

FACILITIES & SERVICES

PICNICKING: Shade ramadas are located along the shoreline in both the day-use and boat-ramp areas. Some ramadas have tables and barbeque grills.

BOAT LAUNCH: A two-lane boat ramp offers access to the river through a man-made lagoon that shelters the ramp from the river's current. A paved parking lot with trailer spaces is also provided.

CAMPING: In 2008 the Park added a 24-unit campground. All sites are designed to accommodate RVs with hook-ups for water, electric and sewer. In addition, most of the sites have pull-through parking pads that can accommodate any size RV. The sites also have a tent pad, a shade ramada, barbecue grill and fire pit. Three of the sites are ADA equipped and reserved for those visitors with the proper ADA permit. Other amenities include restroom and shower facilities

HIKING: In 2009, approximately 4 miles of trails were added throughout the developed area of the park. The canyons in the area of the park west of the Needles Highway offer plenty of undeveloped areas to hike and explore.

FEES: A fee is charged to enter the park, with additional fees for boat launch. A current fee schedule is posted at the park entrance.

REMINDERS

To make your visit and the visits of others more enjoyable, please observe the following rules:

- ▶ Operating unlicensed vehicles is not permitted. All vehicle operators must be licensed. Drive only on designated roadways.
- ▶ Pets must be kept on a leash no longer than six feet in length.
- ▶ Trailer parking is not permitted in the day-use parking area.
- ▶ Fires are permitted only in the grills provided.
- ▶ Use garbage dumpsters provided.
- ▶ Reserving sites is not permitted. All areas of the park are "first come, first serve."
- ▶ Creating a wake or exceeding 5 miles per hour (MPH) in the boat ramp lagoon is not permitted.

Note: Boating and fishing on the Colorado River is regulated by Nevada, Arizona and California. Visitors are responsible for knowing the regulations and license requirements for each of the states.

Visitors are responsible for knowing all park rules and regulations in effect. Detailed rules and regulations are posted at the park.

BIG BEND OF THE COLORADO State Recreation Area

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PARK ORIGIN AND HISTORY

Big Bend is Nevada's newest state park, opening in 1996. Situated on the shores of the Colorado River below Laughlin, Nevada's southern tip, the park offers dramatic views of the river and surrounding mountains. Popular activities are picnicking, boating, fishing and swimming. The park also offers camping, hiking and group facilities. Although the town of Laughlin is also relatively new, it offers many amenities including casinos, golf courses and an outlet mall.

NATURAL RESOURCES

The Colorado River is the main attraction to the park. Because the park is located just downstream of Davis Dam, the river is clear and cool year round. Although the park has approximately two miles of shoreline and riparian areas, the majority of the park comprised of canyons and washes. While there are not yet any developed trails, these areas are rich with beautiful formations and scenic viewpoints.

The river attracts a variety of waterfowl and shore

birds including Mallards, coots, herons and geese. Hawks, roadrunners, quail, hummingbirds, doves and owls are also abundant in the park. Common animals include cottontail, fox, raccoon, beaver, muskrat, coyote and an occasional bobcat or bighorn sheep. Several species of lizards and snakes inhabit the park, along with an occasional turtle by the river.

Tamarisk and mesquite are the predominate trees in the park. You will also find several species of cactus.

LOCATION & CLIMATE

The park is located within the town limits of Laughlin, one mile south of Casino Drive on South Needles Highway.

While summer temperatures can soar to 120 degrees Fahrenheit and above, spring and fall temperatures are usually very comfortable. Winters are very mild, with temperatures rarely dipping below freezing. Precipitation is infrequent but can cause flash floods in the area.

