

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO PETRIFIED FOREST NATIONAL PARK, ARIZONA

LOCATION: Petrified Forest National Park is located in northeastern Arizona. The Park is situated in the high desert country south of the Navajo Indian Reservation. Interstate-40 cuts right through it. Elevations in the Park range from 5,300 to 6,235 feet above sea level.

| | 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 | 14:27 | 14:15 | 13:28 | 12:26 | 11:21 | 10:24 | 9:53 |
| HOURS OF SUNSHINE | 7:30 | 8:17 | 9:06 | 10:38 | 12:06 | 12:28 | 10:19 | 9:35 | 9:53 | 9:07 | 8:12 | 7:15 |
| AREA OF BLUE SKY | 51% | 54% | 55% | 61% | 65% | 71% | 52% | 56% | 69% | 70% | 64% | 56% |
| LOW FOR MONTH | -4° | 2° | 15° | 23° | 28° | 41° | 50° | 48° | 35° | 28° | 6° | 1° |
| SUNRISE TEMPERATURE | 20° | 24° | 29° | 36° | 44° | 53° | 61° | 60° | 52° | 41° | 28° | 21° |
| AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE | 47° | 53° | 60° | 69° | 78° | 89° | 92° | 89° | 84° | 73° | 58° | 48° |
| HIGH FOR MONTH | 60° | 67° | 74° | 81° | 89° | 98° | 99° | 99° | 95° | 82° | 69° | 61° |
| FROSTY MORNINGS | 91% | 87% | 74% | 36% | 7% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 16% | 75% | 91% |
| AFTERNOONS OVER 90° | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 6% | 55% | 79% | 56% | 26% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| AFTERNOON HUMIDITY | 49% | 46% | 35% | 27% | 23% | 24% | 39% | 43% | 37% | 37% | 46% | 54% |
| DRY DAYS | 87% | 86% | 87% | 90% | 94% | 93% | 76% | 76% | 87% | 90% | 90% | 89% |
| REASONABLY DRY DAYS | 92% | 91% | 91% | 94% | 95% | 95% | 84% | 81% | 90% | 92% | 94% | 92% |
| 5-DAY PRECIPITATION | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.09 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.06 | 0.22 | 0.27 | 0.17 | 0.15 | 0.09 | 0.08 |
| LIKELY SNOWFALL | 2.0" | 1.6" | 1.7" | 0.5" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.1" | 1.5" | 2.6" |
| SNOWY DAYS | 5% | 4% | 4% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 3% | 5% |
| THUNDER DAYS | 0% | 1% | 2% | 4% | 8% | 12% | 36% | 35% | 17% | 5% | 1% | 0% |
| FOGGY DAYS | 3% | 2% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 2% | 6% |

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely to occur on 78% of the year's daylight hours. This will probably range from a low of 71% in August, to a high of 87% in May. The expected lowest temperature for the year will be around -7° on some windless winter sunrise, and the most probable highest will be near 102° on some sunny summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will generally be up to 5° cooler than actual ones. The Park contains spectacular displays of petrified logs and fallen trees, often partially buried. This is a "forest" in name only, there are no standing trees. The northern part of the Park includes a portion of the Painted Desert. There is a Visitor's Center, gas station, and cafeteria at the north end of the Park. There is a museum and a snack-bar at the southern end. A 28-mile scenic drive connects the two. There is no campground, and visitors are not ordinarily allowed to remain in the Park after dark. Motels, restaurants, and supplies are available in Holbrook (19 miles west) and Chambers (22 miles east).