

Big Bend National Park

Daily Report – Thursday, July 09, 2026



Weather Forecast

Today..... Sunny! Mountain highs in the upper 70's, river & desert highs around 102. East winds 10 mph.

Tonight..... Mostly clear. Lows 71 - 76. East winds 10 - 15 mph.

Tomorrow Sunny! Mountain highs in the lower 80's, river and desert highs around 104. East winds around 10 mph. Mostly clear evening. Lows 71 - 76. East winds 10 - 15 mph.

Extended..... Saturday - Wednesday: Sunny to partly cloudy. Cooling. Showers beginning Sunday.
Highs: lower 70's to lower 100's Lows: upper 60's - mid 70's

Sunset tonight: 8:55 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 7:01 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'	92	73	78	0.00	0.71	5.88
Chisos Basin	5400'	84	65	71	0.00	0.72	6.93
Rio Grande Village	1850'	102	75	80	0.00	0.43	2.85
Castolon	2170'	100	73	78	0.00	1.00	2.32
Persimmon Gap	2970'	97	68	77	0.00	1.84	7.23
Lajitas	2340'	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0.58	4.41

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	3.91 ft / 7 cfs	3.96 ft / 11 cfs
Castolon	15.50	2.00 ft / 7 cfs	2.01 ft / 7 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	4.90 ft / 307 cfs	4.91 ft / 310 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	2.69 ft / 29 cfs	2.81 ft / 44 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	5.07 ft / 465 cfs	5.13 ft / 487 cfs

Current Park Conditions:

River Road and Route 16 (Santa Elena Canyon) are closed due to unsafe conditions. Glenn Springs is open to Pine Canyon.

***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. Black Gap is closed. Expect rough and/or muddy conditions on all gravel and/or dirt roads.

*** 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, add 15 degrees for the sun; 105-130)

**** 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.