

This park has no camping facilities; well, at least in the eastern section; however the Colossal Cave State Park is situated a convenient 11 miles to the south; and does allow boondock camping, with pit toilets. Massive hiking opportunities in the <marker> district; which is the easternmost section of this bisectonal park. (Note, we did not visit the western section on this trip.) Day trails are accessible from several different entry points to the park, and some may be best hiked utilizing multiple vehicles. The core of the park is a one-way driving loop



providing various access to trails, overlooks and picnic sites. John and I hiked three trails today, first was a short handicap accessible loop rich with interpretive signage. Second was a loop of our own design based on a loop suggested by the park ranger at the visitor center. This region of the park is crisscrossed with trails, which are well defined and well signposted at their various intersections. We included a spur hike up to view Garwood Dam. The view from the damsite is spectacular, the dam itself a study in the futility of humans attempt to establish domain over their environment.

Our third hike was to a site where a settler had built their adobe home, wherein what remained was a non-native salt cedar and a hump of reddish brown soil. This trail also presented several interesting interpretive signs.

In the interest of achieving a “fast forward” John and I hit the road and travelled into Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument.

As you can see, we made it to camp just in time.

Just in time to catch the rangers shutting down the entrance, and an awesome sunset.

