

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE GUNTERSVILLE LAKE RECREATION AREA, ALABAMA

LOCATION: The Guntersville Lake recreation area is located in the northeastern corner of Alabama. The lake is an impoundment of the Tennessee River as part of the federal Tennessee Valley development project. The lake covers almost 70,000 acres, and stretches some 76 miles from southwest of Guntersville in a northeasterly direction to Fackler. The countryside is hilly, with the Appalachian Mountains to the southeast and the Cumberland Plateau to the northwest. Elevations are around 650 feet above sea level. Bordering the lake are Buck's Mountain, Cathedral Caverns, and Lake Guntersville State Parks.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:07	10:55	11:57	13:03	13:58	14:27	14:15	13:28	12:26	11:21	10:24	9:53
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:19	5:19	6:15	7:54	9:01	9:12	8:44	8:24	7:55	7:14	5:34	4:19
AREA OF BLUE SKY	34%	36%	38%	42%	43%	44%	41%	44%	47%	53%	44%	36%
LOW FOR MONTH	11°	8°	22°	35°	43°	51°	58°	57°	44°	34°	19°	16°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	31°	32°	40°	47°	55°	63°	67°	66°	60°	47°	37°	32°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	52°	55°	63°	73°	81°	88°	90°	90°	85°	75°	63°	54°
HIGH FOR MONTH	67°	67°	77°	83°	89°	97°	100°	97°	96°	85°	74°	67°
FROSTY MORNINGS	68%	61%	35%	7%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	10%	40%	61%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	13%	37%	61%	58%	27%	3%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	61%	55%	52%	48%	51%	53%	56%	56%	55%	51%	55%	60%
DRY DAYS	71%	71%	71%	70%	74%	70%	71%	71%	80%	84%	80%	74%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	74%	75%	71%	77%	81%	80%	77%	84%	80%	84%	80%	77%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.90	0.94	1.03	0.80	0.68	0.68	0.82	0.59	0.61	0.46	0.65	0.84
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	5%	5%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	4%	7%	13%	16%	24%	31%	35%	29%	15%	5%	5%	3%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	9%	6%	4%	3%	4%	5%	5%	6%	8%	12%	10%	7%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 57% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 43% in January, to a high of 65% in May and June, and again in September and October. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -4° at some icy February sunrise, and the highest should be near 104° on some windless July afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be close to actual ones most of the year, but about 5° hotter than actual ones during July and August. The area has a standard mid-latitude four-season year. Summer days are long, moderately sunny, very hot and humid. Winter days are short, fairly sunny, mild to chilly, and humid. About three or four days each winter will remain below-freezing all day long. Snow flurries and snowfalls are fairly common, but snow rarely stays on the ground past noon of the next day. Spring and autumn are essentially seasons of transition, but generally offer the most pleasant weather of the year. October probably has the best weather: About half the days are clear, afternoons are pleasant, mornings are cool, and only one day in six gets showers.