

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO CAPE HENLOPEN AND THE DELAWARE SEASHORE, DELAWARE

LOCATION: This Guide covers the Delaware coast from Mispillion Lighthouse, east of Milford, all along the coast, around Cape Henlopen, and south as far as the Fenwick Island Lighthouse on the Maryland border. It applies to Cape Henlopen State Park, Delaware Seashore State Park, Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge, Rehoboth Beach and the many other resort communities along this seashore. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:48	10:44	11:56	13:12	14:17	14:50	14:36	13:41	12:29	11:14	10:07	9:31
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:45	5:45	6:43	7:32	8:31	9:24	9:20	8:43	7:47	6:53	5:28	4:34
AREA OF BLUE SKY	37%	41%	41%	41%	42%	44%	44%	46%	48%	50%	43%	39%
LOW FOR MONTH	4°	8°	19°	29°	41°	48°	56°	55°	46°	35°	23°	13°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	26°	26°	34°	42°	52°	61°	66°	65°	59°	47°	37°	29°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	44°	45°	54°	64°	73°	81°	85°	84°	79°	68°	58°	47°
HIGH FOR MONTH	60°	64°	71°	81°	87°	92°	98°	95°	90°	82°	70°	62°
FROSTY MORNINGS	77%	73%	45%	12%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	33%	66%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	18%	29%	23%	8%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	59%	57%	53%	52%	56%	58%	59%	59%	59%	56%	57%	59%
NEARBY WATERS	37°	36°	41°	51°	60°	68°	73°	76°	72°	62°	52°	44°
DRY DAYS	68%	68%	68%	67%	68%	67%	68%	71%	77%	77%	75%	71%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	79%	79%	77%	80%	81%	82%	81%	81%	83%	84%	82%	81%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.56	0.62	0.64	0.59	0.56	0.62	0.72	0.80	0.53	0.53	0.50	0.60
LIKELY SNOWFALL	5.2"	5.3"	2.3"	0.3"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.4"	3.1"
SNOWY DAYS	10%	11%	5%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	6%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	1%	4%	8%	15%	22%	24%	17%	9%	3%	1%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	7%	7%	6%	6%	7%	5%	5%	4%	4%	6%	6%	6%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 58% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 48% in December, to a high of 64% in July and August. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 3°, and the highest should be near 100°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones except in July and August. At that season, they will be a few degrees higher than actual ones. The area first became popular for the many church-related summer camp meetings that were held here in the nineteenth century. It still has a distinct family orientation (despite the many vacationers from the Washington, DC, area), and a residue of religious flavor. It does not welcome rowdies. Onshore breezes during the summer months keep the coastal areas from getting as hot in the afternoon as places farther inshore.