

Big Bend National Park

Daily Report – Wednesday, January 21, 2026



Weather Forecast

Today..... Sunny. Mountain highs in the mid 50's, river & desert highs in the lower 70's. West winds around 10 mph shifting to the north.

Tonight..... Mostly clear. Lows 37 - 42. East winds around 10 mph shifting to the south.

Tomorrow Increasing clouds. Mountain highs in the upper 50's, river & desert highs in the mid 70's. Light and variable winds. Mostly cloudy night. Evening lows 48 to 53.

Extended..... Friday - Tuesday: Mostly cloudy to rainy. Cold weekend with chance of freezing rain.
Highs: mid 20's to lower 70's Lows: upper 10's to mid 30's

Sunset tonight: 6:22 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 7:46 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	3750'	59	34	48	0.00	.32	.32
Chisos Basin	5400'	56	35	46	0.00	.60	.60
Rio Grande Village	1850'	65	30	31	0.00	.17	.17
Castolon	2170'	65	42	44	0.00	.39	.39
Persimmon Gap	2970'	56	33	33	0.00	.40	.40
Lajitas	2340'	61	37	38	0.00	.62	.62

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	4.92 ft / 101 cfs	4.54 ft / 46 cfs
Castolon	15.50	2.52 ft / 68 cfs	2.54 ft / 73 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	3.84 ft / 63 cfs	3.96 ft / 77 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	3.13 ft / 103 cfs	3.14 ft / 105 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	5.05 ft / 458 cfs	5.05 ft / 460 cfs

Current Park Conditions:

* There is a BURN BAN in effect in the Chisos Basin. No wood or charcoal fires allowed at this time.

* 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.

**** 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.