

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE APALACHICOLA RECREATION AREA, FLORIDA

LOCATION: Apalachicola is located at the tip of the “bump” on the Gulf shore of the Florida Panhandle. The town is situated at the mouth of the Apalachicola River. Elevations throughout the area are generally within a hundred feet of sea level. Offshore, a series of barrier islands separate the waters of the Gulf of Mexico from the protected waters of St. Joseph Bay, Apalachicola Bay, and St. George Sound. These waters are part of the Intra-coastal Waterway. Inland, the Florida National Scenic Trail cuts through the Apalachicola National Forest. Trout Pond, in this forest, is specifically designed for the physically limited, with an interpretive trail and a fishing pier. District HQ’s are located in Bristol and Crawfordsville. More than eighty-percent of the state’s oysters come from the Apalachicola area.

|                        | JAN   | FEB   | MAR   | APR   | MAY   | JUN   | JUL   | AUG   | SEP   | OCT   | NOV   | DEC   |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| HOURS OF DAYLIGHT      | 10:29 | 11:08 | 11:59 | 12:53 | 13:38 | 14:02 | 13:52 | 13:14 | 12:23 | 11:29 | 10:42 | 10:17 |
| HOURS OF SUNSHINE      | 6:13  | 6:59  | 7:53  | 9:40  | 10:42 | 9:58  | 9:07  | 8:34  | 8:13  | 8:32  | 7:17  | 5:52  |
| AREA OF BLUE SKY       | 44%   | 45%   | 45%   | 53%   | 55%   | 48%   | 40%   | 42%   | 46%   | 60%   | 55%   | 43%   |
| LOW FOR MONTH          | 27°   | 32°   | 38°   | 46°   | 56°   | 61°   | 69°   | 69°   | 61°   | 48°   | 37°   | 30°   |
| SUNRISE TEMPERATURE    | 46°   | 48°   | 54°   | 60°   | 67°   | 73°   | 75°   | 75°   | 72°   | 63°   | 53°   | 48°   |
| AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE  | 62°   | 64°   | 68°   | 75°   | 82°   | 87°   | 88°   | 88°   | 85°   | 79°   | 70°   | 63°   |
| HIGH FOR MONTH         | 72°   | 72°   | 78°   | 83°   | 90°   | 95°   | 96°   | 95°   | 93°   | 88°   | 79°   | 74°   |
| FROSTY MORNINGS        | 12%   | 6%    | 1%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 1%    | 6%    |
| AFTERNOONS OVER 90°    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 2%    | 22%   | 29%   | 28%   | 12%   | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    |
| AFTERNOON HUMIDITY     | 65%   | 65%   | 65%   | 63%   | 64%   | 67%   | 71%   | 74%   | 68%   | 61%   | 64%   | 66%   |
| NEARBY WATERS          | 65°   | 65°   | 68°   | 71°   | 76°   | 81°   | 83°   | 83°   | 83°   | 80°   | 74°   | 69°   |
| DRY DAYS               | 73%   | 71%   | 76%   | 82%   | 83%   | 68%   | 55%   | 57%   | 63%   | 83%   | 81%   | 75%   |
| REASONABLY DRY DAYS    | 79%   | 81%   | 82%   | 89%   | 88%   | 80%   | 68%   | 71%   | 76%   | 89%   | 85%   | 83%   |
| 5-DAY PRECIPITATION    | 0.58  | 0.68  | 0.71  | 0.62  | 0.48  | 0.82  | 1.19  | 1.21  | 1.34  | 0.51  | 0.47  | 0.63  |
| DAYS WITH SOME SNOW    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    |
| DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER | 6%    | 10%   | 13%   | 11%   | 16%   | 34%   | 54%   | 52%   | 33%   | 6%    | 5%    | 6%    |
| DAYS WITH SOME FOG     | 20%   | 16%   | 17%   | 8%    | 3%    | 1%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 2%    | 7%    | 14%   |

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 68% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 57% in December, to a high of 78% in May. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 24 , and the highest should be near 98 . Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be substantially warmer than actual ones, especially on the warmer days. Humidities are high, both day and night, with early mornings dews and light mists common. Morning freezing temperatures in the December through February period do not persist past noon. Snow flurries, although not unknown, are not common. Summer afternoon and evening thunderstorms are common, although not all of these storms bring rain to the ground. The hurricane season runs from June through November, with the historical chance of one of these storms occurring in any given year being one in sixteen. For a one week vacation, this breaks down to one chance in more than 400---not a great risk. Many locals will tell you than April, May, and October bring the nicest weather to the area.