

Big Bend National Park



Daily Report – Thursday, March 12, 2026

Weather Forecast

Today..... Sunny! Cooler. Mountain highs in the upper 50's, river & desert highs in the upper 70's. East winds 10 - 15 mph.

Tonight..... Mostly clear. Lows around 50. Light and variable winds.

Tomorrow Sunny! Warmer. Mountain highs in the lower 70's, river & desert highs in the mid 90's. Southwest winds 10 - 15 mph. Clear evening. Lows 52 - 57. SW winds 10 - 15 mph.

Extended..... Saturday - Wednesday: Sunny to mostly clear. Southwest winds 10 - 15 mph.
Highs: mid 50's - upper 90's Lows: lower 40's to lower 60's

Sunset tonight: 7:59 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 8:05 a.m.

Fire Danger

In the Chisos Mountains: MODERATE

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'	79	44	44	0.00	0.00	1.28
Chisos Basin	5400'	70	43	45	0.00	0.00	1.49
Rio Grande Village	1850'	88	45	57	0.00	0.00	0.93
Castolon	2170'	86	49	55	0.00	0.00	0.39
Persimmon Gap	2970'	80	48	48	0.00	0.00	0.88
Lajitas	2340'	86	53	53	0.00	0.00	0.82

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	5.01 ft / 168 cfs	5.02 ft / 172 cfs
Castolon	15.50	3.11 ft / 175 cfs	3.04 ft / 175 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	4.27 ft / 163 cfs	4.30 ft / 169 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	3.45 ft / 167 cfs	3.49 ft / 179 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	5.23 ft / 521 cfs	5.29 ft / 543 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 is 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.

* 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.

* Please do not approach or feed wildlife in the park, and do not obstruct traffic while viewing wildlife. Pull off the road at an established pull-off area that is a safe distance away from all wildlife. All animals in the park are wild, please help us keep them that way.