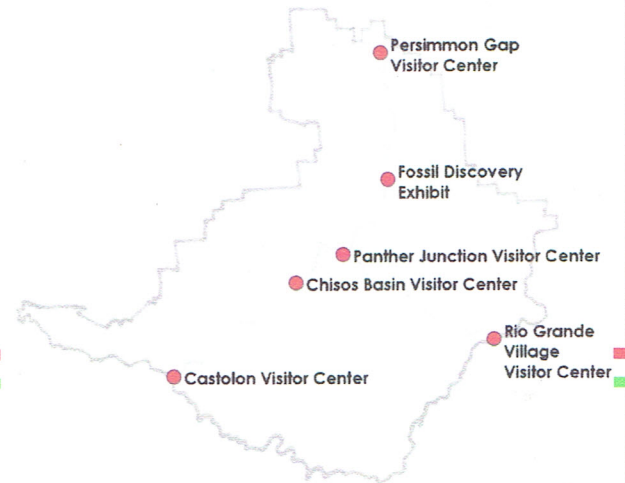


## THE DESERT

- View the Exhibits at **Panther Junction** Visitor Center
  - Pick up a Junior Ranger Book
  - Watch the Park Orientation Movie (plays every 30 minutes)
  - Learn about the plants along Panther Path
- Explore the **Fossil Discovery Exhibit**
- View the Exhibits at **Persimmon Gap** Visitor Center (Open Seasonally)
- Have a Picnic at **Dugout Wells**
  - Walk the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Trail (0.5 miles, easy)
- Walk the **Sam Nail Ranch** Remnants & Desert Oasis (0.5 mile Roundtrip, easy)
- Stop at the Overlooks Along the **Ross Maxwell Scenic Drive**
  - Mule Ears
  - Blue Creek Ranch
  - Sotol Vista
  - Tuff Canyon
- Hike a **Desert Trail**
  - Mule Ears Spring Trail (3.8 miles roundtrip, moderate)
  - Chimneys Trail (4.8 miles roundtrip, moderate)
  - Devil's Den (5.6 miles roundtrip, moderate)
  - Grapevine Hills Trail (2.2 miles roundtrip, easy, accessible by dirt road)
  - Lower Burro Mesa Pour-off Trail (1 mile roundtrip, easy)
  - Tuff Canyon (0.75 mile roundtrip, easy)
  - Upper Burro Mesa Pour-off Trail (3.8 mile roundtrip, moderate)

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## THE MOUNTAINS

- View the Exhibits at **Chisos Basin** Visitor Center
- Watch the sunset through "**The Window**" at Window View Trail (paved, 0.3 miles)
- Enjoy the View and a Treat at the Chisos Mountains Lodge Restaurant
- Shop for a Souvenir at the Camp Store
- Attend a Program at the Amphitheatre
- Hike a Mountain Trail
  - Chisos Basin Loop Trail (1.8 miles roundtrip, moderate)
  - Window Trail (5.6 miles roundtrip, moderate)
  - Lost Mine Trail (4.8 miles roundtrip, moderate)
  - Emory Peak (10.5 miles roundtrip, strenuous)
  - Boot Canyon Trail (3.5 – 6.3 miles one way, strenuous)
  - South Rim (12-14.5 miles roundtrip, strenuous)

## THE RIVER

- View the Exhibits at the **Rio Grande Village** Visitor Center (Open Seasonally)
- Explore the **Hot Springs Historic District** to see Remains of the of the Hot Springs Resort and Homestead
  - (Hot Springs Canyon Trail Accessible Here)
- Soak in the **Hot Springs** right on the Rio Grande River
  - Hot Springs Historic Trail (0.5-1 mile roundtrip, easy)
- Visit **Daniel's Ranch** Picnic Area for another Excellent Place to Bird Watch
  - (Hot Springs Canyon Trail Accessible Here)
- Walk the **Rio Grande Village Nature Trail** & Boardwalk for Wildlife and Wetlands (0.75 mile roundtrip, easy)
- Stop at the **Castolon** Visitor Center (open seasonally) and the Historic District for some Local History
- Visit the Iconic **Santa Elena Canyon**
  - Overlook, River Access, Hiking Trail
- Hike a River Trail
  - Boquillas Canyon Trail (1.4 miles roundtrip, moderate)
  - Hot Springs Canyon Trail (6 mile roundtrip, moderate)
  - Santa Elena Canyon Trail (1.7 mile roundtrip, moderate)
- Wave to Someone in Mexico
  - Or Bring your Passport and Visit Boquillas, Mexico

