

# Big Bend National Park

Daily Report – Monday, September 28, 2026



## Weather Forecast

Today..... Mostly cloudy. Mountain highs in the mid 70's, river & desert highs around 100. East winds around 10 mph.

Tonight..... Mostly cloudy. Lows 72 - 77. East winds around 10 mph.

Tomorrow ..... Mostly cloudy. 40% chance of showers and t-storms. Mountain highs in the mid 70's, river & desert highs around 100. SE winds 10 - 20 mph. Mostly cloudy evening. Lows 72 - 77. SE winds 10- 15 mph. 70% chance of showers and t-storms.

Extended..... Wednesday - Sunday: Partly to mostly cloudy. 20% chance of rain all week. Highs: upper 50's to upper 90's                      Lows: upper 50's to lower 70's

Sunset tonight: 7:42 p.m. .... Sunrise tomorrow: 7:45 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'                        | 92   | 68  | 71   | 0.00                | 2.28  | 12.01 |
| Chisos Basin       | 5400'                        | 86   | 67  | 67   | 0.00                | 1.72  | 14.11 |
| Rio Grande Village | 1850'                        | 104  | 73  | 74   | 0.00                | 1.64  | 5.25  |
| Castolon           | 2170'                        | 101  | 78  | 78   | 0.00                | 0.42  | 6.57  |
| Persimmon Gap      | 2970'                        | 95   | 73  | 73   | 0.00                | 0.16  | 12.38 |
| Lajitas            | 2340'                        | NA   | NA  | NA   | 0.00                | 1.64  | 7.09  |

## River Levels

|                               | Flood Stage | Today             | Yesterday           |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Presidio International Bridge | 15.50       | 4.19 ft / 52 cfs  | 4.73 ft / 81 cfs    |
| Castolon                      | 15.50       | 2.81 ft / 85 cfs  | 3.15 ft / 180 cfs   |
| Johnson Ranch                 | 15.50       | 4.98 ft / 1 cfs   | 4.88 ft / 5 cfs     |
| Rio Grande Village            | 13.00       | 3.56 ft / 402 cfs | 3.84 ft / 561 cfs   |
| Dryden Crossing               | 59.00       | 6.17 ft / 934 cfs | 10.70 ft / 4055 cfs |

## Current Park Conditions:

\*\*\* 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)

\*\*\* Black Gap Road, Hot Springs Rd, and RT 16 (Santa Elena) 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.

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.