

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE OAK CREEK CANYON RESORT AREA, ARIZONA

LOCATION: Oak Creek Canyon is located in north-central Arizona. The canyon cuts into the scenic Mogollon Rim plateau south of Flagstaff. Oak Creek has its head about twenty miles north of the town of Sedona, and flows southwest to join the Verde River. Sedona is the cultural and commercial center of the canyon, and elevations in that town are close to 4,300 feet above sea level. The canyon rises to the north, and drops to the south.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:07	10:55	11:57	13:03	13:59	14:28	14:16	13:29	12:26	11:21	10:23	9:52
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:10	8:11	9:01	10:26	12:01	12:39	9:42	9:06	9:31	8:34	7:35	6:54
AREA OF BLUE SKY	49%	50%	49%	55%	62%	72%	48%	50%	65%	65%	60%	54%
LOW FOR MONTH	15°	21°	22°	29°	37°	46°	53°	54°	43°	37°	23°	15°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	30°	32°	35°	41°	48°	57°	64°	63°	58°	48°	36°	30°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	55°	59°	64°	72°	81°	92°	96°	93°	89°	78°	65°	57°
HIGH FOR MONTH	66°	74°	75°	83°	91°	100°	102°	101°	97°	88°	76°	67°
FROSTY MORNINGS	61%	56%	36%	11%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	25%	63%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	13%	62%	87%	72%	50%	3%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	50%	44%	33%	27%	22%	22%	32%	39%	36%	38%	45%	53%
DRY DAYS	85%	83%	83%	88%	93%	95%	72%	71%	85%	90%	89%	87%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	87%	86%	85%	87%	94%	96%	81%	79%	88%	90%	88%	87%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.30	0.31	0.29	0.19	0.10	0.08	0.30	0.36	0.23	0.23	0.21	0.24
LIKELY SNOWFALL	4.1"	1.3"	1.4"	0.3"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.2"	2.0"
SNOWY DAYS	6%	5%	5%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	4%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	1%	3%	5%	8%	12%	51%	50%	23%	7%	3%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	6%	5%	4%	3%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	3%	5%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely to occur on 75% of the year's daylight hours. This will probably range from a low of 67% in August, to a high of 87% in June. The expected lowest temperature for the year will be around 10° on some windless winter sunrise, and the most probable highest will be near 105° on some sunny summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will generally be up to 6° cooler than actual ones. This is where Zane Grey lived when he wrote "*The Call of the Canyon*". It has been the site of many movies and a plethora of calendar pictures. It is now a popular retreat for many "personalities" who treasure their privacy, and for a growing number of "new-agers". The canyon is not quite a major resort area yet, but is certainly moving in that direction. Snow is both light and extremely variable from one year to another. It increases in both frequency and depth as you go north up the canyon. It rarely stays on the ground for long, but makes for excellent photography while it does.