

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE SANIBEL ISLAND RESORT AREA, FLORIDA

LOCATION: Although Sanibel Island is the best known of the islands and shores covered by this summary, the data can be applied to all the islands and coastal areas from Gasparilla Island in the north down to Lovers Key in the south. It specifically includes the coastal communities of Cape Coral and Fort Myers Beach. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level. In addition to resort properties and sizeable residential areas, the area includes a number of National Wildlife Refuges and State Recreation Areas.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:41	11:15	12:00	12:47	13:26	13:47	13:38	13:05	12:20	11:34	10:53	10:32
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:57	8:24	9:30	10:29	10:39	10:01	9:51	9:26	8:49	8:07	7:39	7:32
AREA OF BLUE SKY	53%	53%	54%	57%	53%	43%	40%	41%	42%	52%	54%	53%
LOW FOR MONTH	45°	47°	50°	57°	64°	69°	73°	72°	71°	60°	51°	46°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	56°	57°	61°	65°	70°	74°	75°	75°	75°	70°	63°	57°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	73°	75°	78°	83°	87°	89°	90°	91°	89°	85°	79°	75°
HIGH FOR MONTH	80°	80°	83°	87°	91°	93°	93°	94°	93°	90°	84°	81°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	4%	16%	48%	77%	85%	57%	10%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	58%	56%	54%	51%	54%	62%	64%	64%	65%	60%	59%	58%
NEARBY WATERS	70°	70°	72°	74°	79°	82°	84°	85°	84°	81°	76°	73°
DRY DAYS	82%	82%	82%	85%	74%	51%	46%	46%	48%	72%	84%	83%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	90%	87%	87%	89%	84%	67%	60%	63%	61%	82%	91%	91%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.28	0.39	0.43	0.42	0.54	1.09	1.30	1.27	1.46	0.62	0.24	0.28
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	3%	5%	7%	8%	21%	49%	67%	65%	44%	12%	3%	2%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	13%	9%	7%	5%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	6%	10%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 74% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a "low" of 70% in October and November, to a high of 82% in April. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 44°, and the highest should be near 96°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be substantially higher than actual ones from June through September. Table values are for the islands. The mainland communities will be a degree or two hotter in the summer and a degree or two cooler in the winter, with just a bit more precipitation. Humidity is high throughout the year. Winter (December through February) has warm afternoons and cool nights. Summer (June through September) has very hot afternoons and warm and sultry nights. Rain usually comes as a series of intense but brief thundershowers. The hurricane season runs from June through November. The Sanibel area has one chance in twenty of having one of these storms in any given year.