

Big Bend National Park



Daily Report – Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Weather Forecast

Today..... Partly cloudy then clearing. Mountain highs in the upper 60's, river & desert highs in the upper 80's. Northeast winds around 10 mph shifting to the southwest.

Tonight..... Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50's. Southwest winds 10 - 15 mph.

Tomorrow Sunny. Mountain highs in the upper 60's, river & desert highs in the upper 80's. West winds 10 - 20 mph. Partly cloudy evening. Lows in the lower 50's. Northwest winds 10 - 15 mph.

Extended..... Friday - Tuesday: Partly cloudy. Southwest winds 10 - 15 mph.
Highs: lower 50's - upper 80's Lows: lower 40's to lower 50's

Sunset tonight: 6:45 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 7:28 a.m.

Fire Danger

In the Chisos Mountains: HIGH

Panther Junction/Foothills: HIGH

Temperatures and Precipitation

	Temperatures – Last 24 hours				Total Precipitation		
	Elevation	High	Low	8 AM	24 Hours	Month	Year
Panther Junction	3750'	89	54	54	0.00	0.36	1.28
Chisos Basin	5400'	79	55	61	0.00	0.19	1.49
Rio Grande Village	1850'	97	37	60	0.00	0.48	0.93
Castolon	2170'	95	49	63	0.00	0.00	0.39
Persimmon Gap	2970'	91	46	57	0.00	0.26	0.88
Lajitas	2340'	91	45	60	0.00	0.02	0.82

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	5.42 ft / 189 cfs	5.45 ft / 195 cfs
Castolon	15.50	3.31 ft / 248 cfs	3.28 ft / 240 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	4.74 ft / 283 cfs	4.71 ft / 276 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	3.65 ft / 234 cfs	3.66 ft / 238 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	5.40 ft / 587 cfs	5.39 ft / 583 cfs

Current Park Conditions:

* High clearance, 4-wheel drive vehicles are required on Maverick Road, Old Ore Road, River Road, and Terlingua Ranch Road, & recommended on all other primitive roads. Black Gap and Hot Springs are closed. Expect rough and/or muddy conditions on all gravel and/or dirt roads.

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