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FEE FREE WEEKEND FOR NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY SEPTEMBER 27th AND 28th

Big Bend National Park will observe National Public Lands Day with a fee free weekend starting on Saturday, September 27th, and including Sunday, September 28th. The normal park entrance fee will be waived for both days with the pass provided valid through the end of the day Sunday.

Over 120,000 Americans are expected to celebrate National Public Lands Day on September 27th, and honor the 75th anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) with a day of volunteer work in America's parks, mountains, streams, and hiking trails. National Public Lands Day is sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc., for the tenth consecutive year.

Part of the work will be an effort to plant one million trees on public lands, according to Robb Hampton, Program Director for National Public Lands Day.

More than 120,000 volunteers across the nation, including those from nine federal agencies, are expected to be involved at 1,500 sites. Clean ups, fix ups, and other volunteer events will take place in parks, forests, rivers, lakes, wetlands, cultural and historic sites, and other public lands.

Big Bend National Park will participate in the volunteer cleanup and fix up effort. For more information or to make reservations to participate in the park's efforts please contact Jane Brown at 432-477-1195 or email her at Jane_Brown@nps.gov

Hampton said, "Our nation has benefited immensely from the impressive work performed by the Civilian Conservation Corps 75 years ago. The Civilian Conservation Corps is one of the driving forces that has inspired National Public Lands Day for the past 15 years, and National Public Lands Day volunteers work together to achieve the same common goals and mission. This includes planting more trees, removing invasive plants, building trails, and many of the other activities that your National Public Lands Day site is working on. For this reason, in honor of the 75th anniversary, we are launching our initiative to plant one million trees across the country. Now is our opportunity to honor the legacy of these CCC environmental heroes by continuing to improve, protect and maintain our nation's public lands."

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