

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK, CALIFORNIA

LOCATION: The Channel Islands National Park includes a group of islands off the coast of southern California—essentially offshore of Los Angeles. The islands included in the Park are Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, San Miguel, Santa Barbara, and the three small islands of the Anacapa Group. The Visitor Center is on the mainland, in Ventura. The islands can be reached by charter boat from a number of coastal communities. Features of interest include the gray whale migration from January through March and a large population of pinnepeds—seals, sea lions, and sea elephants.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:10	10:57	11:57	13:01	13:55	14:23	14:11	13:26	12:26	11:22	10:27	9:57
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:14	7:40	8:35	9:12	8:50	9:14	9:01	8:41	8:15	8:05	8:10	7:18
AREA OF BLUE SKY	53%	50%	52%	54%	49%	50%	53%	54%	54%	55%	60%	57%
LOW FOR MONTH	42°	44°	45°	46°	49°	52°	54°	56°	55°	50°	45°	43°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	49°	50°	51°	52°	54°	57°	60°	61°	61°	58°	53°	50°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	62°	62°	63°	65°	66°	69°	71°	72°	72°	70°	66°	63°
HIGH FOR MONTH	73°	72°	73°	76°	77°	80°	82°	82°	85°	85°	77°	73°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	67%	70%	69%	66%	68%	69%	70%	70%	69%	69%	67%	68%
NEARBY WATERS	58°	58°	58°	58°	59°	62°	64°	66°	66°	64°	62°	60°
DRY DAYS	81%	78%	81%	89%	93%	96%	96%	97%	93%	93%	89%	84%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	86%	86%	89%	94%	98%	99%	99%	99%	99%	97%	94%	91%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.42	0.44	0.32	0.15	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.06	0.12	0.28
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	22%	25%	21%	21%	27%	30%	36%	32%	33%	30%	24%	24%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 69% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 63% in May, to a high of 78% in November. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 38°, and the highest should be near 91°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. Facilities on the islands are meager—no food, no water, and no flush toilets. Many of the islands have no shade, either. Large sections (and some entire islands) are closed to the public to protect wildlife, and those sections that are open have limited access. Visitors are expected to stay strictly on the trails, and not to wander cross-country.