

Big Bend National Park

Daily Report – Friday, March 20, 2026



Weather Forecast

Today..... Sunny. Mountain highs in the upper 70's, river & desert highs in the upper 90's. Light and variable winds.

Tonight..... Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 50's. Northeast winds 10 mph.

Tomorrow Sunny. Mountain highs in the upper 70, river & desert highs in the upper 90's. South winds 10 mph. Clear evening. Lows in the upper 50's.

Extended..... Sunday - Thursday: Sunny
 Highs: mid 70's - lower 100's Lows: upper 50's to lower 60's

Sunset tonight: 8:04 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 7:56 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'	88	56	61	0.00	0.00	1.28
Chisos Basin	5400'	81	55	57	0.00	0.00	1.49
Rio Grande Village	1850'	96	44	46	0.00	0.00	0.93
Castolon	2170'	95	54	57	0.00	0.00	0.39
Persimmon Gap	2970'	90	49	51	0.00	0.00	0.88
Lajitas	2340'	94	46	50	0.00	0.00	0.82

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	4.83 ft / 148 cfs	4.94 ft / 152 cfs
Castolon	15.50	3.09 ft / 169 cfs	3.08 ft / 167 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	4.24 ft / 135 cfs	4.22 ft / 154 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	3.35 ft / 137 cfs	3.39 ft / 149 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	5.20 ft / 510 cfs	5.20 ft / 510 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.