

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE NEW FOREST AREA, ENGLAND

LOCATION: The New Forest (called that by William the Conqueror in 1079 AD) is located in Hampshire in southeastern England. The Forest is situated pretty much north of the Solent, west of Southampton Water, and east of the Avon River. The New Forest occupies some 145 square miles, and is the largest stand of relatively virgin forest left in England. It is noted for the thousands of wild ponies that roam the area. Cattle are also free to roam the forest, as are the native deer, foxes, and other wild creatures. It is best seen by bicycle or on foot, but the numerous trails are supplemented by motor roads, both paved and unpaved. Elevations are close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:30	10:00	11:51	13:48	15:30	16:26	16:03	14:34	12:42	10:47	9:02	8:03
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:51	2:42	3:59	5:43	6:46	7:12	6:48	6:25	5:02	3:34	2:21	1:44
AREA OF BLUE SKY	33%	35%	39%	46%	47%	47%	46%	46%	48%	43%	37%	33%
LOW FOR MONTH	25°	25°	28°	30°	36°	42°	47°	45°	40°	34°	28°	26°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	35°	35°	37°	40°	45°	51°	54°	54°	50°	46°	40°	37°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	46°	46°	50°	55°	61°	67°	71°	70°	65°	59°	52°	48°
HIGH FOR MONTH	54°	54°	58°	66°	74°	78°	82°	80°	74°	66°	60°	56°
FROSTY MORNINGS	32%	36%	21%	13%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	19%	30%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	78%	74%	70%	63%	61%	62%	61%	63%	67%	73%	76%	80%
NEARBY WATERS	48°	46°	46°	48°	51°	55°	59°	61°	60°	58°	54°	50°
DRY DAYS	45%	54%	55%	58%	58%	62%	65%	61%	57%	53%	48%	47%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	74%	79%	78%	79%	79%	80%	83%	80%	77%	74%	72%	74%
DRY HOURS	76%	77%	75%	83%	84%	84%	87%	86%	84%	79%	77%	77%
LIKELY SNOWFALL	2.6"	2.5"	1.4"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.2"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	6%	7%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%	4%	6%	4%	3%	3%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	11%	11%	8%	8%	9%	7%	7%	10%	14%	12%	11%	10%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 37% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 21% in December, to a high of 44% from May through August. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 21° some frosty winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 85° on some sunny July afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be about 3° warmer than actual ones on the warmer summer days, and pretty much the same as actual ones on the cooler days. Winters are quite mild. Only two or three days each winter will the afternoon fail to warm above the freezing point.