

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE TALLADEGA MOUNTAINS RECREATION AREA, ALABAMA

LOCATION: The Talladega Mountains are located in northeastern Alabama. They run in a general southwest to northeast direction, and reach a summit at Cheaha Mountain, some 2,405 feet above sea level—the highest point in Alabama. Most of the mountain area lies within the Talladega National Forest, and is divided into two districts. The northeastern Shoal Creek District has its HQ in Heflin, the southwestern Talladega District has its HQ in Talladega. Cheaha State Park is located on Cheaha Mountain. Both temperature and rainfall will vary slightly with elevation and direction of exposure. The description below assumes an elevation of about 1,500 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:13	10:58	11:58	13:00	13:53	14:21	14:09	13:24	12:25	11:23	10:28	9:59
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:42	5:40	6:48	8:21	9:18	9:37	8:42	8:31	7:59	7:37	6:17	4:40
AREA OF BLUE SKY	37%	40%	42%	46%	46%	45%	40%	44%	49%	57%	49%	39%
LOW FOR MONTH	14°	15°	21°	30°	40°	51°	57°	56°	45°	31°	19°	15°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	29°	31°	38°	46°	53°	61°	65°	64°	59°	46°	36°	31°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	51°	55°	63°	73°	79°	85°	88°	87°	82°	72°	62°	54°
HIGH FOR MONTH	69°	71°	78°	84°	89°	94°	94°	94°	91°	84°	77°	69°
FROSTY MORNINGS	53%	50%	26%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	32%	50%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	15%	45%	63%	61%	28%	3%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	58%	54%	49%	47%	52%	54%	58%	57%	56%	51%	53%	58%
DRY DAYS	68%	66%	68%	72%	73%	67%	63%	70%	78%	82%	77%	68%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	76%	75%	74%	80%	79%	80%	76%	81%	83%	87%	82%	76%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.91	0.89	1.15	0.93	0.69	0.67	0.73	0.61	0.72	0.43	0.60	0.83
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	9%	8%	5%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	6%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	3%	7%	13%	16%	22%	36%	39%	32%	16%	3%	3%	3%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	10%	8%	5%	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	5%	6%	6%	11%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 60% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 46% in January, to a high of 67% in May, June and October. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 9°, and the highest should be near 96°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be a few degrees hotter than actual ones during the afternoons from late June through early September, but will be essentially the same as actual ones the rest of the year. Conditions at the summit will be about 3° cooler and a bit wetter. At this elevation, snowfalls that cover the ground and last past noon of the next day will occur about one year in five. At the summit, they will occur in about half the years.