

Big Bend National Park

Daily Report – Thursday, July 23, 2026



Weather Forecast

Today..... Sunny! Mountain highs in the lower 80's, river & desert highs around 106. Light and variable winds becoming East 10 - 15 mph.

Tonight..... Mostly clear. Lows 74 - 80. Northeast winds 10 - 15 mph.

Tomorrow Sunny! Mountain highs in the lower 80's, river and desert highs around 105. Northeast winds 10 - 20 mph. Mostly clear evening. Lows 72 - 77. NE winds 10 - 20.

Extended..... Saturday - Wednesday: Sunny with mostly clear evenings. SE winds around 10 mph. Highs: lower 80's to upper 100's Lows: lower 70's - mid 80's

Sunset tonight: 8:50 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 7:09 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'	94	71	76	0.00	4.38	9.55
Chisos Basin	5400'	89	68	74	0.00	4.31	10.52
Rio Grande Village	1850'	107	76	78	0.00	1.09	3.51
Castolon	2170'	103	77	82	0.00	4.14	6.03
Persimmon Gap	2970'	97	76	82	0.00	6.62	12.01
Lajitas	2340'	103	74	77	0.00	1.42	5.25

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	4.81 ft / 117 cfs	5.60 ft / 323 cfs
Castolon	15.50	3.52 ft / 317 cfs	4.28 ft / 562 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	5.36 ft / 47 cfs	6.06 ft / 195 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	4.25 ft / 590 cfs	4.96 ft / 1330 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	7.15 ft / 1428 cfs	9.71 ft / 3176 cfs

Current Park Conditions:

***River Road, Glenn Springs Rd south of Pine Canyon, Black Gap, Old Ore, Dugout Wells, 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)

**** 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.