

# Big Bend National Park

Daily Report – Saturday, January 03, 2026



## Weather Forecast

Today..... Sunny. Mountain highs in the lower 60's, river & desert highs in the upper 70's.  
West winds around 10 mph.

Tonight..... Mostly clear. Lows 43 - 48. Light winds.

Tomorrow ..... Sunny. Mountain highs in the lower 60's, river & desert highs in the lower 80's.  
South winds 10 mph. Evening lows 46 - 51.

Extended..... Monday - Friday: Mostly cloudy.  
Highs: low 60's to low 80's                      Lows: upper 40's to lower 50's

Sunset tonight: 6:07 p.m. .... Sunrise tomorrow: 7:48 a.m.

## Fire Danger

In the Chisos Mountains: **LOW**

Panther Junction/Foothills: **LOW**

## Temperatures and Precipitation

|                    | Temperatures – Last 24 hours |      |     |      | Total Precipitation |       |      |
|--------------------|------------------------------|------|-----|------|---------------------|-------|------|
|                    | Elevation                    | High | Low | 8 AM | 24 Hours            | Month | Year |
| Panther Junction   | <b>3750'</b>                 | 73   | 59  | 59   | 0.00                | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| Chisos Basin       | <b>5400'</b>                 | 64   | 45  | 45   | 0.00                | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| Rio Grande Village | <b>1850'</b>                 | 83   | 35  | 37   | 0.00                | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| Castolon           | <b>2170'</b>                 | 81   | 42  | 56   | 0.00                | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| Persimmon Gap      | <b>2970'</b>                 | 76   | 52  | 60   | 0.00                | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| Lajitas            | <b>2340'</b>                 | 78   | 40  | 42   | 0.00                | 0.00  | 0.00 |

## River Levels

|                               | Flood Stage | Today             | Yesterday         |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Presidio International Bridge | 15.50       | 5.67 ft / 254 cfs | 5.74 ft / 272 cfs |
| Castolon                      | 15.50       | 3.40 ft / 304 cfs | 3.39 ft / 301 cfs |
| Johnson Ranch                 | 15.50       | 4.82 ft / 173 cfs | 4.79 ft / 168 cfs |
| Rio Grande Village            | 13.00       | 3.68 ft / 278 cfs | 3.61 ft / 250 cfs |
| Dryden Crossing               | 59.00       | 5.32 ft / 555 cfs | 5.27 ft / 538 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. Hot Springs and Black Gap are 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.