

Big Bend National Park



Daily Report – Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Weather Forecast

Today..... Sunny! Warmer. Mountain highs in the lower 60's, river & desert highs in the upper 70's. Light and variable winds becoming south around 10 mph.

Tonight..... Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40's. North winds around 10 mph.

Tomorrow Sunny! Warmer. Mountain highs in the lower 70's, river & desert highs around 90. Southwest winds around 10 mph. Mostly clear evening. Lows in the lower 50's.

Extended..... Thursday - Monday: Sunny to mostly clear. Light and variable winds.
 Highs: mid 70's - lower 100's Lows: mid 50's to lower 60's

Sunset tonight: 8:02 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 7:59 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'	56	34	35	0.00	0.00	1.28
Chisos Basin	5400'	53	29	38	0.00	0.00	1.49
Rio Grande Village	1850'	66	28	29	0.00	0.00	0.93
Castolon	2170'	67	42	42	0.00	0.00	0.39
Persimmon Gap	2970'	58	34	34	0.00	0.00	0.88
Lajitas	2340'	65	26	37	0.00	0.00	0.82

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	4.96 ft / 156 cfs	4.85 ft / 132 cfs
Castolon	15.50	3.06 ft / 161 cfs	3.08 ft / 167 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	4.22 ft / 154 cfs	4.23 ft / 156 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	3.37 ft / 143 cfs	3.42 ft / 157 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	5.20 ft / 511 cfs	5.21 ft / 514 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.