

# Big Bend National Park



Daily Report – Thursday, April 16, 2026

## Weather Forecast

Today..... Sunny. Mountain highs in the mid 70's, river & desert highs in the upper 90's. Light and variable winds shifting south 10 mph.

Tonight..... Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60's. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Tomorrow ..... Sunny! Mountain highs around 80, river & desert highs around 100. Southwest winds around 10 mph. Mostly cloudy evening. Lows in the mid 60's. SW winds 10 mph.

Extended..... Saturday - Wednesday: Sunny to partly cloudy. 20-40% chance of showers through the weekend.  
 Highs: lower 50's - mid 90's                      Lows: lower 50's to low 60's  
 Sunset tonight: 8:19 p.m. .... Sunrise tomorrow: 7:25 a.m.

## Fire Danger

In the Chisos Mountains: **LOW**

Panther Junction/Foothills: **MODERATE**

## Temperatures and Precipitation

	Temperatures – Last 24 hours				Total Precipitation		
	Elevation	High	Low	8 AM	24 Hours	Month	Year
Panther Junction	<b>3750'</b>	88	62	63	0.00	1.21	2.49
Chisos Basin	<b>5400'</b>	80	58	58	0.00	1.46	2.95
Rio Grande Village	<b>1850'</b>	95	67	71	0.00	0.52	1.45
Castolon	<b>2170'</b>	95	72	74	0.00	1.02	1.41
Persimmon Gap	<b>2970'</b>	89	65	67	0.00	2.39	3.27
Lajitas	<b>2340'</b>	93	64	64	0.00	0.62	1.44

## River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	4.94 ft / 165 cfs	4.88 ft / 151 cfs
Castolon	15.50	3.01 ft / 146 cfs	3.23 ft / 209 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	4.24 ft / 138 cfs	4.46 ft / 175 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	3.50 ft / 182 cfs	3.51 ft / 185 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	5.42 ft / 593 cfs	5.78 ft / 747 cfs

## Current Park Conditions:

\*\*\* Heat safety tips: Avoid strenuous activity between 12 PM and 4 PM. Protect yourself from the sun, wear lightweight, light-colored protective clothing, a hat and sunscreen. Drink plenty of water and supplement with electrolytes. Carry a minimum of 2 liters for short hikes, and 1 gallon or more for full-day hikes. Eat salty snacks and take frequent breaks in the shade to cool down.

\* 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.

\* 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.

\*\*\*\* Your safety is your responsibility. Visitors must have the ability to sustain, support and /or recover themselves.

**All information posted as of 9:00 am this morning; subject to change without notice.**