

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE BUFFALO NATIONAL RIVER, ARKANSAS

LOCATION: The Buffalo National River is located in the Ozark Mountains of north-central Arkansas. The river has its origins in the Boston Mountains, and runs to join the White River between Bull Shoals and Lake Norfolk. Elevations range from around 2,600 feet above sea level to some 400 feet in elevation. The Visitor's Center is at Tyler Bend, on US-65.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:01	10:52	11:57	13:05	14:04	14:34	14:21	13:32	12:27	11:19	10:19	9:47
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:46	5:49	6:49	7:59	9:04	10:07	10:25	9:45	8:35	7:41	5:43	4:39
AREA OF BLUE SKY	39%	40%	40%	41%	43%	48%	50%	53%	53%	57%	47%	40%
LOW FOR MONTH	7°	11°	21°	32°	43°	54°	60°	58°	46°	33°	22°	12°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	23°	27°	34°	45°	53°	61°	65°	63°	55°	43°	33°	26°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	51°	55°	62°	74°	80°	88°	93°	92°	86°	76°	62°	54°
HIGH FOR MONTH	68°	71°	79°	85°	88°	94°	97°	97°	93°	86°	76°	68°
FROSTY MORNINGS	77%	68%	48%	17%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	16%	50%	71%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	3%	10%	43%	71%	65%	30%	6%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	59%	57%	53%	52%	56%	55%	54%	53%	55%	51%	56%	60%
DRY DAYS	71%	69%	67%	65%	65%	67%	73%	73%	74%	76%	73%	72%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	86%	82%	78%	77%	77%	80%	81%	86%	81%	84%	83%	84%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.45	0.54	0.57	0.78	0.85	0.67	0.53	0.52	0.57	0.53	0.61	0.49
LIKELY SNOWFALL	2.6"	2.5"	0.9"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.5"	1.3"
SNOWY DAYS	9%	8%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	5%
THUNDER DAYS	4%	6%	14%	20%	25%	28%	28%	24%	14%	9%	8%	4%
FOGGY DAYS	9%	7%	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	4%	4%	5%	7%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely to occur on 61% of the year's daylight hours. This will probably range from a low of 48% in December and January, to a high of 73% in July. The expected lowest temperature for the year will be around 3° on some windless winter sunrise, and the most probable highest will be near 100° on some sunny summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will generally be up to 4° warmer than actual ones from late May through early September, and a degree or two cooler from November through April. Table values are for the 600-foot elevation. On three or four days each year, the temperatures will fail to rise above freezing. Snow flurries and snowfalls are part of the winter scene, especially at the higher elevations. However, winter rain is more common than winter snow, and the snow rarely stays on the ground for long.