

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO BISCAYNE NATIONAL PARK, FLORIDA

LOCATION: Biscayne National Park is located in and around the waters of Biscayne Bay in southeastern Florida, just south of Miami and Miami Beach. Only less than eight of the Park's 281 square miles of area consist of dry land---the rest is shoals and waters. The land area consists of a narrow strip of mangrove-forest coastline east of Homestead, and some forty-odd keys, the most important of which are Elliot Key and Boca Chita Key, where small campgrounds are located. Elevations are everywhere at or close to sea level. Except for the visitor center at the end of 328th Street and the area around Black Point Park (Dade County), none of the Park is accessible by car. Concessioners provide boat service to the various keys. There is fresh water only on Elliot Key.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:45	11:17	12:00	12:45	13:23	13:42	13:34	13:02	12:20	11:35	10:56	10:35
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:15	8:07	8:58	9:36	9:30	8:54	9:15	9:03	8:04	7:34	7:11	6:56
AREA OF BLUE SKY	50%	51%	51%	51%	46%	37%	38%	39%	36%	43%	48%	48%
LOW FOR MONTH	44°	46°	50°	57°	64°	70°	72°	72°	71°	64°	53°	46°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	63°	64°	67°	71°	74°	77°	78°	78°	77°	74°	69°	65°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	74°	75°	77°	80°	83°	86°	87°	88°	87°	83°	79°	75°
HIGH FOR MONTH	82°	84°	86°	88°	90°	91°	92°	92°	91°	89°	85°	83°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	3%	3%	9%	16%	22%	10%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	61%	59%	58%	57%	61%	67%	65%	66%	68%	65%	64%	62%
NEARBY WATERS	73°	73°	75°	78°	81°	84°	86°	87°	86°	82°	77°	74°
DRY DAYS	77%	79%	81%	80%	67%	55%	53%	49%	43%	55%	72%	78%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	90%	89%	90%	89%	80%	69%	72%	70%	67%	74%	87%	90%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.31	0.33	0.28	0.41	0.67	1.06	0.75	0.69	1.18	1.04	0.39	0.28
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	3%	4%	6%	11%	22%	37%	46%	46%	38%	14%	4%	3%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	3%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 69% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 65% during the cloudy months of June, September and October, to a high of 75% in March and April. The lowest temperature for the year should be close to 40 , and the highest should be near 93 . Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be substantially higher than actual ones from June through September. The area has a subtropical four-season year. Humidity is high all year around. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition, but bring the area its nicest weather. The official hurricane season runs from June through November. The Biscayne area has one chance in fourteen of encountering one of these storms in any given year.