Big Bend National Park

Daily Report – Thursday, January 01, 2026

Weather Forecast

Today..... Mostly cloudy. Mountain highs around 60, river & desert highs in the upper 70's. Southwest winds around 10-15 mph.

Tonight..... Mostly clear. Lows 47 to 52. West winds around 10-15 mph.

Tomorrow ..... Sunny. Mountain highs in the lower 60's, river & desert highs in the low 80s. West winds 10 - 20 mph. Evening lows in the upper 40's.

Extended……. Saturday - Wednesday: Sunny turning mostly cloudy. West winds 10 - 20 mph. Highs: upper 50's to low 80's Lows: mid 40's to lower 50's

Sunset tonight: 6:06 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	**3750'**	65	43	55	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chisos Basin	**5400'**	60	40	59	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rio Grande Village	**1850'**	73	35	46	0.00	0.00	0.00
Castolon	**2170'**	71	36	48	0.00	0.00	0.00
Persimmon Gap	**2970'**	71	35	53	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lajitas	**2340'**	71	33	46	0.00	0.00	0.00

River Levels

	Flood Stage	**Today**	**Yesterday**
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	5.68 ft / 258 cfs	5.67 ft / 254 cfs
Castolon	15.50	3.26 ft / 269 cfs	3.62 ft / 269 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	4.69 ft / 150 cfs	4.68 ft / 148 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	3.58 ft / 238 cfs	3.56 ft / 231 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	5.21 ft / 515 cfs	5.05 ft / 458 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. Old Ore, 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.