

Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River, Big Bend National Park, TX

A Backcountry Use Permit is required for day use and overnight use on all sections of the and Rio Grande River within Big Bend National Park and for trips on the Wild and Scenic Lower Canyons downstream from the park. Permit are available at Panther Junction and Chisos Basin Visitor Centers up to 7 days in advance of your trip. These permits are issued on a first come, first-served basis. A backcountry use permit authorizes camping in specific river camping zones; zones must be specified when the permit is issued. See www.nps.gov/bibe/planyourvisit/river-trips.htm.

Backcountry use permits for Santa Elena Canyon (only) may also be obtained at the Barton Warnock Environmental Center.

Fees:

A backcountry use fee of \$10.00 per permit (\$5.00 with a Senior or Access pass) is charged for all overnight use. No charge for river day use.

Additional Information:

The Rio Grande River is an International border and the NPS permits do not grant permission for entering Mexico.

Permission to take-out or put-in at Heath Canyon should be obtained by calling Heath Canyon Ranch at 432-376-2235.

If using river access at Black Gap Wildlife Management, there is a \$12 per person fee and the access pass is available at Barton Warnock Environmental Center, located in Lajitas, TX, online from [Texas Parks & Wildlife Department](http://www.texaswildlifedepartment.com), or anywhere hunting/fishing licenses are sold.

Maximum group size downstream of Big Bend National Park: 20 people

Maximum group size within Big Bend National Park: 30 people, with the exception of these two segments; Talley to Solis and Boquillas Canyon Entrance to La Linda - limit is 20 people.

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