

Big Bend National Park



Daily Report – Friday, December 23, 2016

Weather Forecast :

Today Mostly cloudy with a 20% chance of showers. Winds will be from the southwest at 10 mph. Mountain highs will be in the upper 60s, river highs in the lower 80s.

Tonight Partly cloudy with light and variable winds. Overnight lows 49-52.

Tomorrow Sunny with winds from the south at 10-15 mph. Mountain highs will be in the lower 70s, river highs in the mid 80s. Overnight lows in the mid 50s.

Extended Sun-Thurs: Sunny to mostly cloudy.
Highs: mid 50s - lower 80s Lows: upper 40s - lower 50s

Sunset tonight: 6:00 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				Precipitation		
	Elevation	High	Low	8 AM	24 Hours	Month	Year
Panther Junction	3750'	58	41	43	0.00	1.23	13.51
Chisos Basin	5400'	67	62	63	0.00	1.44	25.01
Rio Grande Village	1850'	66	40	44	0.00	0.91	11.73
Castolon	2170'	73	47	47	0.00	0.76	10.91
Persimmon Gap	2970'	62	42	43	0.00	1.04	14.86
Lajitas	2340'	70	42	43	0.00	1.29	12.35

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	5.82 ft / 558 cfs	5.83 ft / 561 cfs
Castolon	15.50	4.01 ft / 446 cfs	4.16 ft / 496 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	5.76 ft / 480 cfs	5.80 ft / 501 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	3.78 ft / 547 cfs	3.79 ft / 552 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	5.89 ft / 833 cfs	5.89 ft / 837 cfs

Current Park Conditions:

Overnight backpacking campsites in Boot Canyon, Colima, Toll Mountain, Juniper Canyon # 1 and Southwest Rim # 2 are temporarily closed due to bear activity. The Chisos Mountains are home to a healthy Mexican Black Bear population, and fall rains resulted in abundant pine nut and oak nut production. Bears feed heavily during the fall in order to prepare for their winter denning period and these closures will give them the space and time they need to feed and will help keep our bears healthy and wild. Thank you for your cooperation and support!