

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE OODNADATTA AREA (SOUTH AUSTRALIA), AUSTRALIA

LOCATION: Oodnadatta is located in the north-central portion of the state of South Australia. This tiny town is situated in the Lake Eyre Basin, not far from the dry course of Neales Creek. Elevations are only a few hundred feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	13:40	13:04	12:17	11:28	10:47	10:27	10:35	11:09	11:55	12:44	13:28	13:51
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	10:45	10:37	9:47	8:59	7:40	7:22	8:01	8:56	9:45	9:49	10:36	10:42
AREA OF BLUE SKY	73%	73%	78%	74%	68%	68%	73%	81%	83%	74%	73%	70%
LOW FOR MONTH	60°	58°	53°	45°	36°	32°	31°	33°	40°	45°	52°	57°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	72°	71°	66°	57°	49°	43°	42°	44°	52°	58°	64°	70°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	98°	96°	92°	81°	72°	67°	67°	71°	79°	85°	92°	97°
HIGH FOR MONTH	111°	110°	105°	95°	86°	78°	79°	87°	95°	105°	107°	111°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	5%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	87%	83%	66%	22%	1%	0%	0%	2%	13%	35%	59%	81%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	21%	23%	24%	31%	35%	41%	35%	30%	25%	22%	22%	21%
DRY DAYS	90%	90%	93%	93%	90%	90%	94%	91%	93%	88%	87%	88%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	95%	94%	96%	97%	96%	96%	98%	96%	98%	95%	95%	95%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.14	0.19	0.13	0.05	0.11	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.11
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	4%	4%	5%
FOGGY DAYS	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%

COMMENTS: The climate of Oodnadatta is essentially that of a sub-tropical desert. Rainfall is sparse, and is fairly evenly distributed throughout the year. There are essentially two seasons. The hot season runs from late October through early April. The mild season extends from late April through early October. Below-freezing temperatures will occur a few days in most years. Sunshine is abundant throughout the year. Like most desert rainfall, that of Oodnadatta varies considerably from one year to another. Every month in the year has the potential of either being bone-dry or of getting a cloudburst or two. Many of the dry stream beds that beckon so invitingly to the camper have their sources far away in the hills. Thundershowers near the headwaters may not even be heard or seen where you're camping. Your first warning may be when you wake up under several feet of mud, sand, boulders, water, brush, and animal carcasses. If you don't want to join the latter, don't ever camp in dry stream beds.