

Big Bend National Park

Daily Report – Tuesday, July 21, 2026



Weather Forecast

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

Tonight..... Mostly clear. Lows 71 - 76. East winds around 10 mph becoming light and variable.

Tomorrow Sunny! Mountain highs around 80, river and desert highs around 104. Northeast winds around 10 mph shifting East 15 - 20 mph. Mostly clear evening. Lows 72 - 77. East winds 10 - 15 mph.

Extended..... Thursday - Monday: Sunny with mostly clear evenings. East winds 10 mph
Highs: lower 80's to upper 100's Lows: mid 70's - low 80's

Sunset tonight: 8:51 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 7:07 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'	81	66	73	0.08	4.38	9.55
Chisos Basin	5400'	79	61	73	0.15	4.31	10.52
Rio Grande Village	1850'	89	69	73	0.00	1.09	3.51
Castolon	2170'	83	68	72	1.17	4.14	6.03
Persimmon Gap	2970'	79	68	70	0.77	6.62	12.01
Lajitas	2340'	84	66	71	0.72	1.42	5.25

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	5.74 ft / 413 cfs	9.74 ft / 1420 cfs
Castolon	15.50	6.25 ft / 1430 cfs	3.77 ft / 394 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	8.59 ft / 1581 cfs	5.75 ft / 116 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	11.52 ft / 7960 cfs	6.41 ft / 2860 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	7.54 ft / 1647 cfs	7.23 ft / 1471 cfs

Current Park Conditions:

***River Road, Glenn Springs Rd south of Pine Canyon, Black Gap, Hot Springs, Old Ore, Lone Mtn Rd and RT 16 (Santa Elena Canyon) and Old Maverick Rd are closed. Obey posted signage on all other roads.

***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.

*** 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)

All information posted as of 9:00 am this morning; subject to change without notice.

**** Your safety is your responsibility. Visitors must have the ability to sustain, support and /or recover themselves.