

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO APACHE INDIAN COUNTRY, ARIZONA

LOCATION: The two Apache Indian Reservations (Fort Apache and San Carlos) are located adjacent to one another in east-central Arizona. Their combined territories extend from the Mogollon Rim to the north down across US-10 to the Santa Teresa Mountains to the south. Elevations vary from 11,403 at the summit of Mt. Baldy, to about 2,000 feet in the vicinity of Winkelman. The Apache were not particularly welcoming to the settlers of the West, and fought them right up to the 20th century. Consequently, they enjoy one of the largest and nicest Indian Reservations in the country.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:11	10:57	11:58	13:01	13:54	14:22	14:11	13:25	12:25	11:23	10:27	9:58
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:42	8:25	9:31	10:51	12:12	12:54	11:33	10:53	10:33	9:36	8:27	7:26
AREA OF BLUE SKY	56%	55%	56%	63%	68%	76%	67%	62%	68%	71%	66%	59%
LOW FOR MONTH	3°	5°	17°	22°	30°	40°	49°	45°	38°	29°	11°	4°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	21°	25°	29°	35°	42°	50°	58°	56°	50°	39°	28°	22°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	53°	56°	61°	69°	78°	88°	90°	88°	84°	75°	63°	54°
HIGH FOR MONTH	64°	68°	74°	84°	89°	96°	98°	95°	93°	84°	77°	67°
FROSTY MORNINGS	92%	88%	70%	37%	9%	1%	0%	0%	1%	19%	72%	90%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%	49%	62%	41%	21%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	54%	57%	46%	40%	34%	38%	54%	60%	52%	54%	52%	60%
DRY DAYS	84%	79%	80%	86%	94%	94%	64%	67%	81%	88%	88%	84%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	89%	86%	86%	90%	97%	97%	75%	74%	87%	89%	92%	88%
TOTAL PRECIPITATION	1.6"	1.4"	1.6"	0.9"	0.5"	0.5"	2.9"	3.2"	1.6"	1.3"	1.2"	1.4"
LIKELY SNOWFALL	5.4"	4.2"	3.1"	0.9"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	1.5"	3.8"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	6%	5%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	4%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	1%	1%	3%	4%	7%	9%	28%	29%	14%	5%	2%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	3%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	4%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 81% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 73% in December to a high of 90% in June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -6°, and the highest should be near 102°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 3° cooler than actual ones. The data in the tables reflect the conditions in the Whiteriver area, the administrative center of the Fort Apache Reservation. Elevations there are just about a mile (5,280') above sea level. Expect temperatures to drop an average of 3.3°F for each 1,000' of increase in elevation, and to warm a similar amount for each 1,000' drop in elevation. There are many opportunities for varied and excellent outdoor recreation throughout the reservations. All, however, require a permit. Permits may be obtained at both Whiteriver and San Carlos. Activities include hiking, camping, fishing, skiing (both downhill and cross-country), hunting and boating. Sunrise Park, on Mt. Baldy, is the ski resort and winter sports complex. There is also a casino and resort at Hon-Dah, near the junction of AZ-260 and AZ-73.