

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE CAPE ANN RESORT AREA, MASSACHUSETTS

LOCATION: Cape Ann projects out into the Atlantic Ocean of northeastern Massachusetts. A long-established resort area, its major towns are Rockport and Gloucester. Rocky Neck is a noted artist's colony, and the whole Cape Ann area has been the subject of innumerable paintings and sketches. Elevations are generally within a few hundred feet of sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:27	10:32	11:55	13:22	14:36	15:16	14:59	13:56	12:33	11:06	9:49	9:08
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:58	6:04	6:49	7:33	8:27	9:29	9:39	8:56	7:48	6:27	4:48	4:40
AREA OF BLUE SKY	42%	44%	42%	41%	41%	43%	44%	48%	49%	47%	41%	42%
LOW FOR MONTH	5°	6°	15°	27°	36°	46°	54°	52°	43°	34°	23°	8°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	21°	21°	29°	37°	46°	55°	61°	60°	54°	45°	36°	25°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	36°	36°	43°	52°	62°	71°	77°	75°	69°	60°	50°	39°
HIGH FOR MONTH	55°	53°	62°	75°	82°	87°	90°	88°	85°	77°	68°	58°
FROSTY MORNINGS	87%	89%	69%	22%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	35%	77%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	3%	3%	2%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	60%	58%	57%	56%	58%	59%	59%	60%	61%	59%	62%	60%
NEARBY WATERS	39°	38°	38°	41°	48°	55°	61°	64°	60°	55°	50°	45°
DRY DAYS	56%	51%	57%	64%	64%	64%	67%	66%	71%	73%	63%	63%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	74%	73%	76%	78%	79%	80%	82%	81%	83%	84%	77%	77%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.67	0.65	0.62	0.64	0.53	0.51	0.51	0.50	0.57	0.53	0.66	0.65
LIKELY SNOWFALL	12.4"	13.6"	8.9"	1.3"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.6"	7.6"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	31%	31%	20%	8%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	8%	24%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	2%	3%	6%	12%	14%	12%	5%	2%	1%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	6%	6%	8%	7%	12%	10%	12%	10%	10%	10%	8%	5%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 58% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 49% in November, to a high of 64% in July and August. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -3°, and the highest should be near 92°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. The area has a four-season climate, with long cold winters and short warm summers. Below-zero temperatures will occur two or three times each winter during one of the "cold snaps". About a third of the winter days will fair to warm to above freezing. Water temperatures are for the open waters, away from local rivers and streams.