

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE PRESCOTT AREA, ARIZONA

LOCATION: Prescott, twice the capital of the state of Arizona, is located in the central part of that state. The landscape is one of pine-covered mountains and plateaus of moderate height. Elevations in the Prescott area range between 5,000 and 6,000 feet above sea level. This pleasant city is the headquarters for the two districts of Prescott National Forest, and serves as a supply point and base of operations for excursions into the Forest.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:08	10:56	11:57	13:02	13:57	14:26	14:14	13:28	12:26	11:21	10:24	9:54
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:24	8:29	9:25	10:41	12:28	13:12	10:01	9:24	10:33	9:20	8:41	7:29
AREA OF BLUE SKY	51%	53%	53%	58%	66%	77%	54%	53%	69%	68%	65%	57%
LOW FOR MONTH	5°	9°	17°	24°	31°	40°	48°	46°	39°	27°	15°	8°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	21°	23°	28°	33°	40°	48°	57°	55°	48°	37°	27°	22°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	50°	54°	59°	67°	75°	86°	89°	86°	82°	72°	60°	51°
HIGH FOR MONTH	63°	67°	71°	78°	86°	95°	98°	94°	90°	82°	72°	65°
FROSTY MORNINGS	90%	89%	76%	47%	13%	1%	0%	0%	2%	30%	80%	90%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	32%	48%	23%	11%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	43%	33%	29%	23%	17%	16%	30%	36%	27%	27%	34%	42%
DRY DAYS	86%	84%	83%	86%	93%	93%	69%	68%	83%	89%	89%	87%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	87%	87%	90%	93%	96%	97%	79%	77%	90%	92%	91%	90%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.29	0.32	0.26	0.15	0.08	0.06	0.48	0.53	0.24	0.17	0.19	0.28
LIKELY SNOWFALL	7.4"	4.8"	5.4"	1.5"	0.2"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	2.5"	5.6"
SNOWY DAYS	8%	6%	6%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	5%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	1%	2%	4%	5%	9%	43%	45%	17%	6%	3%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	5%	4%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	2%	4%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 80% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 70% during the thunderstorm season of July and August, to a high of 91% a few weeks earlier in June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 7°, and the highest should be near 100°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 4° cooler than actual ones. Most of Prescott's attractions are either historical or connected with forest-based recreation in the surrounding Prescott National Forest. The historical exhibits deal with Prescott's history as a mining center and as a former state capital. Outdoor recreation features, camping, hiking, fishing, hunting, climbing, swimming, mountain-biking, and golf. There is a small casino run by the Yavapai Indians just outside of town. Prescott is becoming increasingly popular with retirees, especially those who wish to retain a four-season year. The climate is pleasant, with summers that are rarely too hot and winter that are sunny and not very cold.