

Infrastructure Fact Sheet

Big Bend National Park¹



Annual Visitors²

568 Thousand



Economic Output³

\$64 Million



State

TX



Infrastructure Inventory⁴

The figures below show the park's real property inventory by asset category as of the end of Fiscal Year (FY) 2025.



180 Buildings



159 Miles of Trails



209 Miles of Unpaved Roads⁵



6 Water Systems



23 Campgrounds



133 Housing Units⁶



16 Waste Water Systems



123 Miles of Paved Roads⁷



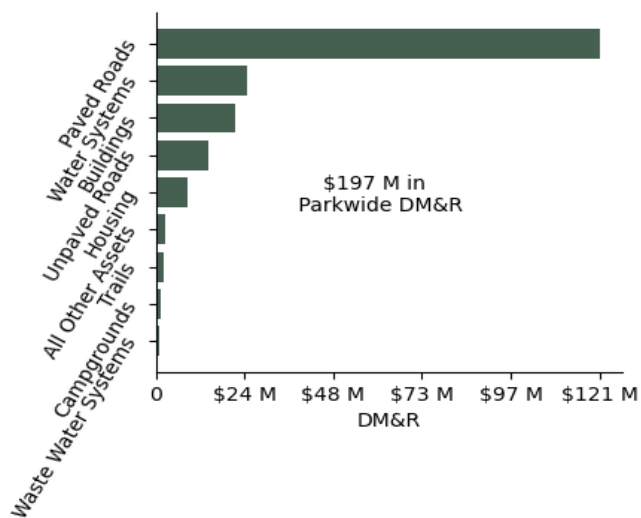
Other Asset Types

The park also has **44** other assets. This includes Electrical System, Communication Systems, Maintained Landscapes, Trail Bridge (Substantial), Amphitheaters, Marina/Waterfront System, Fuel System, Dam/Levee

Infrastructure Investment Needs

There is an estimated **\$197 M** in Deferred Maintenance and Repairs (DM&R)⁸ associated with the inventory above. The park has an estimated **\$11 M** in Annual Routine Maintenance⁹ requirements. This figure represents the minimum annual investment needed to sustain current asset conditions and meet ongoing maintenance and recapitalization needs. Without this investment, asset conditions will continue to deteriorate, compounding long-term costs and increasing the deferred maintenance backlog.

Park Infrastructure Condition



Big Bend National Park has a total portfolio DM&R of \$197 M. The Paved Roads asset category currently accounts for the largest portion of DM&R at \$121 M. The Water Systems asset category has \$25 M in DM&R. Buildings has \$21 M. Unpaved Roads has \$14 M. Housing has \$8.8 M. All Other Assets has \$2.5 M. Trails has \$2.2 M. Campgrounds has \$1.3 M. Waste Water Systems has \$1.1 M.

Notes

¹ Rio Grande Wild & Scenic River Visitation, Economic Impact, Inventories, Needs, and Proposed Investments are included in this factsheet as this park is co-managed by Big Bend National Park.

² National Park Service Visitor Statistics, Annual Visitation by Park - 2025 - <https://irma.nps.gov/STATS/Reports/National>.

³ Economic Contributions of National Park Visitor Spending - 2024 - <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/socialscience/vse.htm>.

⁴ The inventory matches the Federal Real Property Profile (FRPP) reporting parameters. The Park may manage assets that are owned by other agencies or local partners which are not reported in the NPS FRPP totals. Additionally, any commercial leases are included in the inventory but do not contribute to Deferred Maintenance and Repairs (DM&R).

⁶ Housing includes residential units and trailer pads that are associated with the NPS Employee Housing Program whereby rent is collected. The data is from the Internet Quarters Management Information System (iQMIS) as of September 30, 2025.

⁵ Unpaved Roads includes the total length of unpaved roadways.

⁷ Paved Roads includes the total length of bridges, tunnels, and paved roadways.

⁸ DM&R includes only correction of existing deficiencies. It does not include, for example, alterations for improved accessibility, upgrades to meet current building codes, installation of new fire suppression systems, expansion of capacity, or annual recurring maintenance needs. The data is from FRPP FY 2025.

⁹ Annual Routine Maintenance represents modeled costs for preventative and recurring maintenance activities. It does not account for annual operating requirements, modernization and renewal costs to address safety, code compliance, and visitor capacity needs, or other park-specific needs and priorities.