Big Bend National Park

Daily Report – Wednesday, August 09, 2023

Weather Forecast

Today..... Sunny and hot. Heat Advisory in effect! Mountain highs in the mid 90s, river and desert highs around 111. East winds about 10 mph. A 20% chance of thunderstorms.

Tonight..... Partly cloudy. Lows 78 - 83. South winds 10 - 15 mph. A 20% chance of rain.

Tomorrow ..... Mostly sunny. Mountain highs in the mid 90s, river and desert highs around 111. NE winds about 10 mph. Overnight lows 77 - 82. A 30% chance of thunderstorms.

Extended..... Friday - Tuesday: Sunny to partly cloudy. A chance of rain Friday - Saturday.

Highs: low 90s to around 108 Lows: mid 70s to low 80s.

Sunset tonight: 08:39 p.m. ..... Sunrise tomorrow: 07:18 a.m.

Fire Danger

In the Chisos Mountains: High **Panther Junction/Foothills: High**

Temperatures and Precipitation

	Temperatures – Last 24 hours				Total Precipitation		
	Elevation	**High**	**Low**	**8 AM**	**24 Hours**	**Month**	**Year**
Panther Junction	**3750'**	104	78	80	0.00	0.51	5.18
Chisos Basin	**5400'**	95	71	74	0.00	0.39	8.69
Rio Grande Village	**1850'**	115	80	80	0.00	0.02	4.71
Castolon	**2170'**	111	85	85	0.00	0.22	5.41
Persimmon Gap	**2970'**	107	82	83	0.00	0.39	4.71
Lajitas	**2340'**	110	81	81	0.00	0.81	5.77

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	4.51 ft / 101 cfs	4.48 ft / 93 cfs
Castolon	15.50	2.29 ft / 20 cfs	2.31 ft / 21 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	2.27 ft / N/A cfs	2.14 ft / N/A cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	2.32 ft / 75 cfs	2.31 ft / 73 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	4.68 ft / 346 cfs	4.71 ft / 353 cfs

Current Park Conditions:

*HEAT WARNING: Heat safety tips: Avoid hiking midday. Protect yourself from the sun; wear lightweight, light-colored protective clothing, a hat, and sunscreen. Carry a minimum of 2 liters of water for short hikes, and 1 gallon or more for full-day hikes. Eat salty snacks and take frequent breaks in the shade to cool down.

*Heat cramps and heat exhaustion are likely when exposure to the sun and physical activity are prolonged. Heat stroke is also possible which can result in death, if untreated. Remember, your safety is your responsibility.

*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. Expect rough and/or muddy conditions on all gravel and/or dirt roads. Please watch for debris and standing water in roadways.

*Tuff Canyon is CLOSED

All information posted as of 9:00 am this morning; subject to change without notice.