

# Big Bend National Park



Daily Report – Sunday, December 25, 2016

## Weather Forecast :

Today ..... Sunny with winds from the southwest at 20-30 mph. Mountain highs will be in the upper 60s, river highs in the lower 80s.

Tonight ..... Clear with winds from the northeast at 10 mph. Overnight lows 41-44.

Tomorrow ..... Sunny with light and variable winds. Mountain highs will be in the upper 50s, river highs in the mid 70s. Overnight lows in the mid 40s.

Extended ..... Tues-Sat: Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy with a chance of rain Friday.  
Highs: mid 50s - upper 70s      Lows: lower 40s - lower 50s

Sunset tonight: 6:01 p.m. .... Sunrise tomorrow: 7:45 a.m.

## Fire Danger

In the Chisos Mountains: Moderate

Panther Junction/Foothills: Moderate

## Temperatures and Precipitation

	Temperatures – Last 24 hours				Precipitation		
	Elevation	High	Low	8 AM	24 Hours	Month	Year
Panther Junction	3750'	72	48	65	0.00	1.44	13.72
Chisos Basin	5400'	68	49	60	0.00	1.66	25.23
Rio Grande Village	1850'	82	47	52	0.00	0.91	11.73
Castolon	2170'	80	45	53	0.00	0.88	11.03
Persimmon Gap	2970'	71	47	51	0.00	1.04	14.86
Lajitas	2340'	NR	NR	NR	0.00	1.29	12.35

## River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	5.91 ft / 593 cfs	5.86 ft / 575 cfs
Castolon	15.50	4.08 ft / 467 cfs	4.07 ft / 463 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	5.77 ft / 484 cfs	5.76 ft / 480 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	3.75 ft / 536 cfs	3.75 ft / 536 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	5.91 ft / 840 cfs	5.92 ft / 851 cfs

## Current Park Conditions:

Several overnight backpacking campsites are closed in Boot Canyon, Colima, Toll Mountain, Juniper Canyon # 1 and Southwest Rim # 2 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!