Big Bend National Park

Daily Report – Monday, August 17, 2026

Weather Forecast

Today..... Sunny! 20% chance of showers. Mountain highs in the upper 70's, river & desert highs around 102. East winds 10 - 15 mph.

Tonight..... Mostly clear. Lows 70 - 75. Southeast winds around 10 - 15 mph.

Tomorrow ..... Sunny! Mountain highs in the upper 70's, river and desert highs around 102. East winds 10 mph. Mostly clear evening. Lows 72 - 77.

Extended……. Wednesday - Sunday: Sunny to partly cloudy. Southeast winds 10 mph.

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

Sunset tonight: 8:31 p.m. ..... Sunrise tomorrow: 7:23 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'**	96	67	77	0.05	0.61	10.18
Chisos Basin	**5400'**	82	61	68	0.14	1.80	12.32
Rio Grande Village	**1850'**	99	74	78	0.03	0.03	3.54
Castolon	**2170'**	98	71	82	0.13	0.13	6.16
Persimmon Gap	**2970'**	91	70	79	0.21	0.21	12.22
Lajitas	**2340'**	99	68	73	0.00	0.30	5.55

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	3.89 ft / 13 cfs	3.90 ft / 14 cfs
Castolon	15.50	2.46 ft / 22 cfs	3.09 ft / 164 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	5.12 ft / 18 cfs	5.16 ft / 20 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	3.62 ft / 4.35 cfs	4.56 ft / 1120 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	NA ft / NA cfs	NA ft / NA cfs

Current Park Conditions:

***Black Gap Road, and Old Ore Road are closed. Obey all posted signs on other roads, no 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.