Big Bend National Park

Daily Report – Wednesday, November 18, 2026

Weather Forecast

Today..... Partly cloudy with fog. Mountain highs in the upper 50, river & desert highs in the mid 70's. Light and variable winds.

Tonight..... Mostly cloudy. Lows around 50. Northeast winds 10 mph.

Tomorrow ..... Mostly cloudy. Mountain highs in the upper 50's, river & desert highs in the upper 70's. Mostley clear evening with lows near 50. Northeast winds 10 mph.

Extended……. Friday - Tuesday: Mostly to partly cloudy.
Highs: mid 50's to low 80's Lows: low 50's to mid 50's

Sunset tonight: 5:56 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	**3750'**	63	44	47	0.00	1.05	18.63
Chisos Basin	**5400'**	60	42	54	0.00	0.24	21.27
Rio Grande Village	**1850'**	72	47	48	0.00	1.21	9.48
Castolon	**2170'**	71	51	52	0.00	0.85	11.75
Persimmon Gap	**2970'**	61	50	52	0.00	1.43	18.90
Lajitas	**2340'**	71	48	48	0.00	1.14	12.27

River Levels

	Flood Stage	**Today**	**Yesterday**
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	4.26 ft / 43 cfs	4.21 ft / 37 cfs
Castolon	15.50	2.51 ft / 60 cfs	2.44 ft / 20 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	4.89 ft / 188 cfs	4.90 ft / 190 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	3.08 ft / 199 cfs	3.12 ft / 212 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	5.17 ft / 500 cfs	5.21 ft / 514 cfs

Current Park Conditions:

*** The intersection in front of the Panther Junction Visitor Center will be converted to a four-way stop later this month.
*** A boil water notice is in effect in the Chisos Basin until further notice.
*** Heat safety tips: Avoid strenuous activity midday. Protect yourself from the sun; wear light weight light colored protective clothing, a hat and sunscreen, drink a gallon of water per day and take frequent breaks in the shade to cool down.
*** Black Gap Road, River Road (West) and RT 16 (Santa Elena) 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.