

Big Bend National Park

Daily Report – Sunday, October 18, 2026



Weather Forecast

Today..... Mostly sunny. Mountain highs in the mid 50's, river & desert highs in the low 70's.
Southeast winds 10 mph.

Tonight..... Partly cloudy. Lows 48 - 51. North winds 10 mph

Tomorrow Sunny. Mountain highs in the low 60's, river & desert highs in the low 80's. Lows 52 - 57. North winds 10 mph.

Extended..... Tuesday - Saturday: Sunny to cloudy and cold with a chance of rain Friday .
Highs: upper 60's to low 90's Lows: low 60's to mid 60's

Sunset tonight: 7:19 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 7:56 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'	58	46	47	0.00	3.47	16.14
Chisos Basin	5400'	53	36	44	0.00	4.52	19.16
Rio Grande Village	1850'	68	47	48	0.00	0.85	7.54
Castolon	2170'	72	51	51	0.00	2.55	9.37
Persimmon Gap	2970'	65	51	51	0.00	3.21	15.59
Lajitas	2340'	62	44	47	0.00	1.85	9.40

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	5.12 ft / 253 cfs	4.98 ft / 215 cfs
Castolon	15.50	3.83 ft / 365 cfs	4.10 ft / 456 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	5.63 ft / 205 cfs	6.17 ft / 373 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	3.83 ft / 365 cfs	10.91 ft / 7230 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	12.01 ft / 5396 cfs	13.78 ft / 7526 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)

*** Hot Springs, Old Maverick, Grapevine Hills, Black Gap Road, Glenn Springs south of Pine Canyon, Grapevine Hills at campsite 1, River Road and RT 16 (Santa Elena), Paint Gap, and Old Ore are closed. Obey all posted signs on all 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.

**** 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.