

Big Bend National Park



Daily Report – Thursday, December 29, 2016

Weather Forecast :

- Today Mostly cloudy with a 20% chance of rain in the afternoon. Winds will be from the northeast at 10-20 mph. Mountain highs will be in the lower 50s, river highs in the lower 60s.
- Tonight Cloudy with a 50% chance of rain. Winds will be from the northeast at 10-15 mph. Overnight lows 39-45.
- Tomorrow Mostly cloudy with a 30% chance of rain. Winds will be light and variable. Mountain highs will be in the mid 50s, river highs in the lower 60s. Overnight lows in the upper 40s.
- Extended Sat-Wed: Sunny to partly cloudy
Highs: upper 50s - upper 70s Lows: mid 40s - upper 40s
- Sunset tonight: 6:04 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 7:47 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	54	57	0.00	1.44	13.72
Chisos Basin	5400'	71	52	53	0.00	1.66	25.23
Rio Grande Village	1850'	82	50	65	0.00	0.91	11.73
Castolon	2170'	83	49	64	0.00	0.88	11.03
Persimmon Gap	2970'	80	55	59	0.00	1.04	14.86
Lajitas	2340'	77	49	57	0.00	1.29	12.35

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	5.85 ft / 568 cfs	5.85 ft / 572 cfs
Castolon	15.50	4.19 ft / 504 cfs	4.21 ft / 511 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	5.83 ft / 512 cfs	5.84 ft / 522 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	3.86 ft / 593 cfs	3.84 ft / 581 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	5.98 ft / 879 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!