

ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

MAIN ENTRY: Wauer, Ro

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LOCATION OF INTERVIEW: Bryan, Texas

INTERVIEWER: Andy Wilkinson

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Ro Wauer discusses his experiences with Big Bend National Park, his career after Big Bend National park, and his life after retirement.

ABSTRACT:

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TIMESTAMP

Introduction	00:00
Moving to Big Bend, Texas	
Working for the parks service	
Becoming chief naturalist at Big Bend National Park	
Time in the field	
Perfect bird watching area	
Job responsibilities at Big Bend	
Moving around at Big Bend National Park	
Getting masters degree	
Black-vented Oriole	
American Birding Association	
Getting lifetime members of the American Birding Association	00:10
Deciding on a painting	
Membership grows	
Aplomado Falcon preservation	
Reasons ranchers kill Aplomado Falcons	
People's interest in Big Bend National Park	
Establishment of Big Bend National Park	

Changes in the park	
Introduction of new animals	
Mountain lions at the park	00:20
Vegetation reintroduced after droughts	
Goats and sheep	
Less spring water due to droughts	
Adding additional land to Big Bend National Park	
Establishing an International Park	
Feelings on International Park	
Opinions on the expansion of Big Bend National Park	
Post Park outside of Marathon, Texas	
Open water areas	00:30
Reasons for leaving Big Bend	
Wanting a biology position	
Meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico	
Becoming regional chief scientist	
New job responsibilities	
Visiting different universities	
Establishment of new parks	
Resource management plan for Padre Island, Texas	
Restoring the Ridley Turtle in Padre Island, Texas	
Bandelier National Park	00:40
Getting married	
Establishing brilliant bird study	
Moving to Washington, D.C.	
New areas in Alaska	
Unpleasant during the James Watts years	
Ronald Reagan administration	
Unethical practices	
Bringing in new people	
Humpback whales in Alaska	00:50
Humpback whales coming on shore	
Studies conducted on the Humpback whales	
Suggesting to limit the number of cruise ships	
Being demoted	
Biosphere reserve program	
Close relationships with conservation organizations	
Evaluate park resources	
Coordinating the State of the Park report	
Report brings visibility to National Parks	01:00
Writing second report	

Working with nongovernmental organizations	
Resource management program	
Selecting new employees	
Training to become a park natural resource manager	
Resource management at all National Parks	
Crossing the line to work with nongovernmental organizations	
Differences during presidential terms	
Hunter and fishermen's interest in natural resources	01:10
Working at Smokey Mountain National Park	
New program in the Virgin Islands	
Caribbean initiative program	
Visiting offices around the Virgin Islands	
Deciding to move to the Virgin Islands	
Becoming a second class citizen	
Opportunity to see all of the Caribbean Islands	
Getting involved with the Columbus landing site	
Governor wants to build hotels on sites	
Salt River bay	
Retiring at 55	01:20
Moving to Victoria, Texas	
Building butterfly garden	
Going to butterfly festival	
Attracting butterflies	
148 species of butterflies in the yard	
Interest in butterfly photography	
Life after retiring	01:30
Trip to Wyoming	
Watching butterflies in Wyoming	
Wyoming scenery	
Finding natural areas on trips	
Stopping in Wichita, Kansas	
Photographs taken in Wyoming	01:40
Jackson Hole, Wyoming	
Local scenery	
Wild flowers on Teton Pass	
Using cassette tapes	
Interview ended	

DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT:

GENDER OF INFORMANT: Male

ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT: