

Big Bend National Park



Daily Report – Friday, May 29, 2026

Weather Forecast

Today..... Mostly cloudy. 20% chance of showers in the afternoon. Mountain highs in the upper 70's, river & desert highs around 104. South winds 10 - 15 mph.

Tonight..... Mostly cloudy. Lows 71 - 76. East winds around 10 mph.

Tomorrow Mostly cloudy. Mountain highs in the lower 80's, river & desert highs around 103. South winds around 10 mph. Partly cloudy evening. Lows 70 - 75. SE winds 10 mph.

Extended..... Sunday - Thursday: Mostly sunny to cloudy. 20-50% chance of rain and t-storms.
Highs: upper 70's to mid 100's Lows: upper 60's to low 70's

Sunset tonight: 8:46 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 6:54 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' | 95 | 66 | 73 | 0.00 | 1.11 | 3.60 |
| Chisos Basin | 5400' | 88 | 69 | 69 | 0.00 | 1.07 | 4.02 |
| Rio Grande Village | 1850' | 108 | 69 | 83 | 0.00 | 0.58 | 2.03 |
| Castolon | 2170' | 104 | 74 | 80 | 0.00 | 0.29 | 1.70 |
| Persimmon Gap | 2970' | 99 | 69 | 74 | 0.00 | 1.46 | 4.73 |
| Lajitas | 2340' | 102 | 68 | 79 | 0.00 | 0.70 | 2.14 |

River Levels

| | Flood Stage | Today | Yesterday |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Presidio International Bridge | 15.50 | 4.03 ft / 14 cfs | 4.03 ft / 14 cfs |
| Castolon | 15.50 | 2.20 ft / 8 cfs | 2.33 ft / 13 cfs |
| Johnson Ranch | 15.50 | 3.72 ft / 17 cfs | 3.75 ft / 18 cfs |
| Rio Grande Village | 13.00 | 3.05 ft / 70 cfs | 3.21 ft / 94 cfs |
| Dryden Crossing | 59.00 | 5.22 ft / 517 cfs | 5.22 ft / 519 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.