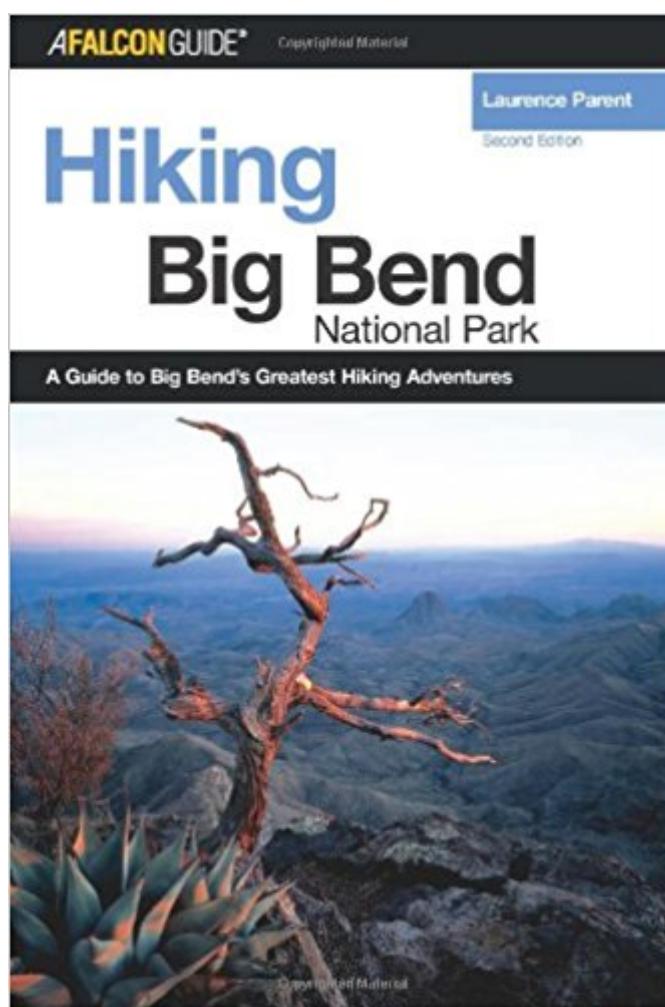


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# Hiking Big Bend National Park, 2nd (Regional Hiking Series)



## **Synopsis**

Fully updated and revised, this comprehensive guide features forty-seven trails in Big Bend National Park.

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For more than twenty-five years, FalconGuide® has set the standard for outdoor recreation guidebooks. Written by top outdoors experts and enthusiasts, each guide invites you to experience the endless adventure and rugged beauty of the great outdoors. Hiking Big Bend National Park features forty-seven of the finest trails in Texas—from short day hikes to backcountry treks. With this comprehensive guide, veteran hiker Laurence Parent provides all the information you need to get the most out of hiking this natural wonderland. Look inside to find: Hikes suited to every ability. Detailed trail descriptions GPS-compatible trail maps and route profiles Mile-by-mile directional cues. Difficulty ratings, trail contacts, fees/permits, and much more.

Laurence Parent is a freelance photographer and writer specializing in landscape, travel, and nature subjects. He has written twenty-one books, including seven FalconGuides. He lives in Wimberley, Texas.

I would highly recommend this book to anyone wanting to hike Big Bend. This could take me a while. This book allowed me to make the most of my limited time there. It clearly stated how far and

long each hike would take, how difficult or easy it was, and a good description of the scenery. I was able to plan my days weeks in advance with this information, making my trip much more enjoyable than it would have been had I tried figuring it all out while there. I can't imagine why anyone would want to give this less than five stars. On a personal note, the cactus were in full bloom in late April, and made for amazing photos, and general enjoyment. Do pack lots of water, and drink even when you don't feel thirsty. The dry air is very deceiving if you're not used to it. My throat got so dry and tight, it was hard to talk. Do listen to the warnings about the poorly marked trails, it is very hard to navigate the desert if you aren't experienced. A Garmin GPS watch is helpful, it will at least guide you back along the path you came in on. This is a great park for handicapped people. The scenery just from the car is incredible, and there are several scenic overlooks, and even trails that are very short, and worth it. This is a great park if you are a biker. I saw more Harleys than cars. My sister and brother in law took their bikes all over. This is a park the size of Rhode Island full of off road biking! if you have the time, spend at least a week, two if you can. And take one of the river raft trips from Terlingua. The drive to where they put you in the water in Big Bend State park is worth the price of admission. And a day rafting is a nice break for weary bones that have been hiking. Enjoy this incredible park, and use this incredible book.

**DO NOT BUY THIS FOR YOUR KINDLE!** The maps are so tiny you can't read them and you can't zoom in. I have the earlier edition in paperback and loved it, and I'm ordering this one in paperback and I expect I'll love it too. But the Kindle version is worthless. I returned it for a refund after finding out I couldn't read the maps without a magnifying glass.

Very informative for planning my trip to big bend. Gives detailed instructions on finding the trail head and explaining the difficulty levels of trails. There are so many trails in Big Bend, but this book will help you decide the must see trails.

To be fair, this book has a lot of great information on the different hikes in the park. The maps are helpful and I appreciate the different tidbits of knowledge offered but I was really hoping for something better organized. The layout of this book is non-existent. Any kind of organization would be helpful. Maybe breaking out the hikes into sections based on traffic, difficulty, length, anything??? Ideally, I would like to have seen this book broken out into sections based on length (i.e. hikes less than 5 miles, hikes 5 to 10 miles, hikes 10 miles plus) and then in each section list them in order of difficulty or popularity. However, no such organization exists. I only recommend this

book if you already have an idea of what you want to do in Big Bend as it will not be annoying trying to use this to figure out what you want to do on your visit. I'd give 2.5 stars if I could just due to the content.

Great book that is well written. It explains the trail system clearly, which helps for planning my next trip to Big Bend. The only discouraging part of this book is the edition I bought was written in 1995. That's my fault, I should have checked that before ordering. Should still be a viable resource for anyone looking to explore BBNP.

I visited Big Bend NP on a birding trip and used this book as a guide for some of the trails, especially for the Pinnacles and Boot Springs Trails. Very thorough collection of trails around the park including some of the shorter ones. Gives you a good idea of how big the park is and how much there is to see. One of the nice things about the book is it includes elevation maps for the trails, which will help some people decide what trails they want to try. Very helpful book, overall. P.S. The Pinnacles/Boot Springs Trail was spectacular. Hope to go back someday and make it to the South Rim.

Super informative guide, we bought this a month prior to our trip and used it to decide on what hikes to do at what times and on what days. Sage advice in here as well, we were sure to stop and check in with the park rangers before starting our cross country hikes, and kept it in our hiking packs because the trails were so well detailed and mapped out in it.

literally there is no other hiking guide to the park. Hikes where described nicely and easy to understand. Wished it would list the hikes alphabetically instead they are listed by region. Since this is my fist trip to the park I don't know where things are and have always a hard time finding the locations with the book.

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