

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO BONNER'S FERRY AND THE KOOTENAI RIVER GORGE, IDAHO

LOCATION: Bonners Ferry is located in the extreme northern end of the Idaho "Panhandle", just 25 miles south of the Canadian border. The town is situated astride the powerful and turbulent Kootenai River in a narrow and heavily forested canyon. Scenic waterfalls are located along the course of the river and its tributaries. Elevations in town vary with how far up the canyon slopes you are, but are around 1,860 feet at the river's edge. A district ranger station for the Kaniksu National Forest is located on US-95, just south of town.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:47	10:09	11:52	13:40	15:14	16:05	15:44	14:23	12:40	10:52	9:16	8:23
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:22	3:59	5:48	7:55	8:56	10:07	11:33	10:18	7:57	5:37	2:38	1:56
AREA OF BLUE SKY	19%	25%	30%	33%	36%	40%	59%	58%	49%	39%	21%	17%
LOW FOR MONTH	-6°	-2°	7°	23°	29°	39°	41°	38°	32°	23°	4°	-5°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	18°	22°	27°	33°	40°	46°	50°	48°	42°	34°	27°	23°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	32°	38°	47°	59°	69°	75°	84°	82°	72°	57°	42°	35°
HIGH FOR MONTH	43°	48°	59°	74°	80°	85°	94°	92°	85°	71°	54°	45°
FROSTY MORNINGS	90%	86%	77%	47%	10%	0%	0%	0%	9%	41%	73%	85%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	27%	22%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	83%	73%	57%	46%	43%	43%	34%	34%	43%	58%	79%	86%
DRY DAYS	59%	63%	69%	72%	69%	67%	79%	80%	76%	76%	60%	57%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	73%	80%	84%	87%	84%	86%	93%	90%	87%	84%	74%	73%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.53	0.36	0.26	0.20	0.25	0.27	0.14	0.16	0.24	0.33	0.54	0.53
LIKELY SNOWFALL	23.7"	14.4"	6.3"	0.6"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.7"	9.9"	19.5"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	39%	28%	18%	8%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	20%	37%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%	12%	12%	12%	3%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	21%	16%	7%	3%	2%	1%	0%	1%	3%	9%	18%	25%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 53% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 23% in December, to a high of 73% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -7° some nippy winter morning, and the highest should be near 96° some windless summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones. The area is dominated by weather systems moving in from the west off of the Pacific Ocean. Consequently, the cooler months are wetter than the warmer ones (except for summer thunderstorms), and winters are milder than the latitude and altitude might otherwise produce because of the precipitation and consequent cloud cover. Summers are sunny, hot, and fairly dry—but short. Water temperatures are always quite chilly.