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So far Big Bend National Park has been great heaping piles of dirt. Some is gray, some is brown and some is reddish. With the drought there isn't much other color either. Most of the plants are gray and brown and the prickly pear is reddish.



Actual Photo.

Big Bend is home to the usual large predators and advice on dealing with face-to-face encounters is posted around the park. To deal with a mountain lion, for example, hold up your arms to make yourself tall and throw rocks. OK. Throw rocks and hold up your arms. Never mind. Here Sheila is practicing:



Yes, this will work.

Big Bend N.P. is to the East of where we're staying and Big Bend Ranch

State Park is to the West. In the afternoon we went to the state park and hiked Closed Canyon, a slot canyon that feeds runoff into the Rio Grande, which is known in Mexico as Rio Bravo. Question: If you were going to pick a Spanish name anyway, wouldn't you just use the same one? Never mind.



Last Picture



Actual photo.

More tomorrow.

D&S