

Big Bend National Park



Daily Report – Thursday, December 18, 2025

Weather Forecast

Today..... Sunny. Mountain highs in the mid 60's, river & desert highs in the low 80's. Southwest winds 10 mph shifting northwest.

Tonight..... Clear. Lows 40 to 45. Northwest around 10 mph.

Tomorrow Sunny. Mountain highs in the low 60's, river & desert highs in the lower 80's. West winds around 10 mph shifting south..

Extended..... Saturday - Wednesday: Sunny - Partly cloudy. Light and variable winds.
Highs: mid 60's to mid 80's Lows: upper 40's to lower 50's

Sunset tonight: 5:58 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 7:42 a.m.

Fire Danger

In the Chisos Mountains: **LOW**

Panther Junction/Foothills: **MODERATE**

Temperatures and Precipitation

	Temperatures – Last 24 hours				Total Precipitation		
	Elevation	High	Low	8 AM	24 Hours	Month	Year
Panther Junction	3750'	73	51	56	0.00	0.00	10.58
Chisos Basin	5400'	65	45	60	0.00	0.00	15.56
Rio Grande Village	1850'	88	30	32	0.00	0.00	6.31
Castolon	2170'	80	39	52	0.00	0.00	4.16
Persimmon Gap	2970'	78	37	42	0.00	0.00	6.30
Lajitas	2340'	75	35	35	0.00	0.00	5.82

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	4.11 ft / 7 cfs	4.11 ft / 7 cfs
Castolon	15.50	2.20 ft / 18 cfs	2.31 ft / 10 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	3.34 ft / 17 cfs	3.36 ft / 18 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	2.85 ft / 49 cfs	2.76 ft / 40 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	4.85 ft / 396 cfs	4.87 ft / 401 cfs

Current Park Conditions:

* The Port of Entry (POE) at Boquillas will remain operational from Friday-Monday 9:00a-4:00p until further notice.

* High clearance, 4-wheel drive vehicles are required for all dirt roads. Expect rough and/or muddy conditions on all gravel and/or dirt roads. River Road from Glenn Springs to Ross Maxwell, Old Ore, Hot Springs, Black Gap, are all closed. All others are open & require high clearance 4-wheel drive. Your safety is your responsibility. Visit the website for more safety information.

* Heat safety tips: Avoid strenuous activity between 12 PM & 4 PM. Protect yourself from the sun; wear lightweight, light-colored protective clothing, a hat and sunscreen. Drink plenty of water and supplement with electrolytes. Carry a minimum of 2 liters for short hikes, and 1 gallon or more for full-day hikes. Eat salty snacks and take frequent breaks in the shade to cool down. Your safety is your responsibility.

*Parking at popular trails and destinations may become congested. The Chisos Basin, Hot Springs, Lost Mine, and Santa Elena Canyon are often congested and/or full between 10am-4pm. Please obey traffic and parking laws and be courteous to other visitors. If parking is full consider visiting another trail or area of interest and return when the area is less busy.

**** Your safety is your responsibility. Visitors must have the ability to sustain, support, and/or recover themselves.****

All information posted as of 9:00 am this morning; subject to change without notice.