

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE DEATH VALLEY AREA, CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

LOCATION: Death Valley National Park is located in southeastern California, and extends across the border into Nevada. The Park Headquarters is at Furnace Creek, at an elevation of 167 feet *below* sea level. The Park includes the lowest (-282') and the hottest (134°F) places in the United States. Elevations within the Park extend from 282 feet below sea level at Bad Water to 11,049 feet above it at the summit of Telescope Peak.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:59	10:50	11:57	13:06	14:06	14:37	14:24	13:34	12:27	11:18	10:17	9:44
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:21	8:18	9:31	10:56	12:00	13:14	12:35	11:59	11:13	9:34	8:02	7:07
AREA OF BLUE SKY	52%	52%	54%	60%	64%	77%	74%	76%	79%	71%	60%	55%
LOW FOR MONTH	28°	33°	42°	49°	58°	66°	76°	73°	61°	49°	36°	30°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	38°	45°	53°	62°	70°	80°	88°	85°	75°	61°	47°	39°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	65°	73°	81°	90°	99°	109°	116°	113°	106°	92°	76°	66°
HIGH FOR MONTH	76°	83°	92°	103°	111°	119°	123°	121°	115°	103°	88°	77°
FROSTY MORNINGS	13%	5%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	12%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	3%	16%	55%	79%	98%	100%	100%	96%	69%	10%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	19%	16%	12%	10%	9%	7%	9%	10%	10%	11%	14%	18%
DRY DAYS	97%	93%	94%	97%	97%	99%	99%	97%	97%	97%	97%	94%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	99%	97%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.03
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	1%	1%	2%	4%	5%	13%	12%	5%	2%	1%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely to occur on 83% of the year's daylight hours. This will probably range from a low of 73% in December, to a high of 91% in June. The expected lowest temperature for the year will be around 26° on some windless winter sunrise, and the most probable highest will be near 124° on some broiling summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will generally be from 5° to 15° cooler than actual ones. The climatic conditions in this guide are typical of the below-sea-level sections of the Park. Temperatures will drop about 1° with each 300' increase in elevation. The higher slopes of the mountains are also significantly wetter. Full many a traveler in desert areas has filled his or her journal with more complaints about the cold nights than about the hot days. On the other hand, the heat of a summer noon is nothing to treat lightly. Sensible travelers limit their more vigorous activities to the early morning and the early evening hours.