Local&utm_campaign=search

Dollar General Store
1304 W. O'Reilly Street
432-229-4284
A little bit of everything, sort of the old five 'an dime.

Dollar Tree
312 O'Reilly Street
432-229-2576
Offering an eclectic mix of household items, beauty products, food & more at discount prices. Redbox
https://www.dollartree.com/locations/tx/presidio/5565/?utm_source=Google&utm_medium=Maps&utm_campaign=Google+Places

Family Dollar Store
404 W. O'Reilly Street
432-229-3849
A little bit of everything, sort of the old five 'an dime. Redbox

L & S Warehouse
410 N. Belmont
432-229-4494
New & Used Items

M. Nieto Department Store
903 W. O'Reilly Street
432-229-3220
Department Store and Ranch Supply (Hardware)

M & M Ramirez Store
705 O'Reilly Street
432-229-3526
Discount Clothing

Melrose Family Fashions
502 W. O'Reilly Street
432-229-2955
Discount Clothing

Montana Western Wear
1120 O'Reilly Street
432-229-3224
Western Apparel

Presidio 67
316 US-67
Convenience store

Redbox - Located in: Family Dollar and Dollar General

UETA Duty-Free (Duty Free Americas, Inc.)
1305 W. O'Reilly Street
432-229-3766
Duty-Free fragrances, cosmetics, jewelry, liquors, tobacco.

~FITNESS, GYMS~

Editbody Fitness
902 E. O'Reilly Street
432) 631-2664
Indoor Gym, Exercise Equipment

~GROCERY~

Porter's Presidio Thriftway
504 N. Erma Ave.
432-229-3776
Groceries, Bakery, Chicken, Pizza

~HOSPITAL, MEDICAL & HEALTH CLINICS~

[Big Bend Regional Medical Center](#)

2600 North Highway 118
Alpine, Texas 79830
432-837-3447 – Dial 911 for Emergencies
North of Alpine on Texas Highway 118 off of US 90 takes you to a Level-4 Trauma and Designated Emergency Department – the BBRMC serves as the Big Bend areas only hospital.
<http://www.bigbendhealthcare.com/Big-Bend-Regional-Medical-Center/Home.aspx>

Big Bend Regional Health Center Presidio Clinic
432-229-4070

Permian Basin Community Centers MHMR
Mental Health and IDD Services
601 West O'Reilly
432-229-4219, Crisis Hotline 1-800-542-4005
<http://www.pbmhmr.com/>

Presidio County Medical Clinic
1501 Erma Avenue
432-229-3030
<https://www.pchsmedclinic.org/>

Presidio Medical Center
501 E. O'Reilly Street
432-229-4246
Local health clinic.

Reliance Medical Inc.
101 Erma Avenue
432-229-3828

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17138 FM170
432-229-2992

Riata Inn Motel
99205 Highway 67 N
432-229-2528
Rooms are spacious but almost no services are available including coffee.

Three Palms Inn & Oasis Restaurant
1200 N. Erma Avenue
432-229-3211
Pleasant accommodations, good restaurant, friendly border-town service and conveniently located.
<https://www.threepalmsinn.com/>

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Elliott Manufactured Homes Inc
US Highway 67 and Texas FM 170
432-229-2834
Excellent source of large "trailer" like homes and office space. Business is booming with the upturn in the oil patch.

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Farmers Insurance
507 US Highway 67
432-229-2874
Home & Auto Insurance

Beckett Todd W
La Junta Insurance
1403 O'Reilly Street
432-229-4621
Insurance, Real Estate, Mexico Insurance

~LEGAL & LEGAL SERVICES~

Antonio Rodriguez
Attorney at Law
432-229-4555

Arevalo Tax Secretarial
432-229-4385
Contact Nancy Arevalo - Secretarial/Court Reporting

~LAUNDRY~

Downtown Laundry
501 E. O'Reilly Street
Coin-Op Laundromat

Rainbow Self-Service Laundry
912 O'Reilly Street
432-229-3036
Coin-Op Laundromat

~RESTAURANTS, BARS, CLUBS & CONVENIENCE STORES~

The Bean Café
201 W. O'Reilly Street
432-229-3131
Breakfast & Lunch Only, Sandwiches, Espresso.

Don Jose Panaderia
109 Erma Street
432-229-3424
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D'Y Convenience Store
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Coffee, Snacks, Burritos & More, Gasoline

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513 O'Reilly Street
432-229-4409
Mexican & American Cuisine – Best Pancakes in the Big Bend!

El Changarrito
402 Texas Street
432-294-2357
Mexican Food and Burgers to Go
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Hindi's Restaurant
1207 Millington Blvd
432-229-3031

Oasis Restaurant (Three Palms Motel)
1200 N. Erma Ave.
432-229-3998
Mexican & American Cuisine and a pretty good breakfast.

Presidio Trading Post & Cantina
1412 Park Valley Ave
432-229-3916
<https://www.facebook.com/presidiotradingpost/>

Poncho's Pizza
307 E. O'Reilly Street
432-229-2660

Subway Sandwiches
1309 Highway 67
432-229-2505
Sandwiches, Salads, Pizza, Soups and Great Cookies

~TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INTERNET & CELL PHONES~

Big Bend Telephone
106 Fernando Daly Street
432-364-1000

Home Office
808 North 5th Street
Alpine, Texas 79830
800) 592-4781

Local internet suppliers of DSL and Wireless Internet, also the Rural Telephone supplier serving Presidio.

<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/>

Presidio Cable - Mountain Zone TV
511 O'Reilly Street
432-229-3805

Cable Television Provider

Home Office
307 East Ave. E
Alpine, Texas 79830
432-837-2300
Wireless Internet and Cable TV

~TRADES~

HVAC, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING

No contractors above are listed for the City of Presidio – Most are listed in Alpine

~TOUR GUIDES, EXPEDITIONS & RIVER TOURS~

Angell Expeditions

Charlie Angell

432-229-3713 or 305-336-2787

E-mail: charles@angellexpeditions.com.

“Mountain bike, hike, camp, river raft the Rio Grande and take Jeep™ tours down forgotten trails in the Chihuahuan desert around the Chinati Mountains, Big Bend National Park and Big Bend Ranch State Park.”

Makes for a good location scout in the difficult to find and get-to areas and Angell expeditions is certified for advanced wilderness first aid – a very handy person on a shoot.

<http://angellexpeditions.com/>

There are other tour guides available in the Terlingua/Study Butte area, but it is safe to say Mr. Angell is more familiar with the Sothern Presidio area than most and has some great connections.

PRESIDIO CITY TRANSPORTATION & AIRPORT

Please see the [Alpine Transportation](#) section for complete information on commercial flights.

~AIRPORT~

Presidio Lely airport has recently undergone a refurbishment and is in very good shape.

KPRS (formerly T77)

Presidio Lely International Airport

FAA INFORMATION EFFECTIVE 18 SEPTEMBER 2014

Location

FAA Identifier: PRS

Lat/Long: 29-38-03.1650N / 104-21-41.3800W
29-38.052750N / 104-21.689667W
29.6342125 / -104.3614944 (estimated)
Elevation: 2938 ft. / 896 m (estimated)
Variation: 07E (2015)
From city: 5 miles N of PRESIDIO, TX
Time zone: UTC -5 (UTC -6 during Standard Time)
Zip code: 79845

Airport Operations

Airport use: Open to the public
Activation date: 11/1976
Sectional chart: EL PASO
Control tower: no
ARTCC: ALBUQUERQUE CENTER
FSS: SAN ANGELO FLIGHT SERVICE STATION
NOTAMs facility: PRS (NOTAM-D service available)

Attendance: MON-FRI 0800-1600
Pattern altitude: 3938 ft. MSL
Wind indicator: lighted
Segmented circle: yes
Lights: MIRL RY 17/35 PRESET LOW INTST; TO INCR INTST ACTVT - CTAF.
Beacon: white-green (lighted land airport)
Operates: sunset to sunrise
International operations: customs landing rights airport - ACFT LNDG FM MEXICO NOTIFY CUSTOMS & IMMIGRATION PRESIDIO TX ETA AT ARPT 30 MIN PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.

Airport Communications

CTAF/UNICOM: 122.8
WX AWOS-3PT: 118.0 (432-229-4805)
•APCH/DEP SERVICE PROVIDED BY ALBUQUERQUE ARTCC ON FREQS 135.875/292.15 (FORT STOCKTON RCAG).

Airport Services

Fuel available: 100LL JET-A
Parking: tiedowns
Airframe service: MINOR
Powerplant service: MINOR

Runway Information

Runway 17/35
Dimensions: 5200 x 75 ft. / 1585 x 23 m
Surface: asphalt, in excellent condition
Weight bearing capacity: Single wheel: 12.5
Runway edge lights: medium intensity
RUNWAY 17 - RUNWAY 35
Latitude: 29-38.481167N 29-37.624333N
Longitude: 104-21.716000W 104-21.663333W
Elevation: 2938.4 ft. 2892.3 ft.
Gradient: 0.9% 0.9% UP
Traffic pattern: left left
Runway heading: 170 magnetic, 177 true 350 magnetic, 357 true
Markings: nonprecision, in good condition nonprecision, in good condition
Visual slope indicator: pulsating/steady burning VASI on left
PVASI UNUSABLE BYD 7 DEGS LEFT & RIGHT OF FINAL COURSE. pulsating/steady burning VASI on left
PVASI UNUSABLE BYD 7 DEGS LEFT & RIGHT OF FINAL COURSE.
Touchdown point: yes, no lights yes, no lights
Obstructions: none 8 ft. brush, 441 ft. from runway, 97 ft. right of centerline, 30:1 slope to clear

Airport Ownership and Management from official FAA records

Ownership: Publicly-owned
Owner: PRESIDIO COUNTY
P.O. BOX 606
MARFA, TX 79843
Phone 432-729-4452
Manager: CHASE SNODGRASS
PO BOX 2825, HANGAR 2
PRESIDIO, TX 79845
Phone 832-588-8888

Airport Operational Statistics

Aircraft based on the field: 3
Single engine airplanes: 3

~AUTO RENTAL~

Alpine Auto Rental & Sales
2501 East Highway 90
Alpine, Texas 79830
800-894-3463, 432-837-3463
www.alpineautorental.com

~BUS~

Greyhound Bus Station
102 W Center Street
432-229-3003

FORT LEATON

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Fort Leaton State Historic Site, consisting of 23.4 acres, five of which are the site of a pioneer trading post, is located in Presidio County. The park was acquired Dec. 8, 1967, by deed from a private owner and was opened to the public in 1978.

In 1848, Ben Leaton built a fortified adobe trading post known as Fort Leaton. He dominated border trade with the Apache and Comanche Indians before he died in 1851. In 1936, the Texas Centennial Commission placed a marker at the site."

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/fort-leaton>



WIKIPEDIA: "The Fort Leaton State Historic Site is located on Farm to Market Road 170, in Presidio County in the U.S. state of Texas. The original adobe structure was a private residence dating back to the early 19th century. It was purchased in 1848 by Benjamin Leaton, who adapted it as a fortress. Fort Leaton was the Presidio County original seat of government. Through murders, financial difficulties and abandonment, the structure changed hands numerous times. In 1967, it was deeded to the state of Texas and opened to the public in 1978 as a Texas State Historic Site. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places listings in Presidio County, Texas on June 18, 1973."

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_Leaton_State_Historic_Site

Fort Leaton is an important part of the history of this border area. It is also one of the most picturesque old dwellings/forts in all of Texas and would make a great location.

REDFORD

Not that long ago Redford was an active community with a functioning school system, church, homes, and farms. Today the school is closed; very few people live there, while the farms are still being tended. It some good locations being along the river with a well-tended cemetery on a small hill with a good view of the land around.

From the Texas State Historical Association: "Redford is located along the Rio Grande and Farm Road 170 sixteen miles southeast of Presidio in southeast Presidio County. The community was founded about 1876, when it was known as El Polvo, Spanish for "the dust." Redford's first post office opened in 1911. In 1914 the town had four general stores, and in 1934 it had sixty residents and three businesses. Redford had a school, a church, a number of houses, and a population of 107 in 1970. In 1979 Lucia Rede Madrid, a descendant of the original settlers and a retired schoolteacher, opened up a school library in her family's store. The store closed around 1990 and now serves solely as a library and museum. The predominantly Mexican-American town is linked to the Mexican town of Mulato, just across the river."



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RUIDOSA & CANDELARIA

Ruidosa is classified as a Texas Ghost Town in Presidio County, West Texas. It lies along the Rio Grande on Texas Highway 170 and is also accessible via [RM 2810](#). There is an abandoned church ruin that is worth scout. The village is 36 miles northwest of Presidio and is said to have a population of about 43 good souls.

Candelaria is also classified as a Texas Ghost Town in Presidio County, West Texas (that term Ghost Town is used liberally in the Big Bend neighborhood). It is located along the Rio Grande approximately 12 miles North of Ruidosa and 48 miles NW of Presidio at the end of Texas Highway FM 170 (actually the road continues as one of the roughest dirt roads in West Texas) ...It has an estimated population of 55



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While it is a bit of a trek to get to these villages, if you are looking for a "sort of abandoned" village scene, you couldn't do better than these two.

SHAFTER

From Wikipedia: “*Shafter is an unincorporated community in Presidio County, Texas. The Texas Attorney General's Office gives a population of 11 as of the 2000 Census. It was named in honor of General William Shafter, who at one point commanded the nearby (relatively speaking) Fort Davis. In the early 1900s six silver mines were in operation near Shafter. When the mines closed the town died. It was later the location for several scenes in the 1971 movie The Andromeda Strain. As of 2012, at least one silver mine, La Mina Grande, has been reopened by Aurcana Corporation.*



Tucked in the Chinati Mountains on Cibolo Creek, eighteen miles north of Presidio, Shafter was once a bustling mining town with a population as high as four thousand. That was in 1940. It was in 1882 that John Spencer found silver near this location. He and General William B. Shafter, who had been stationed at Fort Davis, collaborated to establish the mining operation. Shafter was at the time a Colonel with the 9th Cavalry.

When an assay commissioned by Colonel Shafter confirmed profitable amounts of silver were in Spencer's ore samples, he brought in two of his military associates, Lt. John L. Bullis and Lt. Louis Wilhelmi, to join the venture. Each would contribute, first, by acquiring acreage around Spencer's discovery. In all, four sections of land, or 2400 acres, were acquired. It was agreed that they and Spencer would all share equally in profits from the venture. Then, in June 1882, lacking sufficient capital to develop the acreage on their own, the partners leased a portion of their holdings to a mining group from California which had both the money and expertise to proceed. In 1883, this group established the Presidio Mining Company, which in turn contracted with three of the partners to acquire their interests in a stock-for-land trade. Shafter, Wilhelmi, and Spencer received 5,000 shares and a bonus of \$1,600 in cash to complete the trade. Bullis, asserting that his purchase money to buy the acreage had been from his wife's account, refused to join the transaction. This would later be cause for dispute.

Nevertheless, development proceeded, and a settlement began to grow around the mining operation. A post office opened in 1885 and took the name "Shafter" after the colonel. Milling equipment was purchased and put into operation, company housing was provided for the miners. Company stores provided their staples and a company doctor provided medical care..."

Shafter, once again, became a vibrant (well almost) community when the mines were reopened in 2012. The mines closed again in 2014 amidst many rumors leaving us with a ghost town and a picturesque ghost town!

CIBOLO CREEK RANCH

Cibolo Creek Ranch

HCR 67

(33 miles south of Marfa west off of US 67)

Marfa, Texas 79843 (there is that pesky address thing again)

432-229-3737, Toll-Free: 866-496-9460, Fax: 432-229-3653

<http://cibolocreekranch.com/>

One of the most elegant and desired resorts in all of Texas, Cibolo Creek Ranch Resort has all the facilities and amenities to please anyone. A friendly and knowledgeable staff, its own airport, terrific grounds and rooms, hidden museum like areas, and great food make this a first-class destination. Just ask Mick Jagger.



“Cibolo Creek Ranch was founded by Milton Faver in 1857... Faver made his way to Meoqui, Chihuahua, Mexico, married Senorita Francisca Ramirez, and began a freighting business... He soon established regular trade with Fort Davis, the US Army cavalry post founded in 1854 in the Davis Mountains... Recognizing the business opportunity that Fort Davis offered, Faver acquired land on Cibolo Creek.

Faver built the first of his three forts, El Fortin del Cibolo, in 1857, as a defensive measure against Apaches, Comanches, and bandits of all kinds. His ranching empire boasted as many as 20,000 longhorns and herds of sheep and goats by the 1880s, making him the preeminent pioneer of the region.

El Fortin del Cibolo (the Fort on Cibolo Creek) was Faver's stronghold, where he operated a sizable agricultural enterprise fed by nearby springs. Faver later built El Fortin de la Ciénega (the Fort at the Marsh), where he headquartered his cattle operation, and El Fortin de la Morita (the Fort at the Little Mulberry Tree), which became the center of his sheep and goat operations. His vast enterprise not only supplied beef but also farm produce and his famous peach brandy to troops occupying Fort Davis, settlers in the region, and after silver was discovered, to the miners in Shafter, next door.

Located in the beautiful Chinati Mountains near Marfa, Texas, Cibolo offers the quintessential Texas experience. Explore 30,000 acres rich with wildlife and awe-inspiring surroundings. Wander back in time through our three historic 1850s adobe forts. Savor our locally inspired gourmet meals. Jump in our Humvees for a spectacular mountain tour and see stunning views. Ride ATVs across the ranch, ride horseback down Cibolo Creek to the Native American rock art, or visit the ghost town ruins on the property. View an unbelievable display of stars in the sky. Enjoy a luxuriating massage in our spa. Or simply sit by the pool, relax, and do nothing. Our warm hospitality will make you will feel like an honored guest, and we guarantee a memorable, very enjoyable experience in the remote beauty of the Big Bend.”

BIG BEND RANCH STATE PARK (BBRSP)

From the Texas Parks and Wildlife Website: "Welcome to the Other Side of Nowhere!"

Big Bend Ranch State Park offers outdoor recreation for the truly adventurous. This remote park features rugged mountains, steep canyons, amazing views, unparalleled night skies, and solitude in a high desert setting. The park stretches along the Rio Grande in far west Texas, on the U.S.-Mexico border.

...The park has 238 miles of multiuse trails (for hiking, biking and horseback riding). Visitors can explore 70 miles of unmaintained dirt roads in high-clearance four-wheel-drive vehicles. The Rio Grande/Rio Bravo area offers great day-use access. Visitors can float, fish and hike, or drive the scenic Camino del Rio (FM 170). Each February, the park helps host the Chihuahuan Desert Bike Fest. Visit our Activities page to learn more."

*The over 300,000 acres of the park (half the size of Rhode Island) resides across the southern portions of Brewster and Presidio County (mostly in Presidio County). It is filled with some of the more dramatic geological formations of the Big Bend like the famed **Solitario**, a dome like structure in the northeastern section of the park that was formed 35 million years ago. It also has some of the most rugged roads anywhere in the Big Bend area that are fit only for a 4-wheel, high clearance vehicle that might just be perfect for an adventurous filmmaker. If a primitive, rugged setting is what your script calls for, this is the place. Come Shoot 'Em Up in a great Texas State Park!*



~BBRSP GENERAL INFORMATION~

Headquarters

Mailing Address

HCR 67, Box 33

Marfa, Texas 79843

432-358-4444

Physical Address

1900 Saucedo Ranch Road

The difference between the Mailing and the Physical address may seem odd when you consider the park is in the southern end of both Brewster and Presidio County, but out here, with so much remote happening, we just consider it sort of normal. Often a formal headquarters is where they can get mail and have phone service (and maybe a grocery store). Those services are not always available in the case of some of the more remote settings like Back Gap WMA or the Big Bend Ranch State Park.

<http://www.tpwd.state.Texas.us/state-parks/big-bend-ranch>

Lodging

Lodging is available at the Saucedo Ranch House and Saucedo Bunkhouse (meal service is available if arranged in advanced).

<http://www.tpwd.state.Texas.us/state-parks/big-bend-ranch/fees-facilities/lodging>

Campsites

There are some very nice sites along the Rio Grande, which could be used for staging or as a base camp. There are no formal campsites in the backcountry of the park. It is left up to the individual to choose his or her campsite. For Equestrian Campsites and more information regarding camping, see the hyperlink below.

<http://www.tpwd.state.Texas.us/state-parks/big-bend-ranch/fees-facilities/campsites>

Activities

The following are some of the activities that can be arranged thru the park:

- Ranger Tours
- Hiking and Mountain Biking
- Horseback Riding
- 4X4 Touring
- River Access
- Nature Viewing
- Stargazing

Barton Warnock Visitor Center

FM 170 just east of Lajitas

HC 70, P.O. Box 375

Terlingua, Texas 79852

432-424-3327

"Barton Warnock Visitor Center serves as the eastern visitor center for Big Bend Ranch State Park and is located near Lajitas. Permits for backpacking and camping (no hookups) at Big Bend Ranch State Park can be obtained at Barton Warnock or at Fort Leaton State Historic Site, the western visitor center for the park. Visitors can also purchase river-use permits, licenses, and information about the Big Bend region."

Just on the eastern edge of Lajitas Golf Resort and Spa in southern Brewster County, the Warnock Center is well worth a "pre-scout" visit to give you an in-depth overview of the area.
<http://www.tpwd.state.Texas.us/state-parks/barton-warnock>

PRESIDIO COUNTY GENERAL INFORMATION

Presidio County Judge

Cinderela Guevara

Presidio County Courthouse

301 N. Highland Avenue

Marfa, Texas 79843

432-729-4452

County Attorney

Rod Ponton

432-729-4054, Fax: 432-729-3743

Presidio County and District Clerk

Virginia Pallarez

432-729-4812, Fax 432-729-4313

County Treasurer

Frances Garcia

432-729-4076, Fax 432-729-4071

County Tax Assessor-Collector

Natalia Williams

432-729-4081, Fax 432-729-4920

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1

Judge David Beebe

432-729-4831, Fax 432-729-3368

Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace

Judge Juanita Bishop

300 E. O'Reilly

Presidio, Texas 79845

432-229-3705, Fax 432-229-3956

County Sheriff

Sheriff Danny Dominguez

320 N. Highland Avenue

432-729-4911, Dial 911 for emergencies

83rd District Attorney

Sandy Wilson

123 North 6th Street

Alpine, Texas 79830

432-837-0990

That's Presidio, Texas. Come Shoot 'em Up at the Border!