

# Big Bend National Park



Daily Report – Thursday, May 21, 2026

## Weather Forecast

Today..... Mostly sunny. Slight chance of showers in the morning. Chance of showers and t-storms in the afternoon. Mountain highs in the low 70's, river & desert highs in the low 90's. Southeast winds around 10 - 15 mph.

Tonight..... Mostly cloudy. 30% chance of showers and t-storms in the evening. Lows in the mid 60's. Southeast winds 10 - 15 mph.

Tomorrow ..... Sunny. Mountain highs in the mid 70's, river & desert highs in the mid 90's. South winds 10 mph. Partly cloudy evening with a 20% chance of showers and t-storms. Lows in the upper 60's.

Extended..... Saturday - Wed: Sunny to mostly cloudy. 40% chance of showers and t-storms. Highs: mid 70's to upper 90's                      Lows: mid 60's to upper 60's

Sunset tonight: 8:41 p.m. .... Sunrise tomorrow: 6:57 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'	81	63	63	0.00	0.22	2.71
Chisos Basin	5400'	51	57	63	0.00	0.27	3.48
Rio Grande Village	1850'	93	66	69	0.00	0.42	1.92
Castolon	2170'	92	67	69	0.00	0.18	1.59
Persimmon Gap	2970'	86	65	66	0.00	0.70	3.97
Lajitas	2340'	92	67	67	0.24	0.48	1.92

## River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	4.06 ft / 17 cfs	4.06 ft / 17 cfs
Castolon	15.50	3.17 ft / 191 cfs	1.97 ft / 5 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	4.42 ft / 45 cfs	3.72 ft / 11 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	2.76 ft / 27 cfs	2.73 ft / 24 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	4.86 ft / 397 cfs	4.85 ft / RT cfs

## Current Park Conditions:

\*\*\* RT 16 closed due to flooding. North Mavrick closed due to flooding.

\*\*\* 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.

\*\*\*\* 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.**