

Big Bend National Park

Daily Report – Monday, May 18, 2026



Weather Forecast

Today..... Sunny. Mountain highs in the lower 80's, river & desert highs around 106. Southwest winds 10 - 15 mph.

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

Tomorrow Sunny! Mountain highs in the lower 80's, river & desert highs around 104. Northeast winds 10 mph. Mostly clear evening. Lows in the upper 60's. East winds 10 - 15 mph.

Extended..... Wednesday - Tuesday: Sunny to mostly cloudy. up to 70% chance of rain.
Highs: lower 70's to 101's Lows: mid 60's to upper 60's

Sunset tonight: 8:40 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 6:58 a.m.

Fire Danger

In the Chisos Mountains: MODERATE

Panther Junction/Foothills: MODERATE

Temperatures and Precipitation

	Temperatures – Last 24 hours				Total Precipitation		
	Elevation	High	Low	8 AM	24 Hours	Month	Year
Panther Junction	3750'	96	68	77	0.00	0.22	2.71
Chisos Basin	5400'	90	66	72	0.00	0.27	3.48
Rio Grande Village	1850'	108	78	78	0.00	0.42	1.92
Castolon	2170'	105	77	85	0.00	0.18	1.59
Persimmon Gap	2970'	102	71	77	0.00	0.70	3.97
Lajitas	2340'	103	65	67	0.00	0.24	1.68

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	4.07 ft / 15 cfs	4.08 ft / 16 cfs
Castolon	15.50	2.04 ft / 6 cfs	2.06 ft / 6 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	3.49 ft / 3 cfs	3.63 ft / 8 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	2.74 ft / 25 cfs	2.75 ft / 26 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	4.87 ft / 400 cfs	4.85 ft / 395 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.