

Big Bend National Park



Daily Report – Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Weather Forecast

Today..... Sunny. Mountain highs in the mid 70's, river & desert highs in the upper 90's. Southwest winds 10-15 mph. 20% chance of showers.

Tonight..... Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60's. Northeast winds 10 - 20 mph.

Tomorrow Sunny. Mountain highs in the upper 70's, river & desert highs in the upper 90's. Light and variable winds.

Extended..... Thursday - Monday: Mostly sunny to mostly cloudy. Chance of rain and t-storms.
 Highs: upper 70's to low 100's Lows: upper 60's to low 70's

Sunset tonight: 8:44 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 6:55 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'	91	64	70	0.09	1.11	3.60
Chisos Basin	5400'	84	60	65	0.20	1.17	4.02
Rio Grande Village	1850'	103	68	68	0.09	0.58	2.08
Castolon	2170'	103	73	76	0.00	0.24	1.65
Persimmon Gap	2970'	94	69	69	0.01	1.37	4.64
Lajitas	2340'	98	69	70	0.01	0.70	2.14

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	4.04 ft / 15 cfs	4.06 ft / 15 cfs
Castolon	15.50	2.79 ft / 84 cfs	2.49 ft / 28 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	4.17 ft / 36 cfs	4.02 ft / 29 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	3.40 ft / 152 cfs	3.93 ft / 350 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	5.03 ft / 453 cfs	4.99 ft / 437 cfs

Current Park Conditions:

*** RT 16 (road to Santa Elena Canyon) is 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.