

# Big Bend National Park



Daily Report – Friday, April 17, 2026

## Weather Forecast

Today ..... Sunny. Mountain highs in the upper 70's, river & desert highs in the upper 90's.  
Southwest winds 10 - 15 mph.

Tonight ..... Decreasing clouds. Lows 60 - 66. North winds 10 - 15 mph.

Tomorrow ..... Mostly sunny. Mountain highs in the lower 60's, river & desert highs in the lower 80's.  
Northeast winds 15 - 25 mph. Evening lows 51 - 56.

Extended ..... Sunday - Thursday: Sunny to partly cloudy. 20 - 40% chance of rain most days.  
Highs: lower 50's - upper 90's                      Lows: lower 50's to mid 60's

Sunset tonight: 8:21 p.m. .... Sunrise tomorrow: 7:23 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'	90	63	68	0.00	1.21	2.49
Chisos Basin	5400'	82	58	69	0.00	1.46	2.95
Rio Grande Village	1850'	99	71	76	0.00	0.52	1.45
Castolon	2170'	100	72	75	0.00	1.02	1.41
Persimmon Gap	2970'	93	66	68	0.00	2.39	3.27
Lajitas	2340'	95	64	64	0.00	0.62	1.44

## River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	5.00 ft / 181 cfs	4.94 ft / 165 cfs
Castolon	15.50	2.92 ft / 123 cfs	3.01 ft / 146 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	4.12 ft / 118 cfs	4.24 ft / 138 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	3.37 ft / 143 cfs	3.50 ft / 182 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	5.45 ft / 606 cfs	5.42 ft / 593 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.