

Big Bend National Park



Daily Report – Monday, March 16, 2026

Weather Forecast

Today..... Partly cloudy. Much cooler. Mountain highs in the upper 40's, river & desert highs in the mid 60's. Northeast winds 10 - 20 mph.

Tonight..... Mostly cloudy then clearing. Lows in the upper 30's. North winds around 10 mph.

Tomorrow Sunny! Warmer. Mountain highs in the lower 60's, river & desert highs in the lower 80's. South winds around 10 mph. Mostly clear evening. Lows in the upper 40's.

Extended..... Wednesday - Sunday: Sunny! Light and variable winds.
 Highs: lower 70's - upper 90's Lows: lower 50's to around 60

Sunset tonight: 8:02 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 8:00 a.m.

Fire Danger

In the Chisos Mountains: **EXTREME**

Panther Junction/Foothills: **EXTREME**

Temperatures and Precipitation

	Temperatures – Last 24 hours				Total Precipitation		
	Elevation	High	Low	8 AM	24 Hours	Month	Year
Panther Junction	3750'	88	37	37	0.00	0.00	1.28
Chisos Basin	5400'	79	30	30	0.00	0.00	1.49
Rio Grande Village	1850'	98	44	47	0.00	0.00	0.93
Castolon	2170'	94	48	48	0.00	0.00	0.39
Persimmon Gap	2970'	92	41	41	0.00	0.00	0.88
Lajitas	2340'	92	44	44	0.00	0.00	0.82

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	4.85 ft / 132 cfs	4.91 ft / 144 cfs
Castolon	15.50	3.08 ft / 167 cfs	3.10 ft / 172 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	4.23 ft / 156 cfs	4.26 ft / 161 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	3.42 ft / 157 cfs	3.43 ft / 160 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	5.21 ft / 514 cfs	5.24 ft / 526 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.