

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO CASA GRANDE RUINS NATIONAL MONUMENT, ARIZONA

LOCATION: Casa Grande Ruins National Monument is located within the city limits of Coolidge, in south-central Arizona. The site is a few miles southeast of the Phoenix metropolitan area, and is situated in the floodplain of the Gila River. Elevations are roughly 1,400 feet above sea level. The monument is located some distance from the town of the same name.

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| HOURS OF DAYLIGHT | 10:15 | 11:00 | 11:58 | 12:59 | 13:51 | 14:18 | 14:07 | 13:23 | 12:25 | 11:24 | 10:30 | 10:02 |
| HOURS OF SUNSHINE | 8:04 | 8:53 | 10:09 | 11:35 | 12:53 | 13:23 | 11:36 | 11:10 | 10:57 | 10:02 | 8:52 | 7:48 |
| AREA OF BLUE SKY | 56% | 57% | 59% | 68% | 74% | 81% | 64% | 61% | 71% | 73% | 68% | 59% |
| LOW FOR MONTH | 20° | 26° | 30° | 35° | 43° | 53° | 62° | 64° | 54° | 38° | 28° | 24° |
| SUNRISE TEMPERATURE | 33° | 36° | 40° | 46° | 54° | 63° | 74° | 73° | 65° | 52° | 40° | 34° |
| AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE | 67° | 71° | 77° | 86° | 95° | 104° | 106° | 104° | 101° | 90° | 76° | 67° |
| HIGH FOR MONTH | 78° | 82° | 88° | 96° | 106° | 112° | 113° | 111° | 108° | 99° | 87° | 78° |
| FROSTY MORNINGS | 50% | 34% | 11% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 19% | 47% |
| AFTERNOONS OVER 90° | 0% | 0% | 6% | 39% | 77% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 97% | 58% | 3% | 0% |
| AFTERNOON HUMIDITY | 41% | 37% | 29% | 23% | 18% | 18% | 27% | 32% | 30% | 33% | 37% | 46% |
| DRY DAYS | 86% | 86% | 87% | 94% | 96% | 96% | 78% | 78% | 88% | 91% | 90% | 87% |
| REASONABLY DRY DAYS | 92% | 93% | 94% | 97% | 99% | 97% | 92% | 90% | 93% | 95% | 93% | 92% |
| 5-DAY PRECIPITATION | 0.14 | 0.13 | 0.12 | 0.05 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.19 | 0.19 | 0.13 | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.17 |
| SNOWY DAYS | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| THUNDER DAYS | 1% | 2% | 3% | 3% | 4% | 5% | 31% | 33% | 15% | 5% | 2% | 2% |
| FOGGY DAYS | 2% | 2% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 2% | 3% |

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 85% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 78% in December, to a high of 94% in June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 15°, and the highest should be near 115°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 5° cooler than actual ones. The major ruins of the Monument are an archeologically important multi-story Hohokam ruin dating from the 1300's, and abandoned around 1450 AD. Having suffered from both natural erosion and man's depredations, the structure is now protected by a large metal awning. This main structure is part of a much larger site. There is a Visitor's Center (air-conditioned in summer) with a bookstore, drinking water, museum, and rest rooms. Outside (not air-conditioned) is a picnic area and self-guiding trails. If the weather is good, the rangers give talks on the site. No food or overnight facilities are available at the site, but such amenities are readily available in Coolidge proper and throughout the Phoenix metropolitan area.