

Big Bend National Park



Daily Report – Friday, May 15, 2026

Weather Forecast

Today..... Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and t-storms in the afternoon. Mountain highs around 80, river & desert highs around 104. Southwest winds 10 - 15 mph.

Tonight..... Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70's. Southwest winds 10 mph.

Tomorrow Sunny! Mountain highs in the lower 80's, river & desert highs around 106. Mostly clear evening in the lower 70's. Southeast winds 10 - 15 mph.

Extended..... Sunday - Thursday: Sunny to mostly cloudy. 20-50% chance of showers.
Highs: lower 80's to mid 100's Lows: upper 60's to lower 70's

Sunset tonight: 8:38 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 7:00 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'	97	70	72	0.00	0.22	2.71
Chisos Basin	5400'	89	66	70	0.00	0.27	3.48
Rio Grande Village	1850'	110	73	74	0.00	0.42	1.92
Castolon	2170'	104	75	79	0.00	0.18	1.59
Persimmon Gap	2970'	100	70	75	0.00	0.70	3.97
Lajitas	2340'	102	73	74	0.00	0.24	1.68

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	4.10 ft / 18 cfs	4.11 ft / 18 cfs
Castolon	15.50	2.08 ft / 7 cfs	2.10 ft / 7 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	3.58 ft / 6 cfs	3.62 ft / 8 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	2.75 ft / 26 cfs	2.75 ft / 26 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	4.84 ft / 393 cfs	4.83 ft / 388 cfs

Current Park Conditions:

*** 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.