

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE FORT SMITH AREA, ARKANSAS

LOCATION: Fort Smith is located in west-central Arkansas, right up against the Oklahoma border. The city is situated on the banks of the Arkansas (pronounced are-KAN-zuss) River, at an elevation of some 440 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:04	10:53	11:57	13:04	14:01	14:31	14:18	13:30	12:27	11:20	10:21	9:50
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:10	6:05	6:55	7:57	9:02	10:20	10:42	9:53	8:33	7:24	5:41	4:59
AREA OF BLUE SKY	41%	43%	43%	45%	45%	51%	55%	57%	55%	57%	49%	45%
LOW FOR MONTH	10°	16°	23°	33°	45°	56°	62°	60°	46°	34°	22°	15°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	28°	32°	40°	50°	59°	67°	71°	70°	63°	51°	39°	32°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	49°	53°	63°	73°	80°	88°	93°	92°	86°	75°	62°	52°
HIGH FOR MONTH	71°	75°	82°	88°	92°	97°	101°	101°	97°	90°	80°	72°
FROSTY MORNINGS	63%	49%	19%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	21%	54%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	6%	39%	68%	66%	34%	4%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	57%	53%	48%	47%	53%	53%	50%	50%	50%	47%	51%	56%
DRY DAYS	75%	72%	71%	67%	66%	71%	76%	76%	76%	78%	78%	75%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	87%	83%	81%	79%	77%	82%	86%	86%	83%	85%	85%	85%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.38	0.49	0.57	0.68	0.82	0.62	0.51	0.48	0.54	0.55	0.56	0.47
LIKELY SNOWFALL	2.7"	1.8"	0.6"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.5"	0.9"
SNOWY DAYS	6%	5%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%
THUNDER DAYS	4%	5%	13%	21%	25%	26%	23%	22%	14%	10%	8%	4%
FOGGY DAYS	7%	5%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	4%	6%	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 51% in December and January, to a high of 75% in July. The expected lowest temperature for the year will be around 7° on some windless winter sunrise, and the most probable highest will be near 103° on some sunny summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will generally be close to actual ones most of the year, but up to 5° warmer than actual ones in July and August. A half-dozen times each winter, the afternoon temperatures will fail to rise above freezing. Winter nights are quite cold, with more than half of them dropping below the freezing point. Snowfalls and flurries are common in the colder weather, but snow rarely stays on the ground for more than a few days at a time. Spring and autumn are season of transition, with cool spells and warm spells alternating as the various frontal systems sweep across the countryside.