

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO CAIRO AND LITTLE EGYPT, ILLINOIS

LOCATION: Cairo (KAY'row) is located at the southernmost tip of Illinois. It is situated at the confluence of the mighty Ohio River with the even mightier Mississippi River. Across these rivers lie Kentucky and Missouri respectively. The lowlands of the two rivers are referred to as "little Egypt"—at least on the Illinois side. Elevations are some 315 feet above sea level. A good view of the confluence of the two rivers may be obtained from Fort Reliance State Park. The residents of the city are quite fond of their many magnolia trees that give the streets a southern look. Although occupied by Union forces throughout the Civil War, the area was and remains southern in its sympathies.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:57	10:49	11:57	13:08	14:08	14:40	14:27	13:35	12:28	11:17	10:15	9:41
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:25	5:34	6:50	8:15	9:26	10:48	11:00	10:25	8:55	7:52	5:33	4:26
AREA OF BLUE SKY	35%	37%	37%	40%	40%	44%	47%	51%	53%	56%	44%	36%
LOW FOR MONTH	10°	13°	23°	36°	47°	57°	63°	60°	49°	37°	23°	14°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	28°	31°	40°	50°	59°	68°	71°	69°	63°	51°	40°	32°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	43°	47°	56°	68°	77°	85°	88°	87°	81°	70°	56°	46°
HIGH FOR MONTH	64°	67°	75°	83°	90°	96°	98°	97°	93°	84°	74°	65°
FROSTY MORNINGS	64%	51%	23%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	22%	53%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	27%	43%	34%	11%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	67%	63%	58%	53%	56%	57%	58%	58%	56%	52%	58%	66%
DRY DAYS	66%	66%	63%	63%	65%	66%	71%	74%	75%	77%	70%	68%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	78%	79%	77%	78%	78%	78%	82%	84%	85%	86%	80%	81%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.64	0.58	0.67	0.66	0.65	0.67	0.52	0.51	0.49	0.44	0.62	0.57
LIKELY SNOWFALL	3.9"	2.6"	1.7"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.4"	1.8"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	9%	10%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	6%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	5%	7%	12%	20%	23%	30%	26%	20%	14%	9%	6%	3%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	5%	4%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	4%	4%	3%	4%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 64% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 44% in January, to a high of 77% in August. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 6°, and the highest should be near 100°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 3° warmer than actual ones during the summer months, but pretty much the same as actual ones during the rest of the year. The area's winters are quite different from those of northern Illinois. Only one out of five winter afternoons will remain below freezing, and only a bit over half the winter nights will drop below freezing. Autumn is the nicest season, with September and October having more clear days than any other time of year.