

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO NAVAJO NATIONAL MONUMENT, ARIZONA

LOCATION: Navajo National Monument is located within the borders of the Navajo Indian Reservation in northeastern Arizona, not far from the Utah border. The Monument is situated amidst the high plateaus of the windswept and arid region. Elevations at the Visitor's Center are around 7,000 feet above sea level, and nearby mountains, mesas, and plateaus rise to more than 10,000 feet.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:58	10:50	11:57	13:07	14:07	14:38	14:25	13:34	12:28	11:18	10:16	9:43
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:00	7:54	8:45	10:15	11:46	12:24	10:30	9:43	9:51	8:53	7:44	6:47
AREA OF BLUE SKY	48%	47%	46%	50%	56%	67%	51%	53%	64%	64%	57%	51%
LOW FOR MONTH	5°	9°	14°	22°	30°	40°	52°	49°	41°	26°	15°	9°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	20°	22°	26°	33°	42°	52°	58°	56°	50°	40°	29°	22°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	39°	43°	49°	59°	71°	81°	87°	83°	77°	64°	49°	40°
HIGH FOR MONTH	49°	54°	61°	71°	81°	91°	94°	91°	87°	74°	59°	51°
FROSTY MORNINGS	97%	93%	82%	47%	14%	1%	0%	0%	1%	16%	65%	89%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	14%	38%	15%	3%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	55%	47%	40%	30%	27%	22%	34%	38%	34%	35%	46%	55%
DRY DAYS	85%	83%	75%	82%	89%	90%	72%	71%	83%	87%	85%	82%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	90%	90%	88%	91%	94%	94%	85%	82%	91%	92%	91%	88%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.12	0.07	0.08	0.24	0.26	0.16	0.17	0.15	0.18
LIKELY SNOWFALL	10.3"	11.0"	9.0"	3.9"	0.7"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.3"	5.7"	13.7"
SNOWY DAYS	15%	17%	25%	10%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	10%	18%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	1%	2%	5%	13%	16%	47%	45%	22%	7%	2%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	7%	6%	4%	3%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	2%	4%	7%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 76% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 70% in December and January, to a high of 85% in June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 0°, and the highest should be near 96°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 5° cooler than actual ones. The Monument consists primarily of two of the most dramatic cliff dwellings in existence, Betatakin and Keet Seel. A third, Inscription House, has been closed to visitors for decades. The Visitor's Center is at the end of a 10-mile stretch of paved road. The ruins themselves can only be reached after a strenuous hike and only in the company of a Ranger. Betatakin requires five miles of strenuous hiking, and Keet Seel takes eleven miles of even more strenuous terrain. Keet Seel also requires climbing a very long and high ladder. If you have any fear of heights, don't even try it. The ruins are closed from October through May unless a large group makes it worthwhile, and a ranger is available to guide them.