

Big Bend National Park



Daily Report – Saturday, March 21, 2026

Weather Forecast

Today..... Sunny. Mountain highs in the upper 70's, river & desert highs in the upper 90's. South winds around 10 mph.

Tonight..... Mostly clear. Lows around 60. Northwest winds 10 mph.

Tomorrow Sunny. Mountain highs in the lower 80's, river & desert highs around 100. South winds 10 mph. Clear evening. Lows around 60.

Extended..... Sunday - Thursday: Sunny
 Highs: upper 70's - lower 100's Lows: upper 50's to lower 60's
 Sunset tonight: 8:05 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 7:54 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' | 92 | 66 | 67 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.28 |
| Chisos Basin | 5400' | 84 | 58 | 69 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.49 |
| Rio Grande Village | 1850' | 100 | 46 | 52 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.93 |
| Castolon | 2170' | 99 | 56 | 63 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.39 |
| Persimmon Gap | 2970' | 96 | 53 | 58 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.88 |
| Lajitas | 2340' | 99 | 49 | 57 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.82 |

River Levels

| | Flood Stage | Today | Yesterday |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Presidio International Bridge | 15.50 | 4.82 ft / 144 cfs | 4.83 ft / 148 cfs |
| Castolon | 15.50 | 3.04 ft / 155 cfs | 3.09 ft / 169 cfs |
| Johnson Ranch | 15.50 | 4.22 ft / 131 cfs | 4.24 ft / 135 cfs |
| Rio Grande Village | 13.00 | 3.39 ft / 149 cfs | 3.35 ft / 137 cfs |
| Dryden Crossing | 59.00 | 5.19 ft / 508 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.