Big Bend National Park

Daily Report – Thursday, May 07, 2026

Weather Forecast

Today..... Mostly cloudy. Mountain highs in the upper 60's, river & desert highs in the upper 80s. Northeast winds 10 - 20 mph.

Tonight..... Mostly cloudy. Lows near 60. Northeast winds 10 - 20 mph.

Tomorrow ..... Sunny. Mountain highs in the mid 70's, river & desert highs mid 90's. Lows in the low 60's. Northwest winds 10 - 15 mph.

Extended……. Saturday - Wednesday: Sunny to mostly cloudy.

Highs: upper 70's - 103 Lows: mid 60's - upper 70's

Sunset tonight: 8:33 p.m. ..... Sunrise tomorrow: 7:05 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'**	88	65	64	0.00	2.47	5.47
Chisos Basin	**5400'**	78	65	67	0.00	1.78	8.65
Rio Grande Village	**1850'**	100	74	79	0.00	1.26	4.87
Castolon	**2170'**	90	62	75	0.00	0.35	2.20
Persimmon Gap	**2970'**	74	60	66	0.00	0.01	4.59
Lajitas	**2340'**	90	68	68	0.00	1.58	3.93

River Levels

	Flood Stage	**Today**	**Yesterday**
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	4.19 ft / 28 cfs	5.55 ft / 327 cfs
Castolon	15.50	2.30 ft / 11 cfs	4.66 ft / 717 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	1.53 ft / 0.38 cfs	2.78 ft / 16 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	2.81 ft / 35 cfs	5.30 ft / 1870 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	4.17 ft / 2314 cfs	7.44 ft / 1587 cfs

Current Park Conditions:

RT 11 WILL BE CLOSED AT 10:00 TO MOVE A WIDE LOAD THROUGH THE PARK

RT*** Heat safety tips: Avoid strenuous activity between 12 PM and 8 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.