

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO GULF ISLANDS RECREATION AREA, ALABAMA

LOCATION: The Gulf Islands consist of a string of islands in the Gulf of Mexico, stretching from Dauphin Island east to Orange Beach. They are not a part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore, although islands to the west of them in Mississippi and islands to the east of them in Florida are. The islands are mostly in private ownership, but include Fort Gaines and Fort Morgan Historic Sites and the Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge. Elevations are close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:26	11:06	11:59	12:54	13:40	14:04	13:54	13:15	12:23	11:28	10:40	10:15
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:22	6:06	7:18	8:46	9:42	9:47	8:29	8:33	8:10	8:19	6:43	5:01
AREA OF BLUE SKY	40%	42%	44%	49%	50%	47%	40%	44%	49%	59%	52%	41%
LOW FOR MONTH	25°	28°	34°	43°	54°	64°	69°	69°	59°	43°	33°	27°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	45°	48°	53°	60°	67°	73°	75°	75°	71°	62°	52°	46°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	61°	63°	68°	75°	82°	88°	89°	89°	86°	78°	68°	62°
HIGH FOR MONTH	73°	75°	80°	85°	91°	95°	96°	96°	93°	88°	80°	75°
FROSTY MORNINGS	13%	11%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	9%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	35%	48%	50%	23%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	60%	57%	56%	55%	56%	59%	64%	64%	60%	53%	56%	60%
NEARBY WATERS	51°	53°	60°	70°	75°	82°	84°	84°	80°	72°	62°	56°
DRY DAYS	67%	66%	68%	76%	75%	65%	54%	57%	69%	82%	76%	68%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	82%	79%	79%	85%	84%	79%	71%	75%	77%	87%	86%	82%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.65	0.82	0.98	0.78	0.61	0.88	1.17	1.02	1.21	0.56	0.59	0.69
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	5%	9%	13%	14%	20%	35%	51%	44%	23%	7%	6%	7%
FOGGY DAYS	15%	13%	13%	8%	4%	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%	8%	12%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely to occur on 63% of the year's daylight hours. This will probably range from a low of 49% in December, to a high of 72% in October. The expected lowest temperature for the year will be around 21° on some windless winter sunrise, and the most probable highest will be near 98° on some sunny summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will generally be up to six degrees warmer than actual ones from late May through early September, and pretty much the same as actual ones the rest of the year. The islands have a marine version of the standard mid-latitude four-season year. Their island nature keeps daytime and summer temperatures from getting as hot and winter and nighttime temperatures from getting as cold as their mainland cousins.