Big Bend National Park

Daily Report – Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Weather Forecast

Today..... Mostly cloudy. Mountain highs in the mid 60's, river & desert highs in the mid 80's. Light and variable winds.

Tonight..... Cloudy, 50% chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60's. East winds 10 mph.

Tomorrow ..... Rain. Mountain highs in the upper 50's, river & desert highs in the upper 70's. 100% chance of rain all day. Lows in the lower 60's. East winds 10 mph.

Extended……. Friday - Tuesday: Mostly cloudy. 90% chance of rain through Friday.
Highs: upper 50's to upper 80's Lows: low 60's to mid 60's

Sunset tonight: 7:10 p.m. ..... Sunrise tomorrow: 8:04 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'**	76	56	58	0.00	3.81	16.48
Chisos Basin	**5400'**	69	53	57	0.00	4.79	19.43
Rio Grande Village	**1850'**	89	63	63	0.00	0.86	7.55
Castolon	**2170'**	84	63	66	0.00	2.73	9.55
Persimmon Gap	**2970'**	78	60	62	0.00	3.32	15.70
Lajitas	**2340'**	83	61	62	0.00	2.54	10.09

River Levels

	Flood Stage	**Today**	**Yesterday**
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	5.56 ft / 387 cfs	3.95 ft / NA cfs
Castolon	15.50	9.83 ft / 3880 cfs	9.83 ft / 1810 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	8.67 ft / 1817 cfs	10.61 ft / 3238 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	8.84 ft / 4970 cfs	10.86 ft / 7170 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	11.49 ft / 4838 cfs	5.23 ft / 522 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 main lot, Black Gap Road, River Road (West), RT 16 (Santa Elena), and Paint Gap 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.