

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO PARKER AND THE COLORADO RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION, ARIZONA

LOCATION: Parker is located on the eastern bank of the Colorado River in west-central Arizona. It is situated about twenty miles downstream of Parker Dam, and is pretty well surrounded by the Colorado River Indian Reservation. Elevations are a bit over 400 feet above sea level.

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| HOURS OF DAYLIGHT | 10:10 | 10:57 | 11:57 | 13:01 | 13:56 | 14:24 | 14:12 | 13:26 | 12:26 | 11:22 | 10:26 | 9:56 |
| HOURS OF SUNSHINE | 8:14 | 9:11 | 10:25 | 11:52 | 12:55 | 13:44 | 12:42 | 12:04 | 11:27 | 10:14 | 8:53 | 7:59 |
| AREA OF BLUE SKY | 63% | 64% | 66% | 74% | 79% | 87% | 77% | 78% | 84% | 80% | 72% | 66% |
| LOW FOR MONTH | 22° | 25° | 33° | 37° | 43° | 55° | 66° | 64° | 52° | 40° | 30° | 22° |
| SUNRISE TEMPERATURE | 35° | 40° | 45° | 51° | 59° | 68° | 77° | 76° | 67° | 54° | 42° | 35° |
| AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE | 67° | 73° | 79° | 87° | 95° | 104° | 108° | 107° | 102° | 91° | 77° | 68° |
| HIGH FOR MONTH | 77° | 85° | 91° | 100° | 106° | 115° | 118° | 117° | 111° | 101° | 89° | 80° |
| FROSTY MORNINGS | 40% | 19% | 4% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 14% | 37% |
| AFTERNOONS OVER 90° | 0% | 0% | 9% | 42% | 79% | 97% | 100% | 100% | 97% | 59% | 5% | 0% |
| AFTERNOON HUMIDITY | 31% | 26% | 17% | 16% | 15% | 11% | 19% | 24% | 22% | 26% | 29% | 36% |
| DRY DAYS | 94% | 93% | 94% | 97% | 99% | 97% | 94% | 94% | 97% | 97% | 97% | 94% |
| REASONABLY DRY DAYS | 94% | 96% | 97% | 97% | 99% | 99% | 97% | 95% | 97% | 97% | 97% | 95% |
| 5-DAY PRECIPITATION | 0.11 | 0.09 | 0.07 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.06 | 0.10 | 0.07 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.09 |
| SNOWY DAYS | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| THUNDER DAYS | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 9% | 10% | 4% | 1% | 0% | 0% |
| FOGGY DAYS | 1% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 2% |

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 88% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 80% in December, to a high of 95% in June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 19°, and the highest should be near 121°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 9° cooler than actual ones. Most visitors come to Parker for the fishing and water sports in the summer, and the fishing and warm pleasant climate in the winter. The town enjoys a fairly wide range of accommodations, restaurants, and shops for a place of its size. You can rent or buy almost anything having to do with boating, fishing, or other water sports. Much of the river lies within the boundaries of the Indian Reservation, and Reservation permits are required for fishing, camping, hunting, hiking, and boating. These may be obtained from the Administrative Center next to the Colorado River Indian Tribes Museum. Southeast of Parker, the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge offers backcountry recreation.