

# Big Bend National Park



Daily Report – Wednesday, March 18, 2026

## Weather Forecast

Today..... Sunny! Warmer. Mountain highs around 70, river & desert highs around 90. Light and variable winds becoming northeast at 10 - 15 mph.

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

Tomorrow ..... Sunny! Mountain highs in the mid 70's, river & desert highs in the mid 90's. East winds 10 - 15 mph. Clear evening. Lows in the mid 50's. East winds 10 - 15 mph.

Extended..... Friday - Tuesday: Sunny to mostly clear. South winds around 10 mph.  
Highs: mid 70's - lower 100's                      Lows: mid 50's to lower 60's

Sunset tonight: 8:03 p.m. .... Sunrise tomorrow: 7:58 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'                        | 71   | 35  | 52   | 0.00                | 0.00  | 1.28 |
| Chisos Basin       | 5400'                        | 68   | 37  | 59   | 0.00                | 0.00  | 1.49 |
| Rio Grande Village | 1850'                        | 79   | 29  | 39   | 0.00                | 0.00  | 0.93 |
| Castolon           | 2170'                        | 78   | 40  | 49   | 0.00                | 0.00  | 0.39 |
| Persimmon Gap      | 2970'                        | 75   | 34  | 47   | 0.00                | 0.00  | 0.88 |
| Lajitas            | 2340'                        | 77   | 36  | 45   | 0.00                | 0.00  | 0.82 |

## River Levels

|                               | Flood Stage | Today             | Yesterday         |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Presidio International Bridge | 15.50       | 4.94 ft / 152 cfs | 4.96 ft / 156 cfs |
| Castolon                      | 15.50       | 3.05 ft / 158 cfs | 3.06 ft / 161 cfs |
| Johnson Ranch                 | 15.50       | 4.22 ft / 154 cfs | 4.22 ft / 154 cfs |
| Rio Grande Village            | 13.00       | 3.38 ft / 146 cfs | 3.37 ft / 143 cfs |
| Dryden Crossing               | 59.00       | 5.20 ft / 510 cfs | 5.20 ft / 511 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.