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Big Bend Ranch State Park's exclusive equine outfitter is introducing new Interpretive Trips by Horseback for 2011!

Archaeology of the Big Bend Ranch Trail Ride

3 Day / 2 Night Trip ~ 4 person minimum, 10 person maximum.

Available Dates for 2011: April 15th – 17th; May 13 – 15; & September 9th – 11th

\$750 per person (not including taxes or state park fees)

This trip is a one-of-a-kind experience that allows participants to visit ancient Indian sites that are not normally accessible to the public. And...you can do it on horseback! What could possibly be better? You will be accompanied by a professional archaeologist who will explain how the peoples who came to populate this area 2000 years ago found ways to live and flourish amid the harsh Chihuahuan Desert eco-system. This is your chance to see a snapshot in time – perfectly preserved, just as they left it – of a culture that had faded to distant legend by the time Cabeza DeVaca walked through here in 1534.

Unique – Fascinating – a must for those interested in the history of the Big Bend!

**Daily itineraries will be determined on a trip to trip basis by the Archaeologist accompanying each group.*

Please give us a call for a more specific itinerary based on the dates of your trip.



Geology of the Big Bend Ranch Trail Ride & Hike

3 Day / 2 Night Trip ~ 4 person minimum, 10 person maximum.

Available Dates for 2011: April 22nd – 24th; & September 16th – 18th.

\$750 per person (not including taxes or park fees)

Day 1: Meet at Saucedo Ranch Headquarters at 9:00 a.m. to meet your guides and the Geologist who will be accompanying the group. Ride to the Fresno Creek overlook for a view of the Solitario and the “Flat Irons” that frame its rim. El Solitario is Big Bend Ranch State Park’s signature landscape feature – a truly world-class geologic formation. 8 miles across, this collapsed lava dome appears as a perfect circle of mountains from space. This ride also showcases the “ocean front property” that Big Bend Ranch was 230 million years ago. A great inland ocean laid down the limestone that covers much of the Park’s lower elevations. Evening finds us relaxing back at the Saucedo Ranch Bunkhouse.

Day 2: Today we explore the Bofecillos Caldera. This area represents the Park’s “teen-age” volcanic era. Evidence of all that heaving and twisting that occurred so long ago presents itself today as the scenery of the upland plateau surrounding the Ranch headquarters. As with teen-agers, the view is all drama, drama, drama! Our day’s ride will take us to the base of Oso Peak, the highest point in the Park at 5,135 feet.

Day 3: Sore? Trade your saddle for a softer seat in a 4-wheel drive vehicle that will transport you to the beginning of a hiking route that is pure geological time travel – the Lower Shutup. There you will trek through a canyon in the heart of the Solitario, where walls of terra-formed turbulence have been exposed through eons of erosion creating truly remarkable results. Starting with rocks from the Ouchita Mountains, which predate the Rocky Mountains, 500 million years of geologic history are laid out layer by vertical layer. This is the stuff geologists live for! Later that afternoon we’ll return to the bunkhouse to pack up and head back home – at least until your next visit!



** If you have a group of 4 or more, we'll be happy to try and set up a date that works best for your needs. Just give us a call!*