

# Big Bend National Park



Daily Report – Wednesday, August 12, 2026

## Weather Forecast

Today..... Sunny isolated showers in the afternoon. Mountain highs in the upper 70's, river & desert highs in the low 100's. South winds 5 - 10 mph. 20% chance of rain.

Tonight..... Partly cloudy. Lows 73 - 78. South winds 5 - 10 mph. 20% chance of rain.

Tomorrow ..... Mostly sunny. Mountain highs around 80, river and desert highs near 105. South winds 5 mph. Mostly cloudy evening. Lows 72 - 77. 20% chance of rain.

Extended..... Friday - Tuesday: Sunny - partly cloudy. Chance of rain through Friday.

Highs: upper 70's to mid 100's                      Lows: low 70's to upper 70's

Sunset tonight: 8:35 p.m. .... Sunrise tomorrow: 7:20 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   | <b>3750'</b>                 | 95   | 75  | 80   | 0.02                | 0.02  | 9.57  |
| Chisos Basin       | <b>5400'</b>                 | 86   | 69  | 71   | 0.01                | 0.01  | 10.53 |
| Rio Grande Village | <b>1850'</b>                 | 108  | 83  | 83   | 0.00                | 0.00  | 3.51  |
| Castolon           | <b>2170'</b>                 | 105  | 81  | 83   | 0.00                | 0.00  | 6.03  |
| Persimmon Gap      | <b>2970'</b>                 | 101  | 78  | 81   | 0.00                | 0.00  | 12.01 |
| Lajitas            | <b>2340'</b>                 | 102  | 73  | 75   | 0.00                | 0.00  | 5.25  |

## River Levels

|                               | Flood Stage | Today             | Yesterday         |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Presidio International Bridge | 15.50       | 3.80 ft / 6 cfs   | 3.90 ft / 14 cfs  |
| Castolon                      | 15.50       | 1.85 ft / 3 cfs   | 1.91 ft / 4 cfs   |
| Johnson Ranch                 | 15.50       | 4.79 ft / 10 cfs  | 4.77 ft / 9 cfs   |
| Rio Grande Village            | 13.00       | 2.34 ft / 32 cfs  | 2.31 ft / 29 cfs  |
| Dryden Crossing               | 59.00       | 4.70 ft / 351 cfs | 4.78 ft / 372 cfs |

## Current Park Conditions:

\*\*\*Glenn Spring Road (from Black Gap Road to River Road), Black Gap Road, Old Ore Road, and Old Maverick Road are closed. Obey all posted signs on other roads, do not drive around closed gates or road cones—they are there for your safety. Do not attempt to cross or go around flooded or muddy 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.

\*\*\* 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.**