

Big Bend National Park



Daily Report – Thursday, June 18, 2026

Weather Forecast

Today..... Increasing clouds. Mountain highs in the mid 80's, river & desert highs near 111. West winds 10 - 15 mph.

Tonight..... Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and t-storms. Lows 74 - 79. NW winds 10 mph.

Tomorrow Mostly sunny. 40% chance of showers and t-storms. Mountain highs in the lower 80's. River and desert highs near 106. NE winds 10 - 15 mph. Partly cloudy evening with a 20% chance of showers and t-storms. Lows 71 - 76. SE winds 10 - 15 mph.

Extended..... Saturday - Wednesday: Sunny to partly cloudy. 20% chance of showers and t-storms. Highs: Low 80's to high 100's Lows: low 70's to low 80's

Sunset tonight: 8:54 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 6:54 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'	105	79	84	0.00	1.41	5.01
Chisos Basin	5400'	95	75	77	0.00	1.54	5.56
Rio Grande Village	1850'	116	83	88	0.00	0.22	2.25
Castolon	2170'	113	78	90	0.00	0.17	1.86
Persimmon Gap	2970'	109	71	84	0.00	0.64	5.37
Lajitas	2340'	110	74	89	0.00	1.18	3.22

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	4.03 ft / 17 cfs	4.32 ft / 52 cfs
Castolon	15.50	2.90 ft / 152 cfs	4.14 ft / 514 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	4.65 ft / 249 cfs	6.02 ft / 658 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	4.14 ft / 515 cfs	4.14 ft / 493 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	5.52 ft / 634 cfs	6.02 ft / 860 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. (Heat Index 90-115: get the heat index from the NWS, add 15 degrees for the sun; 105-130)

*** Expect rough and/or muddy conditions on all gravel and/or dirt roads. Vehicles that get stuck will need to arrange their own rescue. High clearance, 4-wheel drive vehicles are required on Maverick Road, Old Ore Road, River Road, and Terlingua Ranch Road, and recommended on all other primitive roads. Please watch for debris in roadways.

*** 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.