

# Big Bend National Park



Daily Report – Wednesday, December 28, 2016

## Weather Forecast :

Today ..... Partly cloudy with light and variable winds. Mountain highs will be in the lower 70s, river highs in the lower 80s.

Tonight ..... Mostly cloudy with winds from the northwest at 10-15 mph. Overnight lows 49-53.

Tomorrow ..... Mostly cloudy with winds from the northeast at 10-15 mph. Mountain highs will be in the mid 50s, river highs in the mid 60s. Overnight lows in the lower 40s.

Extended ..... Fri-Tues: Mostly cloudy to sunny with a chance of rain on Friday.  
Highs: upper 40s - upper 70s                      Lows: mid 40s - lower 50s

**Sunset tonight: 6:03 p.m. .... Sunrise tomorrow: 7:46 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'	66	52	53	0.00	1.44	13.72
Chisos Basin	5400'	63	51	54	0.00	1.66	25.23
Rio Grande Village	1850'	75	44	50	0.00	0.91	11.73
Castolon	2170'	75	49	53	0.00	0.88	11.03
Persimmon Gap	2970'	74	37	55	0.00	1.04	14.86
Lajitas	2340'	71	48	49	0.00	1.29	12.35

## River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	5.85 ft / 572 cfs	5.91 ft / 590 cfs
Castolon	15.50	4.21 ft / 511 cfs	4.24 ft / 522 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	5.84 ft / 522 cfs	5.84 ft / 519 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	3.84 ft / 581 cfs	3.81 ft / 564 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	5.92 ft / 851 cfs	5.88 ft / 826 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!