

Big Bend National Park



Daily Report – Friday, March 13, 2026

Weather Forecast

Today..... Sunny. Warmer. Mountain highs in the lower 70's, river & desert highs in the lower 90's. Southwest winds 10 mph.

Tonight..... Mostly clear. Lows 53 - 58. Southwest winds 10 mph.

Tomorrow Sunny. Mountain highs in the mid 70's, river & desert highs in the mid 90's. West winds 10 - 15 mph. Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50's. West winds 10 - 15 mph.

Extended..... Sunday - Thursday: Sunny.
Highs: upper 40's - mid 90's Lows: lower 40's to lower 50's

Sunset tonight: 7:59 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 8:05 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'	72	44	52	0.00	0.00	1.28
Chisos Basin	5400'	66	44	56	0.00	0.00	1.49
Rio Grande Village	1850'	83	42	42	0.00	0.00	0.93
Castolon	2170'	80	53	55	0.00	0.00	0.39
Persimmon Gap	2970'	76	47	50	0.00	0.00	0.88
Lajitas	2340'	78	45	46	0.00	0.00	0.82

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	4.93 ft / 151 cfs	5.01 ft / 168 cfs
Castolon	15.50	3.10 ft / 172 cfs	3.11 ft / 175 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	4.28 ft / 164 cfs	4.27 ft / 163 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	3.43 ft / 160 cfs	3.45 ft / 167 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	5.23 ft / 522 cfs	5.23 ft / 521 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.

All information posted as of 9:00 am this morning; subject to change without notice.