

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO KODIAK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, ALASKA

LOCATION: Kodiak Island is located in southwestern Alaska. The island lies in the Gulf of Alaska, and is separated from the Aleutian Peninsula by the narrow Shelikof Strait. Elevations range from sea level to 4,470 feet above it at the summit of Koniag Peak. The town of Kodiak, on the eastern shore of the island, is the major transportation and service center for the island. The island is famous for its population of extremely large brown bears, the Kodiak grizzlies, found mostly in the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. These are the largest land carnivores now roaming the earth.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	7:20	9:22	11:47	14:19	16:38	17:59	17:24	15:21	12:54	10:24	8:04	6:42
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:44	4:19	5:49	7:33	8:19	8:29	7:42	7:18	6:04	5:17	3:23	2:21
AREA OF BLUE SKY	31%	31%	31%	29%	23%	21%	22%	26%	27%	34%	33%	31%
LOW FOR MONTH	10°	10°	14°	21°	31°	37°	42°	42°	35°	24°	17°	11°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	26°	26°	27°	32°	38°	44°	49°	49°	44°	36°	30°	26°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	35°	35°	38°	43°	49°	55°	60°	61°	56°	47°	40°	36°
HIGH FOR MONTH	44°	45°	47°	52°	61°	69°	74°	73°	65°	56°	48°	44°
FROSTY MORNINGS	70%	72%	68%	49%	10%	0%	0%	0%	1%	37%	61%	72%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	76%	73%	70%	68%	72%	75%	77%	74%	73%	69%	73%	74%
NEARBY WATERS	39°	37°	39°	39°	41°	42°	49°	52°	51°	48°	45°	40°
DRY DAYS	49%	46%	53%	52%	45%	53%	57%	53%	52%	48%	47%	48%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	64%	64%	67%	68%	65%	70%	74%	73%	63%	64%	65%	63%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.91	0.86	0.67	0.64	0.90	0.79	0.58	0.79	0.99	1.12	0.98	0.98
LIKELY SNOWFALL	15.5"	17.0"	14.3"	7.9"	0.6"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	2.4"	7.0"	12.8"
SNOWY DAYS	26%	33%	29%	18%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	15%	25%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	15%	16%	12%	10%	17%	25%	26%	24%	19%	11%	11%	13%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely to occur on 46% of the year's daylight hours. This will probably range from a low of 35% in December, to a high of 53% in April. The expected lowest temperature for the year will be around 3° on some windless winter sunrise, and the most probable highest will be near 76° on some sunny summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will generally be close to actual ones. In addition to bear, the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge offers magnificent wildlife viewing, birding, and fishing. Guide service is required for non-residents who wish to hunt or photograph wildlife in the Refuge.