

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO HOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK, ARKANSAS

LOCATION: Hot Springs is located in the Ouachita (WASH-i-taw) Mountains of west-central Arkansas. Both the city and the National Park of the same name are located on the site of natural hot springs that have been popular for therapeutic purposes since pre-Columbian times. Elevations within both the Park and the city vary considerably, from just over 600 feet in the downtown area to over 1,200 feet on the nearby mountain summits.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:08	10:56	11:57	13:02	13:57	14:26	14:14	13:27	12:26	11:21	10:25	9:54
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:51	5:50	6:53	8:10	9:19	10:32	10:12	9:49	8:41	7:54	5:54	4:42
AREA OF BLUE SKY	40%	42%	43%	44%	45%	50%	50%	54%	55%	59%	48%	41%
LOW FOR MONTH	13°	17°	26°	36°	46°	56°	63°	61°	49°	36°	25°	17°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	33°	35°	42°	51°	59°	67°	71°	70°	63°	52°	41°	35°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	53°	58°	65°	75°	82°	90°	94°	94°	88°	77°	64°	55°
HIGH FOR MONTH	72°	75°	81°	86°	92°	98°	101°	100°	96°	89°	79°	72°
FROSTY MORNINGS	52%	39%	19%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	20%	42%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	13%	55%	79%	77%	43%	6%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	55%	52%	48%	48%	52%	51%	53%	51%	51%	47%	51%	55%
DRY DAYS	71%	73%	70%	70%	71%	74%	73%	77%	77%	81%	76%	73%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	81%	79%	77%	77%	77%	82%	79%	85%	83%	87%	83%	81%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.75	0.73	0.83	0.99	0.99	0.74	0.73	0.56	0.64	0.54	0.75	0.73
LIKELY SNOWFALL	1.9"	1.1"	0.3"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.2"	0.8"
SNOWY DAYS	16%	9%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	7%
THUNDER DAYS	6%	9%	15%	22%	25%	26%	29%	23%	13%	9%	10%	7%
FOGGY DAYS	10%	7%	5%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	4%	6%	7%	9%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely to occur on 63% of the year's daylight hours. This will probably range from a low of 47% in December, and a high of 7% from June through August. The expected lowest temperature for the year will be around 10° on some windless winter sunrise, and the most probable highest will be near 102° on some sunny summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will generally be the same as actual ones—except in July and August, when they will be about 3° hotter. Spring and autumn are the most pleasant times of year. This entire part of the country is subject to tornadoes, but Hot Springs gets only about one tornado warning per year—far less than places farther north. Mountains and hilly country are not conducive to tornado formation. Hurricanes and similar tropical storms are virtually unknown, and the Ouachita Mountains are too old to be subject to much in the way of earthquakes. Summer afternoon thundershowers, however, can put on quite a display.