

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO HORSESHOE BEND NATIONAL MILITARY PARK, ALABAMA

LOCATION: Horseshoe Bend National Military Park is located on the Tallapoosa River in east-central Alabama. The Park is the site of the 1814 battle between Andrew Jackson and the Creek Indian Confederacy that opened Alabama to pioneer settlement. There is a Visitor's Center, picnic area, hiking and biking trails, and boat ramps. The Park is open for day use only. Accommodations and meals may be obtained in nearby communities. Elevations are about 700 feet above sea level. This Guide is also applicable to the Lake Martin area, just downstream from the Park.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:15	11:00	11:58	12:59	13:51	14:18	14:07	13:23	12:25	11:24	10:30	10:02
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:05	5:56	7:15	8:46	9:20	9:34	9:11	8:50	8:29	7:46	6:19	4:49
AREA OF BLUE SKY	37%	40%	42%	48%	47%	46%	41%	46%	51%	58%	50%	40%
LOW FOR MONTH	18°	22°	28°	37°	47°	58°	64°	63°	52°	38°	27°	21°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	34°	36°	41°	49°	57°	64°	67°	66°	61°	49°	38°	33°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	56°	60°	67°	78°	83°	89°	91°	91°	86°	77°	66°	57°
HIGH FOR MONTH	73°	76°	82°	87°	92°	97°	98°	96°	95°	88°	80°	74°
FROSTY MORNINGS	56%	50%	25%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	36%	53%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	15%	50%	68%	68%	33%	3%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	55%	51%	48%	46%	50%	52%	57%	55%	53%	48%	50%	55%
DRY DAYS	76%	73%	77%	80%	77%	77%	71%	77%	83%	86%	83%	76%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	77%	75%	74%	82%	81%	80%	74%	81%	82%	87%	83%	79%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.88	0.91	1.16	1.02	0.66	0.66	0.81	0.57	0.70	0.42	0.64	0.81
SNOWY DAYS	7%	4%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%
THUNDER DAYS	4%	8%	14%	17%	21%	31%	39%	30%	15%	4%	5%	4%
FOGGY DAYS	6%	4%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	4%	5%	6%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely to occur on 63% of the year's daylight hours. This will probably range from a low of 48% in December, to a high of 68% in April, September, and October. The expected lowest temperature for the year will be around 14° on some windless winter sunrise, and the most probable highest will be near 99° on some sunny summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will generally be substantially higher than actual ones during the summer, and essentially the same as actual ones during the rest of the year. Although frosty mornings are common enough during the winter, the afternoons will almost always warm to above freezing. Snowfalls will occur sometime during the winter in most years, but snow still on the ground past noon of the next day will only occur in half the years. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition, with warm spells and cool spells alternating as the frontal systems move from west to east across the nation.