

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE JEROME NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT, ARIZONA

LOCATION: The old mining town of Jerome is located in Yavapai County in central Arizona. The town is situated on a very steep mountainside, overlooking the valley of the Verde River. Elevations vary with how far up the mountain you happen to be, but average around 5,250 feet above sea level. Tours of the old buildings are given the third weekend in May, but you can see the outsides at the cost of some steep uphill walking. Those with wheelchairs should probably avoid the town altogether.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:07	10:55	11:57	13:03	13:58	14:27	14:15	13:28	12:26	11:21	10:24	9:53
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:24	8:16	9:24	10:47	12:18	12:57	10:14	9:29	10:08	9:12	8:14	7:19
AREA OF BLUE SKY	50%	51%	51%	56%	64%	74%	50%	51%	67%	66%	62%	55%
LOW FOR MONTH	19°	21°	26°	35°	39°	51°	58°	57°	50°	36°	28°	24°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	32°	35°	38°	45°	53°	63°	67°	65°	61°	51°	41°	34°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	51°	54°	60°	68°	76°	87°	90°	87°	83°	73°	61°	52°
HIGH FOR MONTH	63°	68°	73°	82°	85°	96°	98°	96°	93°	84°	73°	64°
FROSTY MORNINGS	48%	38%	25%	7%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	13%	39%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	39%	55%	38%	18%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	52%	51%	40%	34%	29%	26%	43%	45%	38%	41%	47%	55%
DRY DAYS	85%	83%	85%	89%	94%	96%	75%	73%	87%	90%	90%	86%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	86%	85%	86%	89%	96%	97%	78%	76%	90%	91%	92%	87%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.28	0.32	0.27	0.18	0.09	0.07	0.44	0.50	0.22	0.20	0.20	0.26
LIKELY SNOWFALL	6.8"	4.4"	3.2"	1.3"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	2.1"	4.5"
SNOWY DAYS	6%	4%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	4%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	1%	2%	4%	7%	11%	48%	48%	20%	7%	3%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	5%	5%	4%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	3%	5%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 79% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 70% in August, to a high of 90% in June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 15°, and the highest should be near 101°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 5° cooler than actual ones. Jerome was built on the riches of the local mines, which produced gold, silver, and copper. By 1920, the town had more than 15,000 inhabitants. The Depression and stock market crash of the 1920's and 1930's hit the town hard. Many mines closed, the last in 1953. At that time, Jerome number only a few dozen residents. Then, the town was discovered by hippies and retirees. Artists and craftsmen came next. Now, it's a minor attraction. Its scenic location and pleasant climate are leading to renewed growth.