

Big Bend National Park

Daily Report – Saturday, July 18, 2026



Weather Forecast

Today..... Mostly cloudy. 40% chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms. Mountain highs in the mid 70's, river & desert highs in the upper 90's. SE winds 10 mph.

Tonight..... Mostly cloudy. Lows 70 - 75. East winds around 10 mph. 20% chance of rain.

Tomorrow Mostly cloudy. 50% chance of showers and t-storms all day. Mountain highs in the mid 70's, river and desert highs in the upper 90's. NE winds 10 - 15 mph. Mostly cloudy evening. Lows 70 - 75. NE winds 10 - 15 mph. 20% chance of rain.

Extended..... Monday - Friday: Mostly cloudy to sunny. Chance of showers then turning hot.
Highs: Mid 70's to lower 100's Lows: Low 70's - mid 70's

Sunset tonight: 8:53 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 7:06 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'	83	66	71	0.00	3.18	8.35
Chisos Basin	5400'	76	65	70	0.15	3.23	9.44
Rio Grande Village	1850'	98	73	75	0.00	0.82	3.27
Castolon	2170'	95	71	80	0.00	2.14	3.47
Persimmon Gap	2970'	88	69	74	0.00	5.78	11.17
Lajitas	2340'	90	68	74	0.00	0.58	4.41

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	4.49 ft / 84 cfs	4.89 ft / 168 cfs
Castolon	15.50	4.73 ft / 734 cfs	7.61 ft / 2230 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	7.41 ft / 782 cfs	12.92 ft / 5106 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	4.99 ft / 1370 cfs	4.20 ft / 549 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	7.45 ft / 1591 cfs	8.39 ft / 2182 cfs

Current Park Conditions:

River Road, Glenn Springs south of Pine Canyon, Hot Springs, Old Ore, Lone Mtn Rd and RT 16 (Santa Elena Canyon) are closed.

***Do not attempt to cross flooded roadways, You are fully responsible for the recovery of your own vehicle.

***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.