

Big Bend National Park

Daily Report – Thursday, July 30, 2026



Weather Forecast

Today..... Sunny! Mountain highs in the lower 80's, river & desert highs around 106. Northeast winds 10 - 15 mph.

Tonight..... Mostly clear. Lows 73 - 78. East winds 10 - 15 mph.

Tomorrow Sunny! Mountain highs in the lower 80's, river and desert highs around 107. East winds 10 - 15 mph. Mostly clear evening. Lows 73 - 78. NE winds 10 - 15 mph.

Extended..... Saturday - Wednesday: Increasing clouds. Northeast winds 10 - 20 mph.
Highs: upper 70's to mid 100's Lows: lower 70's to upper 70's

Sunset tonight: 8:46 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 7:13 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'	98	72	76	0.00	4.38	9.55
Chisos Basin	5400'	90	68	74	0.00	4.31	10.52
Rio Grande Village	1850'	111	80	82	0.00	1.09	3.51
Castolon	2170'	107	83	84	0.00	4.14	6.03
Persimmon Gap	2970'	99	77	78	0.00	6.62	12.01
Lajitas	2340'	105	78	78	0.00	1.42	5.25

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	4.07 ft / 8 cfs	4.05 ft / 6 cfs
Castolon	15.50	2.03 ft / 8 cfs	2.09 ft / 9 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	5.03 ft / 22 cfs	4.97 ft / 18 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	2.69 ft / 29 cfs	2.76 ft / 37 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	4.79 ft / 377 cfs	5.01 ft / 445 cfs

Current Park Conditions:

***Black Gap, Old Ore and RT 16 (Santa Elena Canyon) 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.