

Big Bend National Park

Daily Report – Monday, April 20, 2026



Weather Forecast

Today Mostly cloudy. 20% chance for isolated showers and t-storms. Mountain highs in the lower 60's, river & desert highs in the upper 70's. Northeast winds 10 - 15 mph.

Tonight Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50's. NE winds 10 - 15 mph. 20% chance of rain.

Tomorrow Partly cloudy. Warmer. Isolated showers and t-storms. Mountain highs in the lower 70's, river & desert highs around 90. East winds around 10 mph. 20% chance of rain. Mostly clear evening. Lows in the lower 60's. Northeast winds 10 - 15 mph.

Extended..... Wednesday - Sunday: Sunny to partly cloudy. Light and variable winds.
 Highs: mid 70's - upper 90's Lows: mid 60's to upper 60's

Sunset tonight: 8:22 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 7:20 a.m.

Fire Danger

In the Chisos Mountains: **LOW**

Panther Junction/Foothills: **LOW**

Temperatures and Precipitation

	Temperatures – Last 24 hours				Total Precipitation		
	Elevation	High	Low	8 AM	24 Hours	Month	Year
Panther Junction	3750'	63	47	47	0.00	1.21	2.49
Chisos Basin	5400'	59	43	51	0.00	1.46	2.95
Rio Grande Village	1850'	71	57	59	0.00	0.52	1.45
Castolon	2170'	75	59	59	0.00	1.02	1.41
Persimmon Gap	2970'	62	47	47	0.00	2.39	3.27
Lajitas	2340'	73	55	55	0.00	0.62	1.44

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	4.59 ft / 91 cfs	4.83 ft / 141 cfs
Castolon	15.50	2.96 ft / 133 cfs	2.98 ft / 138 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	4.13 ft / 120 cfs	4.18 ft / 127 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	3.24 ft / 110 cfs	3.23 ft / 107 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	5.15 ft / 493 cfs	5.24 ft / 525 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.