

**Big Bend Trip**  
**Saturday, March 21, to Sunday, March 29, 1992**

Saturday, March 21:

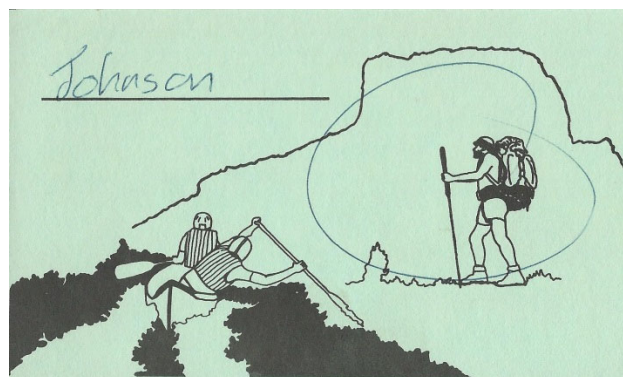


Fly to San Antonio. See the Alamo. Take river walk. Drive to each of four missions south of the city. See also an aqueduct that was constructed for irrigation. Wedding going on in Mission Espana. Short walk at Mission San Juan. Eat dinner on river walk. Drive to campground on what turned out to be the Pecos River.

Sunday, March 22:



Drive to Big Bend. Register to do the "Outer Mountain Loop." On the trail about 1:30. Hike up Blue Creek Canyon. Mostly a dry wash. No water. Arrive at Blue Creek 2 campsite about 6:15. 5.5 miles and about 2600 ft. later. Dry supper.



Monday, March 23:

Switch to Juniper Canyon campsite in the morning. Find water at Boot Spring. Eat Sunday's dinner at lunch. Hike around the southern rim and to Emory Peak with day pack. 10 mile day.

Tuesday, March 24:

Get water again at Boot Spring. Hike down Juniper Canyon Trail. Fall. Pass up Juniper Spring for water. It would have been a long, tough hike to here for the first water if Boot Spring was dry. Turn onto Dodson Trail. Get water at a small spring that wasn't on the map. Hike past Dodson's Ranch and camp at Fresno Creek on a point overlooking creek and a small canyon. Coming over the last rise and seeing three running creeks converge at this point was exciting. 11 miles.

Wednesday, March 25:

Hike toward Elephant Tusks and back with a day pack. Lose trail on the way down and on the way back but get back anyway. Hike past cutoff to Mule's Ears. Come back. Hike past cut-off to campsite. Come back. Finally find place. Water in Stony Creek. 10 miles; about 4 with pack.

Thursday, March 26:

Hike to Mule's Ears. Route not marked on topo map but distinct trail anyway. Mostly down creek bed with some very steep canyon walls. Return to campsite.

Friday, March 27:

Back to Dodson Trail and hike out. Drive to Basin. Have lunch in the lodge. Hike to Window and around Window Overlook Trail. See Mule's Ears from the road. Stop at Tule Canyon. Drive to Santa Anna Canyon and hike up a short trail there. Drive up Old maverick Road. Stay in a motel.

Saturday, March 28:

Drive to San Antonio and crash.

Sunday, March 29:

Fly home.