

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE, CALIFORNIA

LOCATION: Point Reyes National Seashore is located on the Pacific Coast of California, just about ten miles northwest of the Golden Gate Bridge. The Seashore is situated on a triangular peninsula that is separated from the mainland by the long stretch of Tomales Bay. The Seashore occupies some 110 square miles of beaches, sand dunes, and almost-wilderness.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:51	10:46	11:56	13:10	14:13	14:46	14:32	13:39	12:29	11:15	10:10	9:35
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:08	6:13	7:31	9:06	9:46	10:34	9:30	8:24	8:30	7:31	5:57	4:59
AREA OF BLUE SKY	41%	42%	45%	51%	54%	60%	60%	56%	62%	58%	50%	43%
LOW FOR MONTH	34°	36°	37°	38°	40°	43°	45°	46°	44°	40°	37°	35°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	42°	43°	43°	44°	46°	48°	50°	51°	51°	48°	45°	43°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	57°	59°	59°	60°	62°	64°	65°	66°	67°	66°	62°	58°
HIGH FOR MONTH	67°	68°	69°	73°	78°	77°	73°	80°	79°	78°	75°	69°
FROSTY MORNINGS	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	63%	63%	63%	59%	63%	64%	68%	68%	64%	64%	63%	67%
NEARBY WATERS	52°	52°	52°	52°	53°	53°	56°	58°	57°	56°	56°	55°
DRY DAYS	47%	52%	57%	66%	90%	95%	99%	97%	94%	72%	59%	56%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	68%	73%	77%	85%	92%	97%	99%	98%	95%	90%	83%	76%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.13	0.87	0.65	0.42	0.11	0.05	0.02	0.04	0.09	0.35	0.69	0.89
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	25%	22%	18%	24%	35%	38%	57%	54%	47%	38%	21%	14%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is probable on 63% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 52% in December and January, to a high of 72% in June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 30°, and the highest might well be near 85°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be a few degrees cooler than actual ones most of the time. The weather here is notoriously changeable. Even the warmest summer day can quickly turn foggy and windy. The Point itself is thought to be the windiest place on the entire California coast. Pounding surf and treacherous currents make swimming unsafe in the Seashore. For that, try Stinson Beach or Muir Beach, south on Highway 1; or Dillon Beach or Bodega Bay, to the north. Any waters that support thriving populations of fur-bearing mammals (otters, seals, etc.) are too cold for me.